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PM urges global efforts to boost girls' education

- Shehbaz seeks collective efforts to remove sociocultural impediments
- · Muslim World League chief highlights need to counter misconceptions
- Malala attends conference snubbed by Afghan Taliban

ISLAMARAD: Prime Minister Shelius Sharif has sailed for collective efforts to remove cultural or social impediments to ensure version for social impediments to ensure version hadon from Ministry countries converted in Indemnical to collections on tricialities for advancing girls' education.

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In his address at the condesence.
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should assure the worsen that their rights would be respected, their ambations would be met, and that to-cultural or social impediates would staid in the way of their dreams. He asid that despite their rich legacy, the Maslim world, including Pakintas, was facing transcents challenges in ensuring equitable access to educa-tion to girls. He said denying educa-tion to girls was taniamsoned to deny-ing them their right to a bright furure.

'Ediocution apartheid': nchooling in crisis in Pukistan — Page 5

In Pakistan, the prime minister said, wrenen compeliad half of the population, but the female biseracy rate stood at 40 per cent, while alarmingly around 22.9 rollion children, in the age bracket of five to eight years, were out of school. The prentier axid inadequate infrastructure, safety concerts, as well as thooply entre technol societal norms further exacer bated this problem, creating a cycle of they instead of this problem, creating percentions. He also extended gratitude to the Muslim World Lengue for its unwavering commitment to education and armounced the signing of the

announced the signing of the 'laborahad doctaration' in line with the UN objectives and as a collective approximate the Modian Unionals.

"Countering misconceptions".

Madan World Loague (MWL) Secretary General Mishammad Bin Abdul



ISLAMADAD: Prime Minister Stretbaz Sherif holds the MoU signed during the international Conference on Girls:

Pakistan, China commit to top-notch CPEC 2.0

Foreign secretary, Chinese vice minister discuss bilateral ties; ambassador sees more strategic cooperation in future

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China have reaffirmed their comminment to high-quality development of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) 2.9, with emphasis on indostrialization, Special Economic Zones (SCSs), clean energy, agriculture and ireditorion, special Economic Zones (SCSs), clean energy, agriculture and ireditorion projects.

This was agreed between the two sides in the 5th meeting of the CPEC Joint Working Group on International Cooperation and Coordination (JWG-ISC) hold in Beijing, the Foreign Office SCC) hold in Beijing, the Foreign Office SCC) hold in Seijing, the Foreign Office Schotterian and in a statement on Satzerlay.

The meeting was co-chained by Foreign Secretary Ames Baloch and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister San Westeng.

The meeting acknowledged the piv-

otal role of CPEC in protecting regional connectivity, cooperation and common cosperity.

need two states beginned the progress made since the fourth receiving of the JWG-ICC in Islamabad on Jan 21, 2024. The foreign seventary described CPDC as the cornerators of economic cooperation between the two countries and a "skirting symbol of the ordering friendship?" The two sides reviewed the progress

Gwadar's potential: Editorial on Page 6

Chinese vice foreign minister highlighted the new average intro-duced under CPEC 2.0 - growth, ineli-heod, inversation, open and growth con-ridor - and their integration with Pakustari's national development transversels contred on fire En experts, e-Pakustan, energy, environment and equity.

The two sides expressed their resolve deepen cooperation in the fields of

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Ogra cracks down on adulterated

LPG sale

BILAMABAD. With ample stocks available in the country, the Oil and Gas Ragadatory Authority (Ogra) has because of amples of adultors against the sale of adultorated liquidities of adultorated liquidities periodesia gas, coldinated the presumer of hereof the presumer of harmful chemicals.

The crackdown comes after complaints of adultorated LPG being sold intention complaints of adult to the complaints of adult to the presumer of the presumer DVLAMABADO

forward LPG being sold in team-compiliant cylinders, prompting the regulator to deploy special toans to conduct operations actions. Panjals and Strofts.

The action has reportedly had to a reduction of second Railo per kilogram in LPG retail prices, bringing some relief to consumers during the winter assess.

ter authors.
The metallied netall price of LPG stands at Ra255 per kg, but open market extenhad surged to Rs320

The daily LPG consump-tion in the country is around 7,000 intrans. How-ever, arreoth barter trade with Iran and stoody inquerie From Tarkenstni-tant he we emared adequate stooks, esubling Ogra to corduct quality checks scross LPG comparison. LPG Distributory Association distinuari frank Shokhar welcomed the crackdown, highlight-ing the safety risks powed by adulterated LPG.

"The sale of adulter-sted LPG increases the The duth LPG consump-

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Six dead. seven hurt in fireworks explosion

By Wassern Ashrol Butt

GUJEAT: At houst stapeople but their lives and seven others statisticed injuries when their soods of two-bersen addapsed following a fire quarsed by explosive materials in Ker Plathey Sheh village of March Bahasaldin on Saturday.

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Sindh hosts Governors' Summit

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Govt, PTI locked in war of words over stalled dialogue

 NA speaker says neither side has approached him for next round of talks.
 Quiser claims Sadiq inaccessible since. Jan 4, terms PML-N remarks major hurdles in moving forward . Khawaja Asif says Imran's release is court matter

By Bram Junaidi and Mugaddam Khan

ISLAMABAD / SWARE ISLAMABAD / SWARI.
Chains and countrov-claims
between the government and
the opposition continued on
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As the bloom game continue.

As the blame game continused, National Assembly Speaker Sardar Agua Sadig claimed already been conveyed to the fact that notiber the government. He said he had not the PTI had approached advised Mr Quiser to directly used, National Assembly Spea-ler Sardar Agaz Sadiq claimed that neither the government

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him for the most reseal of magnitudisms, despite his willing tense to provide a versue.

He used it was not possible for him to arrange a meeting box ween the PTI controller meaning box and incorrected party feasible. Incre Khau and suggested they should approach the government for this purpose.

header Anad Quiser had con-racted from on Jun 4 to inform him that the party's desire for

estact Room Securitlely and

contact Rami Secardiah and ather government represented time reparating the matter. However, Anal Quines, speaking to Dann, conferred resoluting out to the NA speaker on Jan 4 but said Mr Sadiq became march, "I tried to contact him on Saturday and even sont a text message, but there was no reply. I don't know if the to in Pakistan or still alsower. Pose.
However, Mr Sadiq said PTI

soluby for the sales of Pokissies. solidy for the solid of Pokisters, considering the country's law and order obtained and the tense situation at difference obtained at dis borders. Pakisters connect be run the way the incumberst government has been trying to run it. PTI is the lace per political party, and our leader in its juil just for the sale of Pakisters," he added.

PML-N brackers substanging

Pakintant or still abroad. I wented to ask if the govern-ment is serious about the talks and PML-N feathers, alleging and what kind of hardles exist in its way," he askil.

Mr Quiner emphasised that age, he accused Deforme-PTI had entered into talks.

Purish Chief Minister Maryam Nassau of attempting to obstruct the ongoing tallor. The former NA speaker reinstruct PTI's commitment to dialogue despite the November 26 incident, where "peaceful puris metican very denied their right to perton and subjected to direct firing". "We see regulating for the suke of PAintain's progress, even in the face of illegal government actions," he said.

Condemning the triads of PTI workers in military course, Mr Quies termed the practice.

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JIT to probe into forged pics of CM, UAE head

LAHOPE: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) cyber crime wing has expanded scope of the probe against those involved in editing and spreading doctored images-involved of Chief Minister Maryam Newsz and United Arab Eminister (UAE) President Sheish Micharried by Zeich & Nichten on access made and

terrained (UAE) President Sheet Notherland ten Zeyed Al Nathyan on social media and formed a Joint Investigation Team (JIT). The FIA Lathore on Saturday arrested five porsons from different areas of Pumpat for allegedly uploading take snages/victors of the foreign dignitiery and GM Pumpat and also making objectionable comments and booked them under PECA.

The JTT comprises the deputy directors from Fassatabad. Gupranwala, Multan and Lahore. The JT will be headed by FIA Lahore Additional Director Chaudhry Sarthaz. The FIA scrutineed a number of suspected accounts on social media and registered reases expected from the property of the pro

docourts on social model and registered cases against five outpits.

According to the FIA, preliminary findings showed that 20 social media sociunts were involved in uploading the manipulated images and videos of the UAE president and the Purgab CM. The identified accounts were reportedly used to spread false visuals and

reportedly used to spread false visuals and creats a negative impression among social media users. More aments are expected in coming days, the FIA said.

The UAE president had arrived at the Ratim Yar Khain Aleport on Sunday last, where Prime Minister Sherbaut Sharif welcomed him. Manyam Nassat was also present there and greeted the visiting digitary with a handshake. However, Me Navest faced criticism from some quarters that termed her handshake with the UAE president inacorporate.

that termed her handshake with the UAE president inappropriate.

Later, Al-persented videos and pictures of her interaction with the UAE president were also exidely circulated online. CM Maryam reportedly was annoyed over this social media campaign against her and directed the authorities concerned for strict action against those involved in it. Subsequently, the FIA cyber crime wing, Latione, became complement in this metter and launched the complament in this metter and launched the inquiry. — Staff Reporter

Fog forces closure of key motorway sections in Punjab

LAHORE: The National Highways & Molorways Police (HHAP) on Salarday announced the closure of multiple tector was sections in Punjab due to severe tog. The affected routes include M1 - from Kats Shah Kaku to Kot Mor leterchange and Kot Mosain heterchange to Salam Interchange. We from Kats Shah Kaku to Kot Sarwar Interchange, and M3 - from About Hakeem Interchange, and M3 - from About Hakeem Interchange.

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Imran moves LHC for post-arrest bail in eight May 9 riots cases

By Wajih Ahmad Sheikh

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreels-i-Irasil incarcerated founding chairman Inerus. Khan on Saturday approached the Labore High Court (LHC) seek-ing poot-arries bail in eight cases of May 9 rices including an attack on the corps command-er's residence.

Eight separate bail petitions have been filed before the LHC in as many cases through Barriere Salvana Soblas.

A two-judge bench computa-ting Chief Justice Anila Newbox soil Justice Apied forced will take up the petitions on Moselay.

An antitorregim court had on LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-

An anti-terrorism court had on

An active receiver a court had on Nov 27 denied bail to the former prime minister in these cases. The petitions mainly acqued that the prosecution failed to establish the petitioner's associa-tion with the unfortunate occur-

They said the petitioner has been implicated in the May 9 varies on a result of a sealing orchestrated plan inspectly to harves and hamiliate him for political reasons in the case soft of the NAB.

The arrest of the petitioner was rever required in the cases, which was ordered from the fact that policy remained enfocutant to secure his arrest during five months and 12 days after the dumined of his pre-arrest bad by the trial court.

The petitions oflegad that the indifferent behaviour of police

indifferent behaviour of police and lack of effort in securing the and lack of effort in securing the errors of the positivener at a time when, he was detained at Adialia Jail, supplements the argument that arrest of the positivener was not required in the cases. The sole alloqueter against the petitioner in the cases is of "abetment", which has been

supplemented by the protecu-tion most yagasily, the pleas added.

They argued that the trial judge overlooked the fact that frivolous and because frivolous and baseloss allega-tions related to the May 9 events

tions related to the May Servents have already been rejected due to inconsistencies in the story of the investigating agency.
Moreover, the triad judge also passed a longthy order by ignor-ing the basic principle of the las-of ball, laid dever by the superior courts that "deeper agree-ciation of evidence should not be done at ball stage and only tentative assessment should be done."

The peritions organed that Imeno Khan has been focing an unprecedented political victim-ization for two years. The May 9 cases are yet another effort by the state/police to implicate the potitioner in a criminal matter under the sole allegation of abstracts, they added.

The petitions ask that LHC to set unide the trial court's deci-sion and grant ball to the former prime minister in the eight

Fills.

Denying bail to the PTI founding chairman, the ATC had declared that the charges of aberting and conspiring with the perpetrators of the May 9 riots against the petitioner were not ordinary in nature.

"The offerices fall within the prohibitory clause of section 497 of Ciff. Petitioner was found gailty." ATC I Judge Manuer Ali Gill had observed in his order.

The judge had roted that the entire case of the prosecution

entire case of the presecution revolved around the stance that thee to the criminal conspiracy the to the obtained conspiracy and abstracts of the peritieser (laren Khari), the PTL workers and other serior leadership committed the occurrence. Therefore, he said, the argu-reast of the petitioner's control that his client was behind the

bur at the time of offence had no weight.
The judge had also rejected

another stance by the counsel that the petitioner's post-arrest ball in so surry other cases had already been allowed by differ-

already been allowed by different court in.

"This court also is of the view that it is not an ordinary case of abottent, invigation or conspiracy," the trial judge had remarked in his order.

He had observed that being the founding chairman of FTI, the printinger's represent and

the petitioner's speeches and directions were strictly followed

directions seem strictly followed by his workers and supporters. Separately. ATC-HI Joshpo Arshad Javed had an Nov 8, 2024 granted perturned bail in Invariable in four other cuses, including barning the PMLS office in Model Town, a con-tainer near Kalma Chewk, police vehicles in Gulberg, and violence at Sherpao Bridge dur-ing the May 9 riots.

Families demand action against human traffickers

By Our Correspondent

GUIRAT Families and childran of dozens of minstag people from the June 2023 Lileyen Coast boat capsian tragedy staged a pro-test after receiving phone call-from alleged boman traffickers in Lilya, demanding additional receiv.

messay.
The demonstration from
Gejrat, Gajranwala, Mandi
Bahanddin, Sheikhupara and
Bhimber district of And
Kashmir gathweed at Katchory Cherele. Their rully culminated at Gujrat Press Clob, carrying bar-ners and placards domanding that the government take inste-

that the government take terms diste action for the recovery of their leved-sum, dead-or alive. The families claimed at least 25 Pakintania were among these mining in the 2023 tragedy. They chanted disputs against



business truffickers and criticised the authorities for falling to meet

their expectations.

Protesters alleged that handreds of people were stranded in safe boxes; controlled by interactional harms trufficking maties in Libya.

Several protesters shared disents of receiving phone calls from numbers previ-oudy used by their missing

photoe calls from humonous process, and by their mining relatives.

The callers, allegedly reafficiers, comarched additional runsion for either returning the bod-

ies of the deceased or arranging conversations with the chic individuals. Despite process intervenentials with the relating individuals. Despite sharing this information with the Fudicial Investigation Agency (FIA), no action has been token, they said.

One protester emphasized that

beyond the 75 minning Pakistania from the 2023 tragedy, hundreds bave been detained by trafficle

have been detained by traffick-ers for years.

The capture exportedly demand large mans for their release, concentrating the fami-lian softening.

The protesture arguel Prime Minister Shaldon Sharif to intervene for the safe recovery of those held captive in Lityo's safe houses and to ensure the return of the deceased victims/ bodies.

Gujrat and Gujranwala FIA circles have registered desents of over against fusion, traffictors linked to the incident, claiming instead to the necessary, classing to have acreated several asapagets in crackelowers. However, the vic-tims' families expressed disastin-faction with the progress and demanded stricter actions to sensor the recovery of the miss-ing persons.

PTI-backed candidate wins LBA election

epported Muhashir Rohman Chaodhry of Hamid Khan-lod

Robinson Chaodhay of Hamid Kham-lod Probesional Group was elected president of the Labore Bar Association (LBA) for 2025-26 in the election bodd on Sararday. Madembir, who was a manimozon condidate of the Israel Lawyeer Firsten (ILF), bugged 2,400 vones, enabling his group to reclaim the bar after a gap of a year. Supporters of the winning promises of coloranted the victory with singuist and family lies, daming to the drambouts. They also chanted sloguns in support of insurcerested P11 found.

PTI- ing chairman Imran Khan. Some exprenters of the win-eing cardidates also reserted to serial firing on Face Road near the Labore

Fane Road near the Labore High Coart.
Adoob Avlam Bhinder, an independent candidate, once again stord remove with 2,088 votes.
He came second in the last your's election as well when Klusman Shad of the Professional Group could secure third position.

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Intervestingly, this year
the presidential condidate
of Asma Jahangir Group,
Mian Fair Ali, stood third
with 1,867 votes, while
another independent cardi-date. Irfair Hoyer Bajver
longed 1,705 rotes.

Mian Sharjeel and Self
Khakhar were elected as
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For two positions of the secretary, Nasseer Bhalls of professional group and

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Malik Shar-jool Klinkhar of Aoma Jahangir Group emerged victoriosa. Shujaar Ali Klian wan the joint secretary neat and lijac Gajjar wan elected as finance secretary, while Sunsina Klockhar secretal the librarian position. Prof Artspar Ahmad Khan won the near of section.

the west of souther.
MULTAN: Malik Javed Dogar was elected president of the District Bar Association Maltan for 2025-26.

Interestingly, Mr Javed was not only supported by the lawyer wings of the PTI but also the PML N and the PPP besides various other

Earthorn.

Madik Javed in a brother in-how of PTI MNA and Chief Whip of the National Assembly Malik Amir Dojar, who remained present at the har during the while election activity on Seturities.

Soturday. Malik Javed secured 1,100 votes against his make rival Syeda Bushra Nagyi who bugged 819 votes. —Staff Reporter

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An initiative to battle climate change

Qureshi tells PPP to take stand on canals or quit coalition

Jailed PTI leader says Bilawal's party should demand CCI meeting; calls party's differences with PML-N 'noora kushti'

By Mansoor Malik

LAHORE: The inconcented PTI vice-chairmen, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, has advised the FPP to outher demand a Council of either demend a Council of Constant Interest (CCI) meeting or quit the reling coalition in the Came over its objections to pro-posed canals to irrigate land in

Pergata. The PPP, which is in alliance with the PML N in the federal government, has expressed serious procurations over a plan to build new carnels on the ladden River for foresing in Portials's Cholisters

region.
The PPP leaders have also raised. orns in talles with PMI.

Obsess concerns in talks with PML.

S. saying the project would cut the
province's water above and render
its lands "completely barvers".

On Priday, PML N leader and
Federal Planning Minister Abase
lighted districted PPP's concerns
over the project as "baseless
debate".

over the project as "baseless detasto".

In a fluoridarities letter seem by Danie, Mr Queredoi said the PPP about deterant or respectate meeting of the CCL which has representatives from all foot provisees.

The CCL meeting which

mentatives from all foor provisions.

The CCI reserving — which should take place every three should take place every three recents as per the Constitution — basely been held for all reset a year, Mr. Queroshi said, adding that in this scenario, the demand for a monitory would be. This read within the ambiet of the Constitution."

Water, being a very "mentitre lease," recogning units as per the Constitution, Mr. Queroshi said, and,

"Why the PPP is quiet over little mean! being debated in Sindh," Mr. Queroshi stated.

Queeshi stated.
"People of Sinch warn to know the correct position of PPP). They

ISLAMARAD: The Election Commission of Pakietum has man-pended the victory multifection of Eulochistan menister and PP law-maker Ali Madad Jattak from PR

maker Ali Madad Jattak from ma 65 and mammoned the Recurring 65 and mammoned the Recurring 65 of the 15 polling stations where re-pedl was hold on Jan 5. On Sept 16, 2024, an election tra-bunal had declined the victory of Balochistan Minister for

banial had declared the victory of Balochistan Minister for Agriculture Mir Ali Mallad Jartak indli and void and ordered re-poli-ing at 15 politing stations in the PB-45 Questia constituency. The tri-burnal, builded by Jastice Abdellah Baloch of the Balochistan High Coart had rendered the decision or

Baloch of the Balochistan High Coast had rendered the decision on a potition filed by Mir Usman Pirkani of JULE.

My Jattak, however, retained his Balochistan Assembly neat in the

By Ittikhar A. Khani

ECP suspends Jattak's victory

notification, summons RO

are interested in the whole truth,"
the PTE loader stated.
Mr Quesshi added that the PPP should quit the coulities if it came not take a stand on this tense.
He, however, descapinged the difference between PPP and PML. N, calling it "nothing more than a "resea knoth!".
According to Mr Quesshi, the Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), a group of political particulation from Sindh, was also according to PPP of aurrendering the previously senter rights.
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some rights.

He said if the proposed canals are built, Rabodristan, being a lower riperian province would saffer the most.

The federal government's

for the most.

The federall government approval for six ontols over im the five bridge will be detrimental to Single's agriculture and secoled to be revisited, the PTI leader

warned.
The GDA, as per Mr Qureshi, has claimed the federal govern-ment west alread with the plan after approval from President Aud.

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The juiled PTH beader shas commercial on PTP's gripe over not being consulted by the PMLN on major government decinions.

Recently, the PPP node exception to the sandistatement of the Pakistan Maritime and Scopert Authority (PMSA) by the federal government, calling it a "unilateral P decision.

If Queuch's said the PPP criticated the federal government for failing it occurred the federal government for failing to consent before forming the new body and asserted the federal government the failing to consent before forming

and government's corresul hinge-

on its support.
The PTI vice-shairman, while citing media reports, stated that the Sinsh government deferred planeto-allot \$4,000 acros of land to an army-backed company for our

an army-backed company for em-perate farming.

However, it was also reported that at agreement had been signed by the Sindly government with Green Corporate Initiative (Pvt). Ltd., and the provincial Such gov-eroment had consented to allo \$2,000 serves of sure land for corpo-rate farming its six districts of Sindly.

by-efection held at 15 polling sta-tions of PR-45 Quarta. According to smolfle id—reachts, Mr. Jattak secured 6,985 votes in the by-elec-tion held on the election tribunal's scaler. Nasaruflah Zerey of the Padviroshbora National Awaret Party (PENAP) rematered second inith 4,122 votes, while JUEP's Mix Users of Pickari received 3.751.

Usman Pirkson received 3,781

Mt Pirkani had filled a plea with the ECP alleging that the BO 'marquist of all the election docu-ments, pertaining to 15 polling sta-tions where repoil was ordered by the tributal. He contended that Form-45 of the respective 15 poll-ing stations handed ever to the respective polling agents by the polling officers concerned did not earth with Form-47. The ECP issued notices to RO stell all other respondents to appear

scaliali other respondents to appear before the commission and submit their response to the petition.

Mr. Pirkoni had filled a plex with

PM urges global efforts to boost girls' education

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Karier Allian stressed the need to counter misconcep-tions propagated by certain groups reparding girls' ollo-cation per bilant. He said enis-conceptions existed in some lidamic societies, but this corderersee had brought tope-ther actions to refure these

conference had brought regularly actions to reduce them the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution. "We some to special film measuring globally, particularly in lidarnic construction, to counter the missing repetation propagated by correct or solution prospects of the solution." He solut the expeditional.

The solut the events, organized by the MWL in collaboration with Pakintan, almost the highlight the significance of weight of the significance of weight of the significance of weight occurrence in mercoarding the sounce for Al-loss stated that this conference was part of an initiative by the Maskim World Longue to propose women's education and indefine in importance. underline its importance.

He said a session with



ncholars from carious hilamic achools of thought was held on Friday in which they munimously agreed that education was equally executial for women as it was for men. Dr Al-line high-lighted that the conference would cultringe in the Talamahad declaration, which would dispet minous-ceptions about women's edu-

cation in Marilin consisten.

This checkaration will be a meanage to the world that all latency articolers and actuois of thought worse in agreement on the tree-easity of women's relectors for socional reservoirs he and actual reservoirs. etal progress, he said, add-ing that Islam strongly supposted women's education and that those opposing it had so valid basis.

Shorkh Dr Nazir Moham-mad Ayad, Midhi of the Arab-Republic of Egypt, stressed the Quranic and prophetic outplassis on observion as a universal rigid. "Educating western is not a printlege; it is an adaptation dought rooted in laboration and in Islamic jurispredence and essential for the advancem-out of society, he rewarked. Professor Hina Tayyaha

Professor Hims Topyselsa Khalil, vice-chatterillar of Pakinsan Institutes of Fashisan and Design, Labore, stressond the economic and novial gains of outpossering womans through echantion.

Distriction on essengeles from Pakinsan, she pointed out that irrown means its girls' echantion bends to long-term benedits for families and constrainties. Instentional and infamilies and constrainties, drawers together create a release frantiewes together create a release frantiewes together create a release frantiewest for acrossing weather's echacution as cutting women's education as a fundamental right and a social recensits;" she noted.

Madada in Brackight

Nobel Peace Prize laure-

ate Malaly Yessoftoi sold ate Malalia Yosandian and she was "overwhelmed" to be back in her native Pakistan on Saturday, as she attended a commit on girls' adjustion in the Islamic world that has been suidood by Afghanistan's Taliban powersevent, Ma Yosandou, adon and the the Tellandou, who was shot by the TTP militants in 2012 when she

was a selectificit, will address the confirmation today.

"Fro truly bestoured, creatwisted and happy to be back in Fakionar," she nold AFP as the arrived at the conference with her passents. On Prider, she period on social esselia that she would speak about "why loaders reach hold the Talifara accountable for their criarses against Afghan women & girls".

Street returning to preven a 2021, the Afghan Talifara prevenuent in the linguistic law that the United Street returning to prove the 2021, the Afghan Talifara provenuence has imposed an account of blamic law that the United Nationshas called "gerder aparthesid".—Agencies

Kundi seeks Centre's intervention for Kurram peace

KP governor blames PTI govt's failure to handle situation for escalating crisis.

By Imrain Ayub

KARACHI Assid orgoing tempor in Kurrans district, Kliptsor Pakitaurichtwa Coronnus Faisad Karien Kundi on Saturday called for organi tenorvention from the bolorad povernment and armed forces to restore stability streftening by a conference of a control or a control or a control of the contr the area's current turned to the 'failure' of the PTI-led government, which he said had contributed to the escalating or bis.

censor also highligh-The governor also highlighted his "efforts" to foster con-science among political parti-es in the province, one-hasin-ing his role in tearlong town-

rds lasting peace. He revealed that he would soon lead a del-egation of political leaders from his previous to exect. PM Sheltbac Sherif and Populovii. Aulf Ali Zardari to further

And Ali Zardari to further them discussions.

"The situation still remains extremely critical and concerning," Mr. Kanoli such when saided if there was any improvement in the Kurram situation following the recent deal between sival groups.

"There are burders and applicationary weapone that one police are made to manual results one police are made to manual region explose a propose that one police are made to manual region explose. The preserve deal

our police are insable to many age or combat. The peace dead has not yielded algorithment remain because those working to ensolve the teamer lank support from the government. Without that backing, peace cannot be adherent, be said. After exemble of violence that killed race than 120 people, a peace agreement was

nides last week. But despite a hold in fighting, the route con-meeting Parachinar with the rest of the province remains blocked.

meding Parachimas with the next of the growitson remains blocked.

Asked about the tory forward, given the lathers of the second to bring peace, Mr Koreli promptly duried his perspective. "I believe the only way formed his for the lockers! government and bring peace," he note.

The KP governor restout and bring peace," he note.

The KP governor restoud concerns over the PTI government handling at provincial recourses, questioning its spondary of advancantal funds since 2013 while failing to strengthen the police force.

"The PTI government must explain how it spond the Refoot heliton is has received from the Centre for the wor on terror since 2013," he said.

"This province is at the forefront of terrorises, yet it lacks."

a police force capable of com-besting it. Our golice are under-comipped, with inade-quate towagers, technology, and training. It's a waste of public morey, and the PTI government should be bein accountable for this failure."

He also suggested inclusion of leader of the opposition in the KP Assembly in the pro-viscial upon committee, which formulates strategies squares to received.

which Introduces against torreston.

Governor Kareli also criticised CM Ali Amin Carelagur, roting that his criticises are supported to terror, and a support of the control of terror.

role in cases related to terror, morrhet, and violence under-names the ability to address the KP's deteriorating socia-rity abstation.

"How can the CM, who is himself implicated in these cases, explain the vorvering grisis due to the measing administration? He is part of the problem," he added.

Fazl accuses establishment of clinging to power

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHII Januari Ultramari Islam Furli (J111-17) chief Mandiana Furlius Robenson on Saturday accused the country's consbination of chinging to authority despite widespread criticism from all sectors of society, alleging that "it remains indifferent to what is right or wrise;" and that "its sole concern in maintaining power". Speaking to reporters, SCARLACHTE.

In maintaining power.

Spenking to reporters, Mandans Fuel sharply criticised the establishment for Indian descript criticised the establishment for Indian to change its approach, citing several examples of what he claimed proved the powerful quarters' tembercy in "ridicable democracy".

Asked about the Intrace of Prime Minimor Shelhar Sharffa government, the JULF leader sequed that democracie success deputs ded not on the completion of a torm but on the legitomacy of the government's genetic mandate.

of a torm but so the logiti-macy of the government's genetics mandate.

"It's not about complex-ing the torm. We have must in the past that man-rial law engines have had the longion triesary." Be used. "The read question is whether this government can claim that it came to power through fair elec-tions and holds a genuine mandate with moral and logal and holds a genuine mandate with moral and logal and holds; a genuine mandate with moral and logal and holds; a genuine mandate with moral and logal and holds; and sease Facility. The one con-stitute of the logitimes of the sease facil, "In one con-stitute, a candidate was decl-ared victorious despite not ribring a single polling station. How can we trust such elections."

He criticised the estab-lishment for its ecfoant to champs its artitude, accus-ing it of hoving no ideal-usy beyond a "litted fine authority". He added, "They may get angry over criti-ties, last when they meak.

may get angry over criti-tion, but when they mack occupacy is this ways how can they expect not to face public back lesh?"

To a question, the JUI-F efficied need the registration of for the registration of materials has already been enacted at the par-liamentary level and asked why precincial governments are delaying legislation when a national law in a heady to place.

He called he immediate implementation of the parties of the residual law in a heady in place.

He called he immediate implementation through provincial laws. He also the mutation of that relief had been provided for ma-

also municioned that rethef had been provided for madeconals registration through a presidential ordinance and clarified that 1414 had no objections to the government's officers to bring certain madeonals under its control.

On economic insures, he streamed that the public vertain under the control of the providential the common discussional until the common discussional until the common discussional that the effects of economic progress.

He also meted that the PTI had not taken the publie into confidence report ing its empoing negotia-tions with the government, so be refrained from con-menting on the matter.

Two security personnel martyred in North Waziristan

Kidnap victim issues video statement

By Umer Fanoog and Pazir Gull

PESSIAWAR: Two security person-nel were startlyred and six terrorists killed in an exchange of fire in rebail Daria Khel of North Wastrictan dis-trict on Saturday, morrors said. The clash occurred in the Zamgoti area, where areased a desen terrorists

arron, where around a descenterrorists sterimed a security checkpoint with light and heavy weespoxes.

Two necurity personned were also rejusted in the croinfire. The impored, along with the bodies of the martyra, tears addition to Maramahah.

The sources until that four security personnel were about that four security personnel were injured after a hand greenade exploded in Fort Hijl in Mir All area. The rejusted were autified to the Combined Military Hospital in Bearre district.

No statement was issued by the

No statement was issued by the later-Services Public Relations, the enlinery's media wing, till late in the

private workers of Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) has urged the government to take immediate steps for their release.

"The government is respected to immediately accept the fruit release.

"The government is respected to immediately accept the finditional agent the fulfillment of the Talibar's domards," said Bashir, one of the statement, in a video message recorded and released from an undisclosed location.

On Jate 9, a senior police official from Lakki Marwat district confirmed from Lakki Marwar district confirmed that at least 17 PAEC contractual workers, along with their driver, more kidinapped by armed molitants while travelling along the Lakki-Darra Tang Boad in a private vehicle.

A rescue operation was immediately leaseded, resulting in the receivery of sight warkers, including one who was injured, he used.

Sources used the PAEC contractual vertexts were very entry to a project site.

workers were en coute to a project site in the Qubookhel area of the district when their seach was intercepted by armed assailants.
The hidesappers took the heatages to an undirelessed location before abas-doning and setting fire to the coach in

foremed area along the Kurram

Here:

On Saturday, Mr Bashir, who shared some demands from the militaris, appealed to the government to immediately meet these.

"Today is Jamuary 11, 2025 — our third consecutive day lie captivity! Now some demands here come from them [referring to the hidrappers], in said in the video mesoage.

The Tailban, are sted in Lakki Marwet, should be immediately released, and their [Tailban's] houses should not be demonstrated in the future.

should not be demoloshed in the future, Mr. Bashir shared, detailing the

demands.
According to Mr Boshir, the Talifam also domanded that the surrors of demodished bosses be compensated. While addressing his senior officers, Mr Boshir apposed that the demonsh be considered, as their release was consistent upon accepting these one-distance.

He also clarified that rumours circulating in the media auggesting that the captine contractual surfaces had been released were false. "There is no such thing; 10 persons are will in captivity,"

Politics takes back seat at first-ever Governors' Summit

Five governors from across Pakistan share stage to strengthen inter-provincial cooperation

By Table Skiddiqui

KARACIIII Five governors from across the country on Saturday joined hands with a shared commitment to strongthen interprecipical coopera-tion and softence the constitutional role of governors for the baseful of the various.

The first-over historic Governors' Summit was conversed at Governor House in Karachi under the chair-manchin of Sindh Governor Kameun Khan Tensort, Sesides Mr Tensori, Punjab Governor Selim Haider Khan, Khyber Pakhtenkhwa Governor Fainal Karim Kundi, Balochiston Governor Sheikh Jaffer Khun Mandokhwii and Gilgio-Baltistan Governor Sped Mehdi Shah discussed the roles and powers of governors.



SHIDH Governor Kamsan Tessori addresses the first-ever Governors' Summit, on Saturday.—Dawn

Expressing grattinde to the attend-Ing governors for their presented, Sindh governor stated, "It is an honor to have this headmark event. The par-ricipation of all governors has added great value to this initiative."

During the samesit, Balochistan

Governor Stiefth Jeffer Khan Mandokhnil highlighted the need to enhance the constitutional rule governors, calling it the boad of the

KP Governor Faisal Karim Korali highlighted the importance of foster

ing inter-provincial communication, calling it ensential for rantional unity.

The GB governor expected his appreciation for Simili governor's initiative, stating, "Thank you for homing this someonis. Together, we will work towards communication, by Todeoving the saments, Mr Toscori, accompanied by the other governors, addressed the media, declaring the event a historic milentone. "Todes, politica took a back seat, and the state cases forward a feature region of the media, the faring the cream forward Greenward Experiment point of the milentone. Today, politica took a back seat, and the state cases forward or other regions of from the feature of the state of the state of the said.

life elaborated that the summit simed to strengthen harmony among provinces. "Governors are constitutional representatives, and the Constitution is designed to serve the people. It is importative for us to at-

propose. A in importance for an in our line our rules and powers to better serve the pathic," he added.

He stated that all governors were committed to public service at their temporary levels and were keen to play a smore active role in facilitating governmence and delivering services to the propole.

Asked about future plans, Mr. Tossori hinted at organizing an International Covernors' Surenit, adding, "Pakinton factor businesses challetages, and governors can play a significant role in addressing them."

The Panjala governor estemated Mr. Tossori for hosting the surenit, sensorking, "Py organizing this surenit, the Sindle governor has not a new bordersark. The sent Governors' Summit will be held in Labore, with

min, the Sindh governor has not a new borechmark. The mean Governors' Summit will be held in Lateier, with participation from former and cur-rent governors, he astronoment. The RP governor to the country's momental development, while the Balochistan governor noted that such assumits could help remove pressing insters, highlighting the cru-cial role governors play in bridging provinces and the federal governors. The GB governor extended his support to Sindh governor, stating. "We staid with ross as you lead the way forward." way, forward,"

The summit combided with a shared commitment to strengthen inter-provincial cooperation and inter-precincial cooperation and enhance the constitutional rule of governors for the benefit of the station.

Commission sought for release of children trapped in blasphemy cases

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and 55 yearhs in the call calls of Karachi Central Juli. He said that a group has recruited young boys and girls for trapping insocent-who befriend insocent yearths on social media and lare there by pretending to be in love with them.

to be in love with them.

Under various presents
including friendship, job,
dans or spending the night,
they go to the Safe House
located in G-8 area of
falamabad. They call
where the members of this
group brutally tecture
these boys, which includes
heating them upside hanging them spuide down and beating them down and bearing them with sticks, making their widows, exc. The amelior of people assectated with this givesp is 25 to 10 who become plaintiffs after trapping young people from all over Pakinan, and each plaintiff is involved in trapping more than 20 young people. These plaintiffs also write their incorrect addresses in the FIR.

The lawyers have demarked that central a commission is formed in this regard proceedings more such cases should be stopped and misor chil-

stopped and minor chil-dren should be relieased. Stad! Reporter

Several Islamabad colleges face teachers' shortage

Years on, five model colleges await regular teaching staff

By Kashil Abbasi

INLAMARAD: Several colleges DLAMABAD. Several colleges run by the Federal Disenterate of Education (FDE) are facing a short-age of touchers while five model col-leges in the federal capital veyer functioning without a regular trans-

meson said the girls' college in Bluera Kalto, and the boys' colleges in Burnals, Sector 1-14, and Sector 1-8/h are without adequate teaching staff, Massewhile, the model colleges starf. Memoryhile, the model colleges in Mera Bagwal, Falcistan Town, Sector G-L1, and Sector G-L5 did nor here regular teaching staff even though they started functioning a few years ago. According to an FDE official, "The odecation ministry should look toto this touc and all posts aboutd be filled with regular staff in the greater interest of the desir."

As education official, however, said that only the Bharn Kahn col-lege was facing a shortage of teach-ers, Except for this college, no other colleges were facing an immediate shortage of touchers. The official said six new touchers recently joined

DIRECTOR ICCOR.

the FDE and a majority of them

escaled be prested to this coffege.

Speaking about the regular scaff for medical collapse, the official said that the FDE had moved a summary

in this regard.
"The FDE has moved PC-4 (for "The FDE has moved PC-4 (for regular posts) of flour endleges to the education ministry to get approved for regular posts. Octoo these posts are approved, we will request the FPSC (Federal Public Service Contmission) for appointments," he said, adding then PC-4 for the Mora Bageval coilings record be sent to the education ministry soon. In reply to a question about the abortage of college teachers in other colleges, be said the FDE in September had forwarded their case to the FPSC for the recruitment of 10 associate professions (recommand of 10 associate profession (recommand

came to the FPSC for the recruitment of 20 associate professors (two male and staget fermales) and 31 assistant professors (120 male and 15 fermale), 56 farmale lecturers, and 33 male lecturers. Once the recruitment process is final-lecturers to the department process is final-lecturers to department process is final-lecturers to department process is final-lecturers. At presents, the department introduced a rationalisation policy tander which surpless tomolisms staff with transferred to other enthance to meet the shortage of teachers. Under this policy, after the impost from the principals concerned, some male teach expedit of the principals concerned, some male teach to the principals concerned.

cipals concerned, some scale teachers were assigned to girls' colleges, and some female teachers were

origined to boys' colleges. On the other hand, on FDE offi-

ciul criticised the education minis

cital criticised the education minimity and the directorate for a delay in recruitment for the model colleges. He said thems colleges took several years to build and the government could have bired teachers in the measurisms, but that did not happen. "This is unfortunate that five model colleges, which started operations a couple of years age, etil don't have sanctioned posts. Similarly, mote other colleges, like the use in Barra Kales, started classes many years age, but are still doning a shortage of trachers," he said.

FDE is the supervisory body of 431 schools and colleges in blamabal. Besides, around three handled schools, there are 13 FG

handeed schools, there are 13 FG colleges and 26 model colleges

under its supervision.
Interestingly, like its colleges, the Interestingly, like its colleges, the FDE itself in strangling as it is being run through adhoc arrangements since July last year. The peer dell vescant in July, when the otheration ministery alreapity got then-DG Dy Brum All. Malik removed. Since then, the ministery is removed, since then, the ministery is removed, the FDE without a regular bond.

When contacted, a senior official of the education tainistry, waid there was no delay on part of the education ministry. "We have moved a sammary carrying names of three

sammary carrying names of three shortlined cardiches in the federal government," be used, busing a name for the post small be approved soon.

DR. PANJWANI CENTER FOR MOLECULAR Pakistan tops world in hepatitis C MEDICINE AND DRUG RESEARCH (INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES) cases: PM's aide

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Coupdinator to the Prime Minister on Health Dr Malik Mokhter Ahmed Rhareth on Saturday said

Bharathen Saturday unid Polisitan han the largest manber of hopotitis C patients in the world, with 10 million of the global for million of the global for million open.

"This places us at the heart of the global effort to eliminate this disease," he said while addressing participants of a seminar organized by the Health Foundation on hopotitis elimination. He size stressed the negent need for collective action to combat

its dire consequences saying: "If we do not act, Pakistan will face over 11 million BCV cases by 2035, leading to 500,000 plus liver circhosis cases. pros treer carterous cases, over 100,000 cases of lover career and 130,000 IBCV-related deaths."
The economic impact would be a loss of over \$285 million annually, be said.

neid.

De Bharath pointed out that an of 2021, only 16 per cont of Hepatitis C cases in the country had received treatment, with tenting and treatment access being the key

Heparitis C, a significant public locatch challenges According to a statement libraries libraries and the correspondent with provincial government, in the provincial government in the control of the con with provincial governments, has lausched the
Prime Minister's
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Elizationies of eHCV's
Infection in addition
there challenges with a
plan to allocate Rc24.35
billion ever the next
these years.

In addition, previousle
governments will conribute Ba33.61 billion,
bringing the total funding for the initiative to Ex67.77 billion.

"Pakinam has modesignificant strides toward

significant strides toward hepatitis elimination," Or Bharath said.



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Country: Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Procuring Agency: Karachi Water & Sewenge Corporation, Government of Sindh RFP Ref. No.: KWSC-PPPN/PROC-5MGD/2024-25

PROJECT BRIEF

Karachi Water and Sewerage Corporation (KWSC), a public sector organization responsible for the provision of water and sewerage services in Karachi under the Karachi Water & Sewerage Corporation Act 2023, intends to engage a private to design, finance, build operate, maintain and transfer a Desalinated Water Supply System to ensure long term possible grade water supply to the

The Project is being implemented as part of the KWSC's overall development pipeline to increase water availability and improve water services in Karachi through Public-Private Partnerships

Capitalized terms used berein and not otherwise defined shall have the meaning given to them in the REP.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Project's scope of work shall include, inter alsa, the following: Detailed design of the Project in consultation with KWSC;

 Construction of the Desalinated Water Supply System (including intake atructure, the pre-treatment

facility, reverse osmosis seawater desalination plant, pumping station, outlet structure etc.);

Operations and maintenance of the Project; and Transfer Project to KWSC on the Final Expiry Date.

CONCESSION PERIOD

The Project is structured for a Conditions Precedent Period of six (6) months. Construction Period of two (2) years and Operations Period for twenty-five (25) years. For more details of the Project scope and time, please refer to the request for proposal document (RFP), which will be issued by KWSC on 16th January 2025.

ELIGIBLE BIDDERS

KWSC hereby invites the interested Parties, either as a single entity or a comortism formed by two (2) or more persons to participate in the Tender Procedure and to submit their Bids for the Project in accordance with the requirements of the Applicable Evaluation Documents

PRE-BID MEETING SCHEDULE*

Pre-bid Meeting: Monday, 10th February 2025
*For further details, refer to the RFP Section 9 (Data Nhort) of Part 1 (Instructions to Bidden)

BIDDING PROCEDURE

THE RESIDENCE OF STREET

The Project's procurement shall be conducted in accordance with the international competitive bidding using single stage two envelope procedure as per the Applicable Evaluation Docum

and is open to all the eligible interested Parties.

Interested Parties are required to submit only one (1) Bid, comprising of one (1) original Technical Proposal and one (1) original Financial Proposal, and four (4) hard copies of the Technical Proposal, with one (1) soft copy of Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal separately (on CDs/DVDs/USBs) and other supporting documents (as applicable), as identified in the RFP, no later than 12:00 hours PST by the Bid Submission Deadline at the submission address given below:

Attention: Special Secretary (Technical), Local Government & Housing Town Planning Department (on behalf of Project Director, 5 MGD Detailination Project)

Bid Submission Address: Ground Floor, Sindh Secretariat Building No 5 Annexe Tughtaq House, Kamal Ataturk Road Karachi.

Bid Opening Address: Committee Room, Planning & Development Board, 2nd Floor, Tughliq

House, Sindh Secretariat, Karachi.

Bid Submission Deadline: 18th March 2025 Telephone: +92 21 99245154-6

The Technical Proposals will be opened on the Bid Submission Deadline at 13:00 hours PST in the Presence of the Bidders representatives, who may wish to attend at the Committee Room of the Planning & Development Board, 2nd Floor, Tughlaq House, Sindh Secretariat, Shahrha-e-Kamal Atta-Turk Road, Karachi. After completion of evaluation of Technical Proposals, Bidders who have submitted responsive Technical Proposals in terms of the Applicable Evaluation Documents shall be invited to attend the opening of the Financial Proposals.

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Balochistan Levies merged into police despite opposition

1,116 personnel to be absorbed in police in three districts

By Saleem Shahid

QUETTA: Despite opposition from both treasury and appeal-tion benches in the provincial assembly, the Balochistan goreroment has merged the Levies force of three districts — Quetta, Gwadar and Lastetla — into the provincial police force with immediate offect.

immendative officet.

The decision, approved its a meeting chaired by Chief Secretary Shakuel Qadir on Jan 6, was made after considerations with the district administrations conserved regarding the shifting of operational constraint from district Levies to district police. An official notification was issued on Saturday.

Under this decision, a total of 1,116 Luvies personnel, includ-

Under this decision, a total of 1,116 Levies personnel, includ-ing officers and other staff, will be absorbed in the Balochistan police in these three districts. The matification stated that the director general of the Levies Force in Balochistan bad sent a borner to the additional chief face.

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Lastetta Levies into Lastetta irre-Hub Police.

A total of 1,316 personnel from the Levies Torce in these three-districts have note been merged irre-the police force.

Those include vertees ranks such as weapons inspectors, clerks, risablars, naib risablars, dishalars, khassaslars, jamadars, haviklars, soldiers, wireless operators and footmen, spanung Grade 1 to Grade 11 p

Specifically, 345 Leves per-sonnel from Quetta, 381 from Grander, 220 from Leibela and 215 from Holt bave been inte-grated into the police forces of those districts.

The Levice, police stations, rehicles, respons and other offi-cial equipment will be trans-lered following a thorough attention:

formed following a thorough-mentment.

During the witner sension of the Balachistan Assembly, which concluded last week, both the opposition and some members of the government strongly opposed the decision to merge Levies into police.

They domarated that the gov-ernment witheleave the decision and instead equip Levies with modern weapons, builtopsed vehicles and other necessary equipment to strengillers the force.

It is important to note that the

It is important to note that the Levien Force in Balechistan had been merged into the police dus-ing the coalition government hel-ley Jam Vosnaf.

However, in 2008, the Naued-Aslam Balanch-bed PPP coalition government reversed that deci-tion and custoted Levien as a senarane force.

separate force.

The Levies Force was responsi-ble for policing around 50 per-cent of Balechintar, while police operated in the remaining Dipoof the proximes.

Ogra cracks down

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risk of accidents," he said, adding that investigations revealed that carlson distribe was being releved with LPG corructed from bowe

orn.

"We have reports of Ogra seining containers filled with carbon distribe at certain LNG plants," he said. "This action is crucial because distributors like us are the food too dealing with on the front line, dealing with consumer complaints."

Mr Khokhar explained that retoring corban dioxide with LPG elevator cylinder pressure from the standard 540 posteds per square inch (PSI) to dangerous levels of 900 to 1,200 PSI. This pressure imbalance has caused cylinder explosions in Labora and other parts of the country.

The said Ogra had also taken measures in collaboration with LPG distribution to result the

LPG distribution to recall the adulterated gas already sold in-

Another coal miner killed as Sanjdi victims confirmed dead

Balochistan Mines Department orders legal action against owner

By Our Staff Correspondent

OUETTA: A miner was killed in the Duki QUEITA: A minor was killed in the Duki-ceal field area due to a muddide inside a mino-on Saturday, while officials confirmed that sight coal minors trapped 4,000 feet deep inside a collapsed minor in the Sangili area of Quetta have lost their fives.

The eight minors were senseng 12 who had been buried under termon of debris following a meethane gas explosion on Thresday, Despite continuous rescue efforts were the past 60 hours, teams managed to recover only four bodies from around 3,000 feet below the surface.

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from around 3,500 feet below the surface. "Underturnately, it is now confirmed that the remaining eight coal miners have perished under the veright of themarils of tomes of debrie," Balanchaten Chief Imperior of Miner Abelul Charti Balanch told Daten, adding that

effortato recover the bodies were still underway.
In Saturday's incident, the miner killed in the
Daki coal field area due to a modelale inside a
mine was identified as Mahazemal Raman, a
resident of Qila Saifullah. He was retrieved by
fellow miners and shifted to the district hospital.

Legal action against mine owners

The Mirror and Mirrorals Department has decided to take legal action against the owner of the collapsed coul mire in Bargid over not taking processionary measures for the safety of

of the compete con time in Sarph over not taking percentianary measures for the safety of the confusive. Mr Baloch has asked the district administration to take legal action against the name overew and file are FTR to bring those reconsolidate in texts.

responsible to justice.

Balochistan Minister for Mines and Minerala Sussaib Norderwani also vowed strict action.

"Those responsible for the incident well be brought to justice after an irequiry," he said, adding that the safety of extern were a top priority for the government and that a strategy was being devised to ensure proper safety protocols and control seizes.

Govt, PTI locked in war of words over stalled dialogue

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successful attended in subtrary coverts to try strillars will not intimished as. We are strending firm, he disclaimed.

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Highlighting the need for political and economic stabilities, "As said.

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PTI are origining, they are not
being formalised in writing.
He said that origin the PTI could
explain why the party is reluctert to give its domands inwriting.

talks on arranging a meeting with Imran Khan, which he believed was coming delays in

the regotiation process.

Mr Asif recalled that he had naggested in an interview that both sides should sign the min-ster of the talks to formalise

nion of the talks to formalise the process.
However, he posited out that a PTI tweet followed his suggestion, and since them, talks with the PTI were not held. The tweet had adoutaged the dialogue process and his-dored progress on negotia-tions, he added.

Mr Asid acknowledged that there is no issue in arranging a

there is no issue in arranging a mooting with Imean Khan, but expressed convers that much meetings are often used for

meetings are often used for political parposes.

According in him, after every meeting, PTI holds a press conference or a radio, which be claimed in obstruct-ing meaningful megotiations. However, by suggested that if meeting learner Khan could help move the dialogue for-mard, it should be facilitated. The defense minister account the PTI delegation of leveraging the items of

beveraging the tense of ferran Khan's detention for political gain.

Poliovirus detected in sewage samples from 17 districts

By Boam Juneick

ISLAMABAD: The wild policyleus type 1 (WPV) has been detected in environmental samples collected from 17 already infected districts, the Regional Reference Laboratory for Polic Eradication at the National Institute of Heelth has confirmed.

According to a lab official, sewage samples collected from igarenated 1 patrols. We pro-

According to a lab official, sewage sampler coffected from Istamabad, Lasteia, Kilas Selfullah, D.G. Khun, Baskhan, Sita, Dukki, Mashung, Lasko Mannet, Bahawaipur, Cuparwala, Noshki, Koch, Rahawaipur, Cuparwala, Noshki, Koch, Rahawaipur, Selfullah, Selfullah, Selfullah, The official explained that if the virus is found in the sewage, the sample is celled positive, and whenever a child is passiyeed by the virus, it is called a positive case.

"A sewage water sample from an area is

"A sewage water sample from an area is the basic parameter to determine if polic vaccination campaigns are being carried out successfully," he added.

15 Levies men dismissed after Khuzdar attack

By Abdul Walted Shahwani

KHUZDAR: Eitheen personnel of the Levice Force in the Khuzdar district of Balochistan have been dismissed from service for failing to resist terrorists and surrendering their weapens.

On Jen 8, fit militants riding extensycles and vehicles entered the Zehri Tehall of Khuzdar and caused damage to several government buildings, including the Levice station, Nedro office, and municipal committee. They also book some Levice personnel hostings, setted their weapons, government vehicles and excepted.

The Balochistan government took rootes of the food administration's delayed response and ordered an investigation.

However, before the investigation was completed, Khuzdar Deputy
Commissioner Yasir lighed Destrictionised the 1st Levice personnel, stating that no incusiry was needed due to their neighgence in sured by the Khuzdar deputy commissioner on Saturday stated that the Levice personnel showed coverdice and aumendered during an allack by terrorists.

'Education apartheid': schooling in crisis in Pakistan

Country's dream of universal literacy hampered by poverty, poor resources, climate change, militancy

KARACIIII: Annina Harmes drops off her nathered school bag at her rural horse in Pakintan and harriedly grain banch before joining her father in the fields to pick

The LL year old's outry into school at the The Hypercold's entry into achood at their per of sevent was a negatiation between boundarie mail her parents in her farming village on the cortikiris of Karachi.

"Initially, many parents were not in farcour of educating their children," head-tracker Robbins Americal Afric.

"Some children were working in the fields, and their incime was considered more valuable than education."

Pakintan is beging a severy education.

Pakintan is facing a severe education crisis, with more than 26 million children out of school, the majority in reval areas, according to official government figures accounting to certain government regions—one of the highest rates in the world.

Pakietan is hosting a two-day interna-tional nament to advacate for girls' educa-tion in Mastim countries, attended by Nobel Peace increase and education activ-

ist Mailala Yosmation.

In Pokintan, powerty is the biggest factor keeping children out of characterism, but the problems in worseased by iradequate infrastructure and underqualified teachurs, outpural barriers and the impacts of circum charact heiled correge wouther.

imate change-fuelled extreme weather. In the village of Atstullish Goth on the untskurte of Karachi, the nors-profit Rouben Pakintan Foundation school is the first in decades to cater to the population of new 2,500 people.

of rows 2,500 people.

"There was in school here for genera-tions. This is the first time purents, the community and children have residued the importance of a school," said Harmaira Berbal, a Neyvarroid schooling advecato-tion the public and privately funded familiation.

'Education apartheid'

Politic achools handed by the govern-ment offer free education but struggle with limited resources and evercrowding, creat-ing a large market for private schools about costs can start from a few dollars a smooth. In a pacallel system, thousands of mad-ronna provide Jelantic education to chil-dren from the power families, as well as

In a parellel system, thousands of mad-resum provide Islantic education to this deen from the powers families, as well as free mosts and housing, but often fail to propose studients for the modern world.

"In a way, we are experiencing an edu-

earties aparthetel," sold Add Najare, an international relations professor at Boston University who has researched Pakistani's observation systems.
"We have at least 10 different systems, and you can buy whatever quality of observation by the properties of the properties."

The properties of the pro

Every young student America, who has not her mind on becoming a doctor after houlds professionals visited her school, recognises the divide with city kids. "They don't work in field labour like we do."

Education emergency'

In the small market of Abdullah Goth, dozens of children can be seen ducking in and our of street-side cafes serving track delicers or stacking frost in market stalls. Mahammad Horsit, the 24-year-old sensor of the workshop, doze not support the ideas of columnian and has not seed his sens children to school. "Whigh's the point of e

"What's the point of studying if after 10 to 12

education was contributing to the rise in out-of-school children.

Parents, realising their children current compete for jobs with those who attended better schools, instead prefer to touch them labour skills.

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"An big a crisis so children being out of school is the quality of the education in schools," said Najara. Education in Pakistan is also increas-

Education in Parkinten is also increase irigly impacted by climate change. Frequents without closures are arrestanced that to heavy temp, businesses and fluids. In Balacchisten and Khyber Parkinsonach Raberta and Company militancy, while classes are restrictly disrepted in the capital, Islantabud, due to political climate. Parkinsonach discussions are restrictly disrepted in the capital, Islantabud, due to political climate. Parkinson of the capital declared on "who strong Markhaa Sharif duclaned on "who strong margaracy" has your and said be would increase the observation badget from Lips of GIMP to 4pc town the tent from yours.—AFP

Six dead, seven hurt

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(20), ligra Bibi (34), and Pakeera (22). The injured include Earlian Khalid (27), Hashim Ali (15), Rans Bib (20), Mohammad Qusin (5), Mohammad Musa (3), Arong Petinia (5) and Ayesha Fatima (10). The incident occurred in the jurisdiction of

Pathstrewall police,
Rescuss officials shifted the dead and injured to Phodia Tehnil Benchparters Hospital and the Palatianswall Baral Health Centre for treatment. The bodies were later hunded over to the relevant

families after legal formulation. CM expresses sorrow

Punjab Chief Minimer Maryom Never approximately perfect the loss of six time in the fireworks explosion. She offered considerates to the beneated families and directed the authorities to message the best possible trustment for the injured.

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Increased inflows

EMITTANCES sont home by migrant Pakistani workers have been a sawing grace for the country's faltering economy for the last two decades. With expert reverses growing at a pointfully slow pace — and often stagestring for years in between — and foreign capital and investment inflows drying. successive governments have relied on remittances to push import-based consemption to boost growth. Thus, even a tiny increase in each sout home by overseas Pakistanis can always be a moment for celebration. The oraging fiscal year has proved to be exceptional for remittances, with inflows soaring by a third to a record level of \$17.80s in the first half of the year to December from \$13.40s a year ago. This lends hope that the country will be able to meet the targeted inflows of \$25km in remittances, far surpassing export earnings, this year. No wonder the prime minister has used this occasion to "congratulate" the nation and boast of his government's success in stabilising the economy while underliming the commitment of overness Pakintanis to their country's development. The modest decrease are likelitating to commitment of overness Pakintanis to their country's development.

The market players attribute the surge in remittances through formal banking channels to numerous factors: clampdown on illegal currency trade and smaggling to Afghanistan, stricter controls on exchange companies, exchange rule stability, and increased labour migration, especially young IT professionals, from the country in recent years. It is believed that remittances have a potential to grow 5500s a year if illegal currency trade is stormed and currency. to \$400m a year if illegal currency trade is stemmed and customs controls strengthened against under-invoicing of imports by major trades from China, Dubai and elsewhere.

The increase in remittances is indeed a positive development

for the economy as those have been driving the current account surplus for the last several months, contributing significantly to exchange rate stability and improvement in the State Bank's force reserves in the absence of foreign direct investment, as well as any meaningful bilisteral and multilateral inflows. But it is not a wise policy to rely on them for external account stability. Remittances have their downsides as well. Studies have shown that higher remittances boost consumption and imports, lead to decline in domestic manufacturing and exports, and make economies of recipiont nations more vulnerable to global and regional economic crises. No matter how favourable an impact those have on economic growth, remittances cannot be a substitute for exports and foreign private investment, which increase domestic productivity and generate jobs. Moreover, the quantum of remittances a country receives can never be predicted. quantum of remittances a country receives can never be predicted.

Remittances represent hard-carned money by migrant Pokistanis that must be charmeled into productive use for the country's social and economic development instead of squandering on imported bouries. At the same time, the government needs to devise a strategy to increase industrial and agricultural productivity to boost exports and reduce reliance on uncertain remittances.

Gwadar's potential

FIG. HE Gwalar deepsea port, completed in 2007, was supposed to be a shining success for the other newly bain ports in the region and beyond. Yet eight yours after the official launch of port operations — an event marked by the first-ever centainer ship with cargo from China passing through it — it lags behind even other China-built ports in Sri Landes, Nigeria and Cameroon. Barely any vessel calls at Gwalar, Given the situation, it is not

even other China-built ports in Sri Lanka, Nigeria and Cameroon. Barely any vessed calls at Gwadar, Gwen the situation, it is not supprising that the planning and special initiatives minister is sexed over the failure of relevant authorities to "market the Gwadar port to expedite its commercialisation". Bails as part of the malubillion-dollar GPEC transport and energy infrastructure project, the port remains a non-starter and, in the words of the manufacillion-dollar GPEC transport and energy infrastructure project, the port remains a non-starter and, in the words of the mainster, a "white elophant instead of becoming a regional transhipment hub". During a mooting the other day, he blumed the maritime ministry and the NLC for their unprofessional handling of what would be the 'crown jewel' of the corridor initiative.

There's a reason the government is concerned over the fact that the Gwadar port has not kept pace with similar facilities in the region. Robust trade through Gwadar is crucial to develop the region and alleviate rampant poverty in Balochistas. Hence, Prime Minister Shebbas Sharif has recently ordered to reute 60pc of all public sector cargoos through Gwadar to "trigger port activities". That is unlikely to happen anytime scen due to capacity constraints and much higher cost of transportation from Gwadar to the rest of the ceantry compared with Karachi. On his part, the planning minister has derected the relevant authorities to hire an international consultant to prepare a plan to compete with other international consultant to prepare a plan to compete with other regional ports in arresting business for Gwadar. But a market plan, no matter how grand, cannot improve the security situation in Balochistan or bring peace to Afghanistan, without which it is impossible to get business from Central Asia. Nor can it continue China to real cate it industry here for expert westward, or start importing oil through Cwader. Moreover, it won't belp address the capacity and power supply issues that constrain trade through the poet. Unless the issues containing the potential of Cwader are addressed, no executive order or marketing plan can make the port city a regional shipping and trade hub.

Broken metropolis

ARACHI, Pakistan's oconomic juggornaut, is the largest contributor to the nation's tax revenue. The Federal Board of Revenue's latest data reveals that Karachi's Large Tax Office accounted for 30.74 per cent of the total tax collection during 2023-24, generating a staggering Rs2,522 billion. Despite this, the metropolis is a picture of neglect, suffering from chronic infrastructural decay and a lack of basic amenities. The state of Kurachi's roads is a case in point. They resemble war zones, with crater-sized potholes even on major thoroughtares, turning daily commute sintio lusquandosses wents Meanwhile, public transport remains groady inadequate for a city of over 20 million people. Residents are forced to rely on private transport, exacerbating traffic congestion and air pollution. The Green Line BRT, while operational, barely scratches the surface of the city's mass-transit needs.

The energy crisis compounds Karachi's woes. Gas shortages and persistent electricity leadsholding disrupt daily life.

affecting households and industries alike. It's irrose that the city that drives Pakistan's economy is left grappling with such crippling power outages. Water scarcity is yet another pressing The majority of Karachi's residents are deprived of accessor and sufficient water, relying on private water tankers at exorbitant rates. This basic human necessity has turned into a lucrative black market, further burdening citizens. Despite Karachi's unparalleled contribution to the national excheque it continues to languish without adequate investment in its infrastructure and services. This neglect is not just unfair but counterproductive, as a deteriorating Karachi threatens to undermine the very economy it belsters. The federal and provincial governments must urgently prioritise Karachi's development. A city that gives so much deserves better reads, reliable utilities, and efficient public survices. Investing in Karachi is not just about fairness; it is essential for Pakistan's future growth and prosperity. Anything less would be a betrayal of its citizens and economic self-suborage.

OPINION



MUHAMMAD AMIR RANA

How to counter insurgencies

Public support for the state is critical for a successful counterinsurgency strategy.

IT is easy to say that the state must develop com-probensive and distinct counterformism and comprehensive mean? This critical soperitis often comprehensive mean? This critical soperitis often missed in policy and public discussions. As insur-gents in Balechingar have escalated their attacks, marking a significant increase in frequency and intensity ever the past several months, it becomes essential to analyse the characteristics of the internation.

emergency.

Another operation often raised during policy dis-cussions in how to compare the Balochistan Liberarion Army (BLA) and Tellerocke-Talibur Dakistan (TTP). How are they different, and why does the BLA quality as an insurgent group while the TTP does not?

The operational straingy and capabilities of Ba-lock insurgent groups have evolved significantly. The BLA, in particular, has transitioned from con-ducting lovelesterating, small scale strates reveal years ago to executing more apphisicated, high-prefile operations today. Similarly, the TTP has adopted operations from the Alghant Taliburian RLAN, albeit on a different scale. But harmed groups draw impiration from the Alghant Taliburian strategy, which was effectively employed in Alghanisms.

The Taliban did not invest new strategies; they The Tablean did not invert new strategies, they mainly adopted classic governtla warface increas, mairraining a light footprize and avoiding large-make correctional bathles except in situations with overwhelming local superiority. This approach allowed them to usuain a profession of our flux against more perceiful adversaries. Both the SIA and TTP have incorporated elements of this strategy, adapting it to their local contexts to pro-long their community. long their companyon.

Mard E. O'Neill, one of the leading scholars of

modern warfare, insurgency, and terrorism, pro-vides valuable insights into those complex sub-jects. His work helps assess critical questions, uch as what constitutes a compechensive strategy in addressing insurgency and terrorism. Among his many contributions, O'Nosil's book Jeanges,; A Terrorism: Inside Modern Resolutionary Worsew

transfer out an particularly important for under-manuling those issues in local and global contexts. O'Neill emphasizes that the primary distinction between issuence; and retrorism his in the poli-

ical goals and public sympathy that violent actors welk to cultivate. Insurgencies are often defined by their broader political objectives and the level of public support they consensed. In contrast, ter-rories organisations typically lack, widespread appeal in choic political messaging and recort to terrorist taction to generate fuer and arterion. Insurgency and terrorism can be distinguished based on their code, contrast, and some afters.

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On the other hand, terrorist operations tend to
the more decembed and chandentine, focusing
grimmertly on high-profile attacks to irreit fore and
underwire the authority of the state. O'Noill
microschedges that there is often significant overlap between insurgency and terrorism. Insurgent
groups may employ terrorist taction as part of a
invocader stranger, while some terrorist groups may
evolve into transportion of they gain sufficient
popular support or territorial control.

The low distinction lies in the scope of ambitions and the nature of operations. Insurgencies
are typically long-term successive and political wings working in tandom. They tend re-operate
sentin a specific region or country, similing to challarge statch designed to draw attorism to their
cause, disrupt societal order, and degree size operation.

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In this context, the TTP is an immagency in the reaking. O'Neill categorises immagency into seven forms, the worst being the anarchist type, which neeles to destroy the current order without replacing 8. Such insurgencies tend to proceed sleedy and have limited capacity for dislogue. In contrust, accommonist incomperation aim to create a new independent state. Traditionalist imarger

Both the BLA and the TTP everlap these catego ries. Other forces of invergency include egolita-ion, plandist, referents, and preservationist, rose

of which characterise the BLA or the TTP.

O'Reill outlines a typical three-phase approach used by insurgent measurements. The first phase is the Latent and Ireiptent Phase, during which insurgents build support, recruit members, and establish networks. The BLA has completed this phase, while the TTP is strangeling to regain the confidence of people in tribal districts and religious achools in Pakintan. To overcome this weakness, the TTP is mainly recruiting people from Afghanistan and Pakintant refugees in Afghanistan and Pakintant refugees in Afghanistan who migrated during military operations is North Washristan.

Apparation was respected during minutely opera-tions in North Wastieristan.

The second gluon is the Goesvilla Warfare Phase, eluciaterised by small-scale historidarian strucks alreed at weakening government forces. The final phase involves insirgents engaging in more conventional reliatory actions to confront the

more conventional relitary actions to confront the government.

However, imargent groups with accessionist temberacies require a political face, which the TTP lacks, and the BLA is still socking. O'Neill also implantates the importance of Countertriangency (COEN) principles, which provide key insights into compactations; constructioning group strategies. The first principle is that the state must restore in image and be perceived as legitimate by the population, Physaletica support and guiding perception of the state are critical components of a successful country interesting transport interverse, which is only possible with the populations by prompting out of the state are critical components technology multiplence to disregal imagent technology, which is only possible with the population's support. Securing the possible with the population's support. Securing the possible with the population and state means the state ment and policies based on discrimination.

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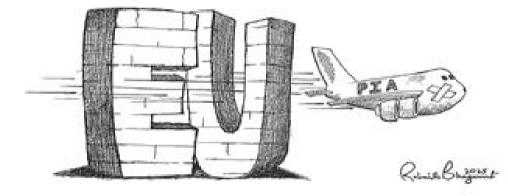
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Ususelly, status with frugile political and social structures do not learn from bistory. They keep repeating similar mistakes and try to fill the gap of intellect through intel.

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PIA RETURNS TO EUROPEAN SKIES AFTER 4 YEARS





BY ABBAS NASIR

Two sides of the social media coin

WITH social modia platforms reastring amole without much regolation or oversight, the hybrid Pakistanti governericus and those considered established democracies in Europe, such as the United Kingdom and Germany, neem to be adding in the same bout.

When Elem Munk bought Twinter for some \$44 billion, reastly all starket and modia analysts thingle be'll paid way more than the platform was moreth. Mary believed the world's weaththiest mun, a narcivaist, had been led to a disaster by his ego.

They a be'believed that Twinter, that be remained X, would pears to be his Waterbox. Financed argely through barness to be his Waterbox. Financed tracks to too be believed that the state, would never be shown as experience streams weatht never be able to justify the price be paid for it.

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corresponding, being by the president-clear's side char-ing the running to the electricists, and now consend to a service government role, Blon Music's wealth and political power have grown.

Where the Pakistan hybrid setup's rearronal control of traditional modia platforms, from TV-radio to newspapers, has meant compliance and the disservination of a view forcerable to is, it has laid to turn off the up-completely in terms of social media because of its inability to influenced control the decimant searchine there.

social media became of its inshibity to influenced control the dominant narrative three.

The hybrid setings not just has most traditional media groups on their kneed, it also has a monagedy over coercive tools, with armod state institutional organizations at its back and call. In the opposite correct, the PTI tracially its leader forms Khani continues to hold semy over public opinion and constitutes its considerable support been in the country via its unrivalled ascendancy over social media and the latter's narrative-building tools.

The Pakinana state, or more accurately, its lighted government, has appeared, helpines in countering the PTI narrative, which continues to find resonance among large chanks of the country the those who avail ask low I resolved the 'arge-

se who will ask how I reached the 'largchumles' conclusion, I would point to the last wise tion, where the party emerged with most worts, despite undersearable baselwinds of all sorts).

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ticotion and exportine in evolving a policy where it is not always the case of using a declaphaneous—authoritariae means—to block out views not lavourable to it or in line with its desires. It could do well to heid classed-are.

Two recent issues that Euro Mosk raised on X with his core 200m for followers are a prize example of how to stay about on social media despite your reinsides. Elen Mosk took on the core of the hard right of the deminator pro-Transplantion, by supporting their track? It I'll views for specialista/exporting their track? I'll I'll views for specialista/exporting their track? I'll I'll views for specialista/exporting their track? I'll I'll views for specialista/exporting the Mosk enade source in this case, the back-leads was severe. One can be sent Transport in rais too team members may be not be a guier word with him. Mosk's response, which could well have coned

Musk raised a red herring often used by the far right in the UK to support Islamophobic, racist Tommy Robinson.

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itself to his media team, raised a controversial messe away from the States and escondully show attention away. From what many hardour Republicars save as an outrogeous stance.

Mask raised a red herring often need by the farright in the UK to support blamopholos, noist bersty Robinson, currently imprisoned on contempt Robinson, currently imprisoned on contempt Robinson, currently imprisoned in groom-ing underage (drild) girls for sex were not prosecuted because of considerations for their othericity and because of considerations for their othericity and because of considerations for their othericity and because Makitami-origin Britons were a setting blue for Labour.

He also implied that this happened under the current Prime Minister, Sir Keir Sturmon's, sunch sellen the latter was director of public principal

when the latter was director of public prosecutions for five years from 2008 to 2013. Historically, nome prosecutions did not happen whots Nurmor was DPP because the police and local presecutors believed there was insufficient evidence and nerodiadide wittmenson.

'unrealiable witnessen'. However, those decisions not to prosecute worse represented by Naste Alrad, harmelf of Pakisnassi estatus, chief prosecutor for Northwest of England, organizated by Starmer in 2011. Adapt has a sterling record of prosecuting these gauge and of carraing record convictions and sentencing. A national inquiry report (called the Jay Ropert) in 2014, after a 2012 The Three investigation into the child sex grooming records in Startecharm in northwest England, and later a (parliameterary) Commoney Boston Affairs Committee, dat not point the flinger at Starmer.

the flagger at Starmer. In fact, the Home Affairs Committee lauded his

In fact, the Home Affairs Committee inaded his offers to address the issue in these words. Mr Staemer has striven to improve the treatment of victims of sexual annual within the criminal jus-tice systems throughout his torw as Bircotor of Pu-blic Prosecution (DPP). In 2014, he was longitud for his "services to law and criminal justice." Notes of this was acknowledged by Mush who, biggraphy, asked the king to dissolve partiament

hizarredy, asked the king to dissolve parliament and arches fresh elections. Under which have and why, one may have salved Marsk, given the apporta-nity. But his parpose was served. By creating this hage controversy, his vacal support for H-3B visus and the Republican backlash was quickly breaked

and the Republican occurrence respectively order the carpet.

Not content with taking sides in UK politics, where the opportunistic Conservatives, who did nothing to implement the Jay Report's 22 recommendations for all their years in office, jumped on the bandwagen and raised it in the Conservative Research to the Conservative Research to the Conservative Research

Commons, Mook expanded his political role obsorbers in Europe.
Openity inding with the Cornean anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim and Europe, the Europe Europe AFD party and its leader. Mink has forced none European leaders to dall for commissing audid media regulations seaminful suderate anti-consensation public opinions and audiomise the democratic crider. But I seriously deals such legislation will over be passed.

In the end, it will have to be social media manuagers with their expertise in now, even evolving.

agers with their expertise in new, even evolving, platforms who can help keep the narrative sside. Or the democratic architectors as we Screene it is discovered;

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OPINION



BY MUNA KHAN

Real pain

AS back would have it, I streamed A Soul Pater the right before Kieram Calkin received at award for his supporting rule is Jesse Essenberg's filler about two constan-visating Polard to boreous their grandersoft-or's dying wish. Initially, I didn't want to-wards it bosomes the filter's topic was about the Bolocoust, and after watching a gene-cide live on our accesses. I wear's in the cide live on our accepts, I wear't in the mood for pretending events in Polestine don't qualify as gere-cide.

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However, curiosity got the better of ender two reasons: I file Cultion—he played a sterdar role to Sectember's Roman Roy, a putty-mouthed man-child with a person courge, about one what yet another film about the Holecaust looks like. Even if it's not a central character, low doos the Holecaust or looks like. Even if it's not a central character, low doos the Holecaust or instruction to Jewish training get portrayed in 2004?

A Roy Phiraway on it. It was sometimes pretentions, sometimes floory and sometimes and. I feel Cultipr's win was Holywood's mid to the Holecaust, whose memory is kept alive at the cost of other genecides—Rwards, Careboolia, Armenia, Bossia and Herzogovina, and, of course, Palestine.

Ultimosely, Olma about the Holecaust villains.

resears the Natas remains the greatest villains.

I restourniber Kate Winslot's coordinate partrayed of Hutters, a trains conductor in West Corressoy in the 1950s, in The Reader, It's told in flashibacks but is about an illient relationship between Haters and a corruge studiers, Michaelt, she sake him to read to her. One day she disappears, only to author. One day she disappears, only to author. One day she simple studiers, hearns here, in a military tribunal, where Michael, now a law student, hearns Haters was a compgisard in Acondervia. He discover she is illienced or that as a guard she resuld thoose princeers to read to her. Haters was complicit in those heartible crimes, yet there is a vulnerability to her. While the film was leaded by many, and Winslet received art Oncar for it, there were pleasty of critics who shemmed it for not

Winslet received an Ossiar for il, there were pleasty of critics salse slammed it for not showing the horson of Academical it for not showing the horson of Academical and for portroping Hamma as human.

In one of the film's most possessial access, Hamma roke the ribural jodge: "What sould you have done?" You will find a lot of anger in reviews of this particular line, because it added complexity, even humansity, to a time that was switch it of dery it or compare it to events in Palestine today will get you create lot, as the kada use At the very least, you will be labeled artisonable.

The Holocope was significant becomes of its notale; the matter to exist the resulted in the death of six million people. It was also death of six million people. It was also

death of six million people. It was abso-extensively documented, both visually and

in the way the Nazis kept records, You can certly conjure up images of the consentration camps, the mass graves, skirmy people with shared bands and the Stars of David on their costs people in the camera from cages, is in shalling.

But as successes who save chilling war images in Vietnati's war measures, I understand the power of memorishising the Assertions was I also known it in root done to rubbee another's suffering. It is note to

to reduce another's suffering. It is rare to find someone use their suffering as an

to consider the force affecting as an excitor to perpetuate serongs on afform.

We need now villains — and no, I don't mean Barton. Their villainisation is part of the problem. Too many Muslims and supporters of a free Palentine are pressured into condensing Harnan to show their humanity.

parters of a free Palestine are presented into condensing Harman to alone their interactity.

Why car's the world see Palestinians' homeosity. It is world see Palestinians' homeosity? At the risk of coording like a correct in European? Conscides in Asia, the Middle East, Latin America or of indigenous grouple don't make for good memoralising on acreers. How many films or TV shows carte to read when you think about the at the cost of other and then you think about the largest and factors of you think about the largest and factors of you think about the largest and factors of you think about the largest one of the l

No many countries have dark pasts, and struggio with the shadows of leaders like Stalts, Mao, Mossolini etc, but it is bow they have confronted their pasts that mat-

We should loarn how the Holocount has efficiency pressured in the global consciousment. It will be an uphall bartle, but even the smallest of wins should serve as an encouragement. A small example in Blass Guda's Entiry win in September for her documentary, It's floar from Gaze and first Staff Alive—despite converted camepaigns to reacted her. At least 46,000 Falcotteiarm have been killed since Oct 2, 2021. We must record the moral failing of this recences. And ensure their stories are not less to float to full care governations. We should learn how the Holoceust has

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Time bomb

THE decision to interlink the waters of the Inches with the Checketan desert through six carsals has apprixed a debtote on its environmental, social, and demographic consequences. There is wide-spread concern in Similis that such a large-scale direction will trigger significant registral and ecological imbulances throughout the entire system.

The Chelistan desert lies in the arid bad of the ancient Baken — also called the Saraswest Biver — which is said to have gone day about 5,000 years ago. The redirection of Indus waters to this area is aimed at transforming arid laceb into for-sized at transforming arid laceb into for-sized at transforming arid laceb into for-sized at transforming arid laceb into for-THE decision to interlink the waters of

a insent at transforming arid hands into fer-tile plains for increased agricultural pro-duction and habitation of barriers. But is

The Indos River maintains a dynamic contilitation all the way from the Historiages op to the fertile plains of Niedle, and then converds to the lacks belts. It is this delicate balance between the glacial rock of the Himsdayas and the mangeover witten the delta that plays an instegral para is wortine patterns and monocous.

Diverting water apprecian would be implications for the delta are significant satinfy, lower of mangeover, and shortline extract These changes would impact other certain These changes would impact other certainteness processes in the region, affecting morrocors and wornering divaste Valley.

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reare fluctuation throughout the India-Valley.

To Stodh, the project spells disaster, Reduced river flows will compound water strets within the already vulnorable dis-tricts of Badis, Thatta, Sujawal, and Tando-Mohamurad Khan. Agriculture — the life-blood of those districts — will lose its freshwater availability and hence dis. In this regard, the availability of driviting water will come under threat, causing water will come under threat, cassing communities to magnete to seek better

The water crisis in Singly is just one domains in a series that could submisse in mass results sufficing regardion in the province, something which, according to conservative estimates, smild displace 50 million people. More importantly, such life propies. More importantly, such integration would have its ripple of fects for the cities, and at the front line of this incoming two model by Europhi, labore, and Islamabot. The domographic offset will be red hing best than sometime.

History provides plenty of grite remaind ora of such environmental miscalendarions. The harmonismheed drying of the Aral Sea, consisting front Seviet trigation policies, inflated a terrible measure or consist. Asia, chiefly in the shape of economic decline and widespread displacement. Pakiston finds inself at a similar

precipies today, where each risks of irre-versible ecological damage and sociopoliti-cal upheaval are very real.

While Chelistan's water scarcity seeds attention, there are other, viable aberra-tives to address this that would not cause, ecological disaster and sociopolitical turnal. Those include modern irrigation techniques and datalization, as well as caster-efficient copy enforcition. De Hauser-Altan, a recovered water expert, has high-lighted the significant applies potential betouth the old riverteels of the Suley-According to his research, the floods of 2021 revealed that a substantial amount of water percolated into the ground, replea-2023 revealed that a substantial amount of seasor percolated irro the growns, replications the growns, replications the season time of the season that holds clean, drinkable water, which could potentially mean the needs of the region's population, treatent, and even support somainable agricultural activities.

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acquitions within chose riverbands? These aquifers naturally reclusing every year during the measoon compound water stress

in Sindh's vulnerable districts.

Where than just a frier, the Indus is the very execute of a civilization that has sustained modifications of the Indus is abserted, it will impact the insortlinking econystems of the river.

Should this touse by midsandled, it could possibly estiminate in an environ mental disaster, washing away conturies old colored landscapes and leading mil-lions into despair. The stokes for Pakistan, hors into despair. The stokes for Pakistan, than, are very high. Strangely, there is an old Sunthi proflection of Sommi Pagira (14th century) which says: "Made technical Males, their metals are their interest sookhel heli machini atm kenh" (The Hakra River will flow again in all its forener glory. The barrage at Aron (ancient Robert or Sokkar) will be destroyed, unleasting such descentation that the King of Sindh will come to view later that the King of Sindh will come to view later species, seateflity receis, and fish as seen and proctous gifts.) •

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FROM THE PAST PAGES OF DAWN

Pak-India shipping

NEW DELHI: The faction and Pakistani Negatiators agreed on gasheldens of an accord or entoring thispaping services between the two constraint, the two delegation beads told revealed after the first round of talks which began here today [Jan 18]. They emphasized that the restoration of tradic between the two constraint was deeply linked with restoration of shipping. The header of the Indian delegation, Mr Rama Krishas Mahia, and that lache's trade delegation send procured to lataration dates that declegation to the could procured to lataration after the talks ... were even The two Governments had already propered a list of tradestoms, he added. Cotaly's parthys were held in a cordial attenuable to the list of tradestoms, he added. Cotaly's parthys were held in a cordial attenuable to the list of the Press that he second like to finish the parthys in four days. NEW DELIGI The Indian and Pakistani dd lidor to firnish the purleys im four duys.

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— News agercies

[Massewhile, as reported by terms agencies from Cape Caraward, Florida, I a Image section of a 42-ton Sattern space reckets were believed to have re-cot cred the earth's atmosphere this recording somewhere ever the east count of Africa, US Space officials said. They said they thought the ... second stage of the Sattern's which bareched the Skylab space station in May 1973 and since them has been orbiting the earth — carne down at about 0532 GMT.

Seventy-five VECKS GGO

Britain's assurances

KARACHE Britain has mainted the Government of Pakistan that the has no intention of taking untilateral action with regard to Pakistan told Parliament, on Wednesday [Jan 11].

The Deputy Foreign Minister, was replining to a question, with reference to Mr. Clement Atther's statement, in Section last to the effect that the sterling balances would have be on the control of the control of the statement of the effect that the sterling balances would have "be out down to make he are well as

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New number plates, but why at all?



THIS is with reference to the report 'Over-les Siridh volucle owners rold to replace member places by April 3, 2025' (Dec 19). It is strange that the relevant department in yet to issue number plates of cars bought and registered in 2021 for which all hance and relevant fee have been road.

est. First, the Sindh government must ensure amediate insparior of all the number plates that are still outstanding without the collection of fresh for. Second, it may give a thought to the level of commotion and inconvenience, apart from additional expense and loss of

There is one control office at the Ciric

Ceistre in Karachi, which, as everyone known, is already overfloodered, especially since the closure of designated bank branches for the purpose of motor vehicle to a cell lastice.

braceches for the purpose of motor vehicles tax collection.

Now imagine the hage mercher of people owning all seria of vehicles who would cranscered us this office to acquire new marrier plates and enginementalist broks. Agent marile and perceived corruption will sarely cortend the whole courseless will sarely cortend the whole courseless to malitiple visits.

While it may be a wise step in the large run to have standardised resolver plates and security features, I worder if the department consecred handling this house task will make it possible to get the new number plates/visits quality for the new number plates/visits guiline system.

Additionally, the registration books

sensed traveled the existing online styless.
Additionally, the registration brooks and number plates already in the passe ession of vehicle owners must be replaced, if it is resulty revenues, free of charge or at a roomital fee.

at a nominal fee.

As the April 3 deadline is fast appro-nching, the Sindh Enrice and Tabatton Department should find a proper service oriented and convenient way for people to willingly make the change without feeling hazansed or inconvenienced.

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Fleecing the public

THE Sinds Excise and Taxation Depur-

for these million vehicles in a period of

for three million velicites in a period of just over three months. Every motorial who has already paid for the previous neamber planes is being asleed to pay Rx2,450 again for the new manther planes. This implies that the department in thereing the motorian to the ture of a whopping amount of Rx2.35 billion. There is no passification for charging the cost to the motoriate who are already paying a plethora of taxon to the government.

Breakes, the change of all member plates in such a dwort time in a practically impossible task, considering the track record of the department, which income thousands of tasks of the record of the department, which income thousands of tasks of the record of the department, which income the adult of the department of the StA' to BLER and other registration series with a delay of three to five years.

The relevant department meeds to give realistic deadline of a beast 1.2 months for the change of vehicle manber plates. Earthermore, the cost of the recerminate plates, and abould be borned by the government, and abould be adjusted against the nather healty motor vehicle tax that all the motor vehicle tax that all the motor vehicle tax that all the motor to the post of the post power to be the plates along the post of the power of the first part healty motor vehicle tax that all the motor vehicle tax that all the

Americ Mahik Karachi

FBR's utter failure

THIS is with reference to the editorial. Revenue or with restoration to the editorial "Revenue in a goldcy" (Dec 26). One should be forgiven for thirking that Pakintan was created for facilitating localized and phondering by amogglers, facousaiers as well as other such 'worthy' citizens.

the province with new plates by April 3. For building properts worth a trillion. This irredves a change of number plates. reports (which appeared in the same issue

of the newspaper), one worders why the read emate sector is left urnamed. My driver's counts had to boreus Rall million from friends and relatives to pay an agent who helped him get a Canadian von and bords merel.

million from Friends and relatives to pay an agent who holped him got a Canadian visa and muck power it.

Unsurprisingly, the victims of the record bost trappedy more Greece paid up to Rah. Smillion each to agents to get into that courtry (degally.

In contrast, more than three million Pakistoring to Sandi Arabia every year without paying date taxes, while from Bangladosh the figure is past 100,000.

Obviously, there are thousands, if not poor, of taxeroders in the country. But the Federal Board of Heverase (FBIO is madde to "deat ify" flows.

One restantesis and dispiping malls are fell of people whosts seen beying and to all totaling themselves with despiting and totaling themselves with despiting and totaling themselves with a fell total, and our worlding halfs crostflow with totaling women's toa ring ploudlery worth malloon taxpayers because if the FBE is aimply unable to "dept ify" taxes when a million taxpayers because if y takes when a million taxpayers because if y takes a when.

Unfortunately, each and every save casing government in Pakinatan has lacked the courtrage to take action against those who evoids exame.

But, then, is this not because two barry.

who evode taxes.

But, then, is this not because we have been raised for decades by those who have exempted themselves from paying taxes?

Shakir Lakhani

Dubious practices

ON Dec 21, I went to the Clifton driver's horses branch in Karachi in got rey driver's horses reserved. It turned out to be a mined experience. Since I went early at about 9am, the queses was not being and the initial registration process was completed metfuly. However, since the National Barks of Pakintan (NAP) constant rables was retained. confider was recentry, the applicants had to keep waiting for his arrival on the scene.

long realting for his arrival on the access. The same step-of medical consistention also entailed an irritating soul business the duty doctor had not arrived pot.

On the way out, I man approached by a shady looking test, who offered his services for see horse-related matter. As I approached my properly parked car, a parking main man appeared out of neathers and demanded a parking fee, which I reliand to pay! I wan not actorished when he claimed that the licence branch officials were seed arrived at the practice and, in fact, had a share in the day's collection.

fact, had a share in the day's collection. He only reletated when I threatened to call police at Helpline 15 to report his illegal activity. Obviously, there have been some improvements in the licence issuing procedure, but why can we not get rid of certain dubious

Name and Victoria

▶ CONFUSING STATION: I found the atmosphere at Labore Railway Station shocking and confusing during decring a recent visit. The moment I get out of the train, I was chicken about where to go and whom to approach. There were no staff steembers to assist the peaserages, and the signage was inadequate. Also, to my disappointment, there were no eppeopriate arrangements for persons with special monds. In all civilized sociotics, special consideration is given to people with disabilities, but, sadly, at the busiling railway station of Labore, the absence of such consideration was complement. The authorities concerned need to made railway stations of the contributions acress Pakistan sade and confurnities for all travellers. Nonabersian AM Islamshad b. CONFUSING STATION: I found the batternothed.

► HALDGAL HUNTING: Diegol burning jb. ILLIGIAI, HUNTENG: Ellegal beauting has beevere rampast across Palis ase, causing servor excellent arm. The recent alliest shooting of markbox, a protested and rare aposition, in Boston region of Plahin in a stark continuor of this growing lasse. Despite existing lass, as significant step has been taken to effectively curb tilegal beating of birds and entirely curb tilegal period power in the curb that continued required presents. and manuals. Expects there come a manual that continued roughtperior posses a grave threat to Pakistan's environment and widdlife correct ration efforts. We meed to limon to the expects and find long-torm solutions that are despotately nd to address this persistent into Jeffen Khoos

► SUFFOCATED KARACHURES:

Public parks and playgrounds are vital for environmental and busins boulds. Yet, in Karachi, these spaces are either shrucking, encroached upon, or poorly maintained. For a metropolis of Karachi's magnitude, the number of accomible and functional public parks is alamingly be been been entired. low, leaving meltions of people without a place to servind, or consent with nature. We need to reclaim our city. For this, city planners and government officials should make green spaces a priority, set up and protect parks, and entere that every neighbourhood has accord to them. Fenergya Rafi Karashi

External Ombuduman

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Judicial reforms should precede jail reforms

THIS is with reference to the report "LBC calls for comprehensive juil reference in Pseudot (Dec 26). This is, indeed, a step in the night direction. However, as mentioned in the report, the primary focus serious to be on building more prisons to receive the problem of overcrossing and providing facilities that may make detection control resemble a golden cage. Write basis recensition are important or more mone segrification, the reality remains that a prison is still a prison.

As I see it, the focus should also extract to other departments of the quintinal justice system to address the root causes of overcrowding and avoid structures of inserter in the reality from investing and avoid structures of overcrowding begins with the registration of the first information report (FIR) by the been police. We tropscritty witness cases where individuals,

local police. We frequently witness cases where individuals once transferred to jail for minor nanostics offences or theft, return every few months, and accore bails and acquittals

Additionally, the slow page of adjustication further compounds the problems. This includes probeinged delays caused by judicial variations, both summer and winter, similar to those of teachers, while immates continue to languish in just. It would, therefore, be botter and more practical if, along with addressing other aspects of just reforms, attention is



also given to the processes of sending people to jail, and unsuring that instants to not largersh undecomarily due to systemic isofficiencies, particularly due to judges' vacations

Billiot Albertoni

Assistant Superintendent, Jail Abbertabad

PTI leader Bangash indicted for firing on police

Bureau Report

PESHAWAR: An anti-terrorism court on Saturday indicted Psketan Tehroek-insal leader and former provincial minister Karnan Khan Bangash for allegedly firing gunshots on police and sheltering absorbing former toderal minister Murad Based.

Mr Bangash pleaded not guilty to the charge and decided to stand that.

Judge Asad Khan fixed Jan 20 for next hearing and also summored prosecution witnesses on that dels.

The FIR of the occurrence was registered on Oct 20, 2023, at Charriani police station under different provisions of the Pakestan Penal Code and Anti-Terrorism Act.

Act.

A big contingent of police had raided the residence and hujts of Mr Bangsah and had taken from into custody.

The police alleged that they had information about presence of an absconder, Murad Seeed at the place.

It was alleged that when the raiding team vested the hujts of Mr Bangsah some armed men also fired at them resulting into injuries to hwo cops, identified as Plashid and Kaleerin.

Mr Bangash was subsequently granted but by an ATC on Oct 30, 2023. He had denied the charges and stated that the CCTV footage of the police raid didn't show any attack on police personnel. He claimed that neither the police recovered any weapon from the postession nor were any evidence or marks of fired bullet available on record. He stated that the case was politically motivated arrived at victimisons from.

motivated armed at victimising him.

Four miners laid to rest in Shangla

By Gor Correspondent

VC for Chitral varsity demanded

By Our Correspondent

CHITRAL: Pakistan Muslim League Nawac's Chitral information secretary and human rights activist Near A Near Advocate has demanded of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government to fill the post of vice-chancellor of the University of Chitral, which has been lying vacant for the last one-and-half year, affecting this nascent institution.

Taking to reporters here on Saturday, he said that all the three key administrative positions of registrar, controller of examinations and treasurer were also lying

Viscant.

He said that the university had no scademic staff above 6PS-19 and positions of associate professor (BPS-20) and professor (BPS-21) were vegant.

Mr Nisari said that the PTI government should give up its "obnoclose policy of politicising the universities", which must be heated only as the high seats of learning.

Mr Nezi regretted that the dual charge of the university had been given to the vice-chancelor of Shaheed Benzair Bhutto University, Sheringal Upper Dir, which was not possible for the incumbent to look after



CHILDREN play near the broken embankment of the Yakatoot Canal in Peshawar on Saturday. — White Star

Nine killed, 12 injured as trailer falls over passenger coach in Karak

CM, governor condole deaths. order best possible care for injured

By Gitsulam Mursalin Marwet

LAKKI MARWAT: Nime peo-ple loss their lives and a dozen-wersined injeries in a tragic road accident in Katuk district on Saturdey.

Police and Beneue 1122 offi-cials and that a trailer foll over a presence cough when its

can't sped that a trailer feel over a pace-raper coach selsen in driver lost control of the vehi-cle due to bridge failure near Amberi Kallay area. They out that the corrainer also dem-aged other vehicles parked

Reserve officials said that Rescue officials said that eight persons died on the spot, while L3 others were injured, who were provided first aid by the rescuer and later skilled to the District Headquarrows Hospital, Karak. They said eight rescue service's arithm lances and recovery validies lances and recovery vehicles took part in the relief efforts

ter the accident. The officials said the mishap



occurred on the bury Perhanser Karachi Highway in the limits of Yaqueb Khan Shahned police

station.
A police official said that a contingent along with the traffic wardens reached the versus immediately and humbed a rescor operation. He said that the injured persons were retrieved from the couch and other whiches and shifted to the District Headquarters Bospital.

The police official said eight injured, including a minor girl, accombed at the bospital.

A rescue official, however,

said that nine people perished.

said that nine people perished in the societient.

The decisand were identified as Mehammed Ishan, 5%, a resident of Karak, Awan Khan, 45, resident of Titteribled arms of Lakki Marwet, Aama, 24, resident of Mashished, Nolla, 3, Qainer Khan, 30, Shurafat All and Salin Khan, 45, resident of Titteribled, and Qadir, 35, a resident of Kira Diacet. One of the deceased persons could not be identified immediately.

The impured included Ejaz,

The injured included Ejaz, 19, needent of Takhr Nunrati

Shuk Zaman, 45, resident of Shah Zaman, 45, resident of Straightal, Kashiri, 33, resident of Gardi Banda, Mohammad Latif, 50, resident of Mosakam, Hamifallah, 49, resident of Algadi Karak; Ali Abbas, 50, resident of Chekara Karak, Alecena, 4, Zainah Bibi, 30, and Khafijia. 2, resident of Tangasay, Aqib, 24, resident of Titorichel, and Allah Bakhuh, 71, resident of Tannas Sharif (Penjab).

The police official said that they had arrested the trailer driver, Samiullah, a resident of Lakki Marwat, in injured con-dition and shifted him to the

ospital. The said that the highway had on cleared for vehicular traf-

been cleared for vehicular traffic.

Mearwhile, in a statement innext in Perhamar, Khyber Pakhturckhwa Chief Minimer Ali Amin Khan Gandapur expressed his sorrow river the deaths of nine people in the traffic accident. The statement said that the chief minister also extended his sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives and these who lost their lives and those who were injured.

Mr Gardapur directed the bealth tests those who were injured in the traffic accident.

Another statement unid KP Governor Fainal Karin Kundi took notice of the traffic minimal directed the relevant authorities to farnish details about it.

He also directed the health

about it.

He also directed the health authorities to provide all possible assistance to the injured during their restaurers. He also directed the Pakistan Red Crescent Society to carry out relief activities and asked the next weaker welfare to desare blood activities before places. party workers to domane blood for the victims of traffic mis-

Committee formed for campaign against KP-Fata merger

By Our Correspondent

KRYBER: The Feta Quanti Jirga (FQJ) on Saturday announced the formation of a 48-member committee to belater their compaign against the 2018 Fata-Khyber Pakhttankhwa merger in all seven tribal dis-tricts and ata former Prostier

Regions.
The development came during a FQJ meeting held in the Januard area here with Multi-Risarda from tribul districts and Frontier Bogions showed up in hereasterness.

Frontier Regions showed up in large mambers.

Mr Bismillah said that people in tribal districts form of the failure of the move to marge Fata with Klyrber Pakhtunidiwa in 2018 and that distribute the failure to fulfil contest marts regarding the tribal engine's development.

Be instanted that while the leducal government failed to execute major development failed to execute major development failed to execute major development projects in any of tribal districts through

funds, the region had plunged into complete administrative chaos amid worsening law and

chaos and worsening law and order situation.

"People of the tribal region have realised that the merger plan was ill-conceived, while most stabarbolders securit taken into confidence by authorities at the time of the passage of 25th Constitutional Amendment, fearing the region with a plothera of legal, security and political issues," he said.

The FQI leader said that the model formed consumine consisting of three regeneratives consisting of three regeneratives with an according to the plant of the plant o

impetus to the anti-merger cam-paign among disheartened

He said that the FQJ was the He said that the FQJ was the main stotivating force behind lacquing the anti-merger case-paign alive on both political and legal freeze as they had also chal-lenged the Zith Constitutional

OATH-TAKING CHILIMONY Advisor to the chief minimum or conservationism and develop-ment Suball Afridi has said that

ment Submil Afridi has said that journalists in Khyber tribed district have successfully high-lighted the region's issues despite facing a very hostile and challenging sovironment.

During the sudh-taking commony for the newly-elected cabract of Jammad Fress Clob the other day, Mr Afridi said that corruption and other ills evaluate to reproduce the region if journalists performed their responsibilities becomely and professionally.

fewereally.

He said that houses and six-ere journalists could play the role of a bridge between the goverroment and ordinary citizens

The side to the CM associated a donation of Bi-200,000 for the press clob. The coremony was attended by local edders, mem-bers of the local traders associa-tion and civil society, political activities, and members of the

Efforts on for safe release of contractual workers

LAKKI MARWAT: Local EARKI MARWAT Local olders and darborities have accelerated effects to secure the safe release of hidragped Palsitins. Atomic Energy Commission workers from

terrorists.

In a video that surfaced on

In a video that nurthered on Saturday, the abduction solid the government to accept the demands of cap-tors for their freedom.

Elders of Abu Shabsedickel Jirga discussed the issue with authorities all through the day. It was their second associng in the last two days with the local administration and security officials at the deporty commissioner's office in the District Headquarrers Complex Tajansi.

Complex Tajazai.

Relatives of the kidnapped workers as well as chiefs of other class and members of the

other claim and members of the Moreovich Control of the Edward Moreovich Control of the Edward Moreovich Control of the Edward Control of the Edward Moreovich Control of the Edward Moreovich

The elder said the meeting lasted until oversing, with both sides agreeing an ser-eral important points which would pave the way to free abdiction and take captors to

In the video clips, which

In the video clips, which went viral on social needla, an abdayine, accompanied by others, shared demands of the kidnappers.
"Biday is our third day in supplyity. The news of our release is not true as 30 wochers are still in custody," he said.

The worker said the captors wanted the greenwest to release "mujabidees" and their family members, including children, and avoid demolishing their bouses and discrepecting the bosties. disrespecting the bodies.
He added that the kidney-

KP govt pours Rs100bn into free healthcare since 2016

53pc of Sehat Card beneficiaries are women, says health dept report.

By Ashtag Yusutzai

PESHAWAR: The Khylen Pakhtunkhwa health depart-ment has sport around Rs100 billion on the provision of free healthcare under the Sehat Card Plan programme to 3.89 million portents since its bearschies 2006.

Beneficiaries of the health 2.09 million (53.07pc) scomen, 1.79 million (46.03pc) men and 17 transgender persons, seconding to an official report. According to it, private bos-pitals earned Re54.52 billion and public bospitals Re44.66 billion from the SCP, with the former receiving 2.05 million patients and the latter 4.12 willion.

million (6.6pc of the total) patients aged 140 years, 0.26 million (5.3pc) aged 10-20 years, 0:64 million (56.4pc) from 20 to 30, 0.68 million (17.4pc) aged 30-40 years, 0.53 million (13.5pc) aged 40-50, 0.54 million (13.5pc) aged 50-60 years, 0.5 million 0.54 million (13.79c) ages 50-10 years, 0.5 million (12.79c) aged 60-70 years, 0.31 million (8pc) aged 80-70 years and 9,609 (0.2pc) aged

90 and above.

The report said the cost of treatment for scorers was recorded as \$8.50.00 billion (\$1pc of the total), slightly

recorded at Ba50.06 billion (51pc of the total), slightly more than man's Ba48.02 billion (49pc).

The report unid the Lady Reading Hospital Pesiliarous treated 188.057 patients (4.8pc of the total) and currend Bat.71 billion (6.8pc), while the Peshawar Institute of Cardiology offered treatment as 55,679 patients (1.4pc) and generated Rois023 billion (6.1pc).

The Hayambad Medical Complex received 6.12 million.

Complex received 0.12 million patients (3p; of the total) and carned ReS 19 billion (5.2pc). Institute of Radiotherapy and Nuclear Medicine 81,607

patierris (2.1pc) and Re3.36 billion reverses (3.5pc), Ayub-Feaching Beoptial Abbot tabel 171,660 patients (3.4pc) and Re3.3 billion income (3.3pc), and Khyber Feaching Beopital

Rsl.3 billion income (J.3pc), and Khyber Feaching Hospital 111,008 perionts (2-9pc) and Rsl.49 billion revenue (2-5pc). The report also revealed that Rs.22.65 billion was spent on 192,009-cardiology patients, Rsl.1.77 billion on 525,551 gen-eral patients, Rsl.1.03 on granocology patients, Rs.706-billion on receiving patients, Rs.4.94 billion on Res.57 billion on encology patients. Res.94 billion on cases and Rodas. orthopodic cases and Rs4.85 billion on 49,562 sencesurgery

Miser parisens (410,471) were treated in Penhawar's public and private bospitals. They

made up 10.55pc of the total patients treated sader the SCP programms since its learnch by the PTI government in 2016, according to the

report.

All districts, everyt a few without well-equipped hospitals, received more than 0.1 million patients.

The report revealed that private hospitals, which had attracted bulk of the amount from the health insurance programme since 2023, recorded. gramme since 2023, recorded a decline last year as the government postricted them from corrying out most

emocyonochomy, carearwan delivery, tonsillactomy, cuta-ract, angiography and septo-plasty and SMR after neutric-tions by government on pri-wise hospitals.

forming untroceoury pro-dures to increase earnings.

The government encour-aged its hespituls to implemont a revenue-starring for-mula and thus, encouraging staff members to take a greater interest in SCP

proportions to benefit public patients.

New, the Lady Reading Boughtal, the largest public sector leads for appendectumy, province, is admitting all SCP

partients to generate become revenue, while the district level beopticis are upgrading their sorvices to attract more stainers and generate income to besselt employees and patients. The patients receive from services, while beoptical decises, surses and paramed less get share in the income from SCP cases.

The report said of the total 0.8757 million patients from

0.8767 million patients from last year, the private hospitals received 0.24968 million (28pc) and the private hospi-tals 0.627 million (72pc).

The private hospitals received 99pc patients in 2016, 76pc in 2017, 55pc in 2018, 75pc in 2018, 19pc in 2022, 65pc in 2022, 60pc in 2022 and 52pc in 2023.

BUSINESS





Exports to Europe rise to \$3.8bn in July-Nov

By Mubarak Zab Khan

ISLAMABAD: Exports to European countries grew 8.62 per cent in the first five morehs of the covern fis-cal year, mainly due to higher shipments to western

The resurgence in exports to Europe in the current cal year was due to a slight increase in demand for Pakistani goods in western, eastern and northern

In abrodote terms, Pakistan's exports to the European Union (157) reached \$3,866 billion in July November FY 25 from \$3,550 m in the same period has year, according to data completel by the State Bank of

Pakieran.

In PY24, Pakieran's exports to the EU dispect 3-12pc
to 58.240bn despite its GSPs status, which allows
distribute entry into ment European markets.

In October 2023, the European Parliament unantroomly word to extend the GSPs status for another
four years until 2027 for developing countries, includting Pakietan, to orige duty-few or minimum duty on
European exports.

European exports.

Western Europe, which includes countries such as Germany, the Netherlands, France, Doly, and Belgion, accounts for the largest portion of Pakistan's exports to the EU. The exports to this region increased by 11.67pc to \$1.900km in SMFV25, up from \$1.710bn in SMFV24.

11.6 Type to \$1.000hm in SMFY25, up from \$1.730hm in SMFY24.

There is also a slight increase in experts to eastern and northern Europe shring the ported under review. The expects to the nearth of Europe save a rise of \$0.44pc to \$288.35 hm in SMFY25, up from \$281.092m in the corresponding months had year.

Expects to sociations Europe save a pairty sheline of 2.87pc to \$1.270m in SMFY25 from \$1.3710m in the corresponding period has year. In this region, experts to Spain dipped \$.54pc to \$600.87m in SMFY25 from \$4.3710m in the corresponding period has year. In this region, experts to Spain dipped \$.54pc to \$600.87m in SMFY25 from \$4.58.55m in the promeding year.

Expects to half declined \$.24pc to \$480.75m in SMFY25 compared to \$500.97m in the name period has year. Expects to 1819 declined \$.24pc to \$480.75m in smgmal increase of 15.40pc to \$59.17m during the year under period at \$1.24pc to \$59.17m during the year under review against \$51.26m over the previous year.

Expected to \$4.25pc, The aspert value to this region aroad at \$17.2.24m, up from \$256.87m in the corresponding period last year.

Before Breat, Pakintan's engine expect destination was the United Kimplom. In the post-Breat period, Pakintan's experts to the UK slightly were up to \$955.00 in SMFY25 from \$860.48m over the corresponding period of last year, indicating an increase of \$2.25pc.

In FY24, Pakintan's experts increased by 2.33pc to

8.25pc. In FV24, Pakintan's exports increased by 2.35pc to 82.014bs to like UK from \$1.968bs in the preceding

The British government, however, has semired bilamelast that there will be no charge in the post-Breati scenario, as evidenced by Pakistan's inclusion in an preferential marks a scenar scheme.

Pakistan's expects to Western Energie increased by 11.67pc to \$1.908an in SMFY24 from \$1.738m limit

year.
Exports to Germany surged 15.29pc to 8707.65m in SMFY24 from \$613.77m. Similarly, exposts to the Notherlands, the second biggest market for Pakistani goods, increased 10.86pc to \$621.16m in SMFY24 from \$850.25m ever the corresponding period of last year.

Exports to France rose 11.42pc to \$228.86m to SMFY24 from \$200.88m, followed by a 2.52pc rise to Belgion's \$257.85m apprint \$236.21m over the name period-last year.

Strategies discussed to boost trade with UAE

INLAMARADE While INLAMARAD: With-unknowledging the imme-rie contributions of the Pakistarii disspore in the United Arab Emission, Commerce Misinter Jam Kamal Khan has said that the mission sector ideas. the private sector plays a picotal role in solidifying shade and investment incitilations between the rese-

Speaking at a luncheon sped by the Pakintan Statistics Council in Dobai on Friday, Mr Kantal usped the business baselors to exp-

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boost trade, investment, and caparts.

He discussed strategies to strengthen Pakintan-UAE toole partnerships further. The event under-scored the importance of voltabusative affairs. In collaborative efforts in achieving sustainable connomic growth and foster-

ing dooper bilareral ties.

Mr. Kamat. discussed trade and development with the Pakistan Business Council members. The gathering marked a renewed committeens by basis on opportunition to both public and private busis bilateral trade and sections to neither to neither to neither to neither the neither to neither and unfock the economic development. He erastreement's initiatives in the UAE.—Reporter

IMF chief sees steady world growth, disinflation

Forecasts economic slowdown in EU, India • Global outlook report to be released on 17th

WASHINGTON: The Incornational Monotary Fund (IMF) will forecast steady global growth and continuing disinflation when it releases an updated Warld Economic Outlook on Jamesry 17, IMF Managing Director Krustalina Georgieva sold reporters on Friday.
Georgieva sold february than expected, although there was high uncertainty around the trade policies of the alministration of President-cleer Durald Trump; that was adding to brealwinds facing the global economy and driving inspected in the sale of the sold of the sale of t

Overall, interest rates were expected. to stay "somewhat higher for quite some

time," she said.
The IMF will release an applate to its

global seriook on Jan 17, just days before Trump takes office.

Georgierwis comments are the first indication this year of the IMFs evolving global outlook, but the gave no datailed peoplections.

In October, the IMF raised in 2024 economic growth forecasts for the US, Brail and Britain had one them for China, Japan and the Europoole, citing risks from potential new trade wars, around conflicts and tight momentary policy.

At the times, it left us forecast for 2024 global growth unclassical at the 3.2 per sent projected in July and invered its global forecast for 3.2pc growth in 2025 by size-tonith of a percentage point, worning that global medicantering growth would lade to 3.4pc in five years, well delow its pre-pandlemic terms, "Not emprisingly, given the size and role of the US economy, there is keen interest globally in the policy directions of the incoming administration, in pur-At the time, it left in forecast for 2024

"This uncertainty is perviculedly high around the path for trade policy going forward, adding to the benchrinds fac-ing the global economy, especially for constricts and regions that are more integrated in global supply clustes, medican sized economies, [and] Asia as a section.

a region."
Georgiera said it was "very unassal" that this uncertainty was expressed in higher long-term interest rates even though short-term interest rates had gone down, a trend not norm in recent

The IMF are divergent trends in dif-The IMF are divergent return or ta-berest regions, with generit or posted to stall non-white in the European Union and to weeken "a little" in India, while Frazil was facing assessed higher initiation, Georgieva said.

In China, the world's second-largest economy after the United States, the

IMF was seeing deflationary pressur and ongoing challenges with domest demand, the said.

Lower-income comming, despite referes effects, were in a position whore any new shocks would his them "quite regatively," she said. Georgieva said it was notable that

Georgieva unid it was notable that higher interests rates maded to combin triflation had not pushed the global economy into recession, but boudline inflation developments were divergent; which these certral barkers model in carefully measure focal data.

The strong US dellar could potentially sensit in higher ferding costs for energing market economics, the said.

Most consister recoled to out fiscal spending after high outlays during the Coxid-19 purelessic and adopt refer into being growth in a datable way, she said, abling that in most cases, this could be done while protecting their growth

done while protecting their growth prospects.-Restors

Falling tea imports causing losses, says association

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHE The Pakis KARACIII: The Pakin-ran Tes Association (PTA) on Saturday claimed that the imposition of Rs1,200 per kg minimum retail price (MRP) has showed down black out imports. PTA Chairman Mulum-med Altaf informed the Fesheral Board of Revenue (1988) but the imports

(FER) that ten imports phanged to 31,651 tomeses (\$76 million) during November December against 40,626 tonnes (\$97m) in the corresponding period

the corresponding period last year.
The decliming imports larve cassed a revenue loss of Rab.25 billion to the net ional exchanges in the first half of FY25.
He warred that if the MRP stays, the loss of severes to the exchanger will cross Rabits by the end of the curious to the such seal of the curious fixed year.
Moreover, he said the minuse of the government's regions of the government's regions accompliance continue.

tractions observed intro-continuous sensitived on account of Futa-Para followed by co-EstacPeta followed by re-copport under the Expert Facilitation Scheme (EUS), gross-missed by undervalu-ation, underweight, quan-try and quality of dry ports facility etc.

He unged the FBR to withdraw the SRO 1738-01/2024 releasing to MRP imposed from Nev 1, 2024, and also limit quanti-tative imports under Etal.

Peta as per their popula-

Puts on per their popula-tion, which is four million, erbiels means their ten-imports to be limited to four million kgs only.

Global job market poised for major technological shift by 2030: WEF

ISLAMABADY Technological change, geo-sconomic fragmen-tation, economic sociertainty, demographic diffs and the green transition - individually

domographic diffu and the green transition — individually and in conditionion — ere among the major drivers superied to shape and in referen superied to shape and irrarely superied to shape and irrarely the global labour market by 2030, contions a new report from the World Enerosate Foreign (WEF).

The Teture of John Report 1,000 heading global employers (1,000 heading global employers collectively representing more than 14 million workers across 22 inclustry chanters and 55 eventowing from around the world — to examine hope these macro-towns impact jobs and dillin, and the worldorer transition strategies employers plan to entering in apact jobs and dillin, and the worldorer transition strategies employers plan to emplank on in response, across the 2025 to 2010 timedrame.

Broadening digital across is expected to be the even transformative trend — both across tochrology related trends and orderall — with 60 per cost of comployers aspecting it to transform their business by 2000. Advancements in technologies, particularly artificial intelli-

movements in trackend particularly artificial intelli-gence (Al) and information pro-

gener (Al) and information pro-cessing (96, per cere); reloating and setomation (58pc); and overgy generation, storage and distribution (48pc), are also expected to be transformative, the expect says.

These transformative or independent have a divergene effect on jobs, driving the fastest-growing and fastest-declining roles and fuel-ling demand for technology-related skills, including Al and big data, natroorder and for-certify and technological liter-acy, which are anticipated to be the top three fastest-growing skills.

Increasing cost of living ranks as the second-most transforms



DEMAND for workers in technology-related roles like big data anatysts, tribech engineers, At and machine learning sprapidly mang.—All Pittile

tive trend everall — and the top trend related to economic conditions — with half of employers appected to drive an increasing place. Climate trends are also jobs. Climate trends are also jobs and articipated reduction to global inflation. To a house extent, the general economic slowdown tremains at the top of the mind and in expected to transform 42pc of hustrones.

Factors driving job creation.

Inflation is predicted to here a mixed outlook for not job creating and declining working and propositions, and

Enflacion is predicted to hove a mixed outlook for net job crea-tion to 2000, while adover growth tion to 2030, while slower growth in supercired to displace 1.6 mil-line, jobs globally. These two impacts on job creation are expected to increase the domand for creative thinking, resilience,

for creative thinking, resilience, floribility, and agility skills.
Climate change mirigation is the third-most transformative trend overall—and the hap trend related to the green transition—while climate change adaptation ranks such with 47 per com and 41 per cont of employers, respectively, expecting those trends to transform their basismens in the next free years.

ness in the next five years.

This is driving demand for roles each as renewable energy moors and electric and autono-mous vehicle specialists, all

expanding working ago popula-tions, prodominantly in lower-

Ageing populations draw growth in heathcare jobs such as receiving professionals, while growth in heathcare jobs such as receiving professionals, while growth and growth in education related professions, such as higher advantation troubters.

Geo-economic fragmentation and geopolitical terminism are expected to drive heathcat of Ab per court of surveyed organizations in the mixt five pour to distribute the disk per court of global employers identify increased frattrations on trade and investment, or well as subsidies and industrial policies. (21 per cent), as factors shaping

Employers who expect geo-re-enomic trends to transform their business are also more likely to offshore — and even more likely offshore — and even more bliefy to re-shore — operations. These trends drive domaind for secu-rity-related job rules and discrease demand for serverk and cyberaccurity skills. There is also an increasing domaind for other human cornered skills such as resilience, flexibility, agility, leadership, and social influence. Extrapolating from the predictions shared by Furure of John Survey respondents, on current treated over the 2025 to 2020 period job creation and destruc-tion due to errectural labour mar-lost transformation will amount

kot transformation will amount to 22pc of teday's total jobs.

in 22pc of today's total jobs.

This is expected to certail the creation of new plat equivalent to 14 per even of teday's total employment, amounting to 170m jobs. However, this growth is expected to be offset by the displacement of the expected so be offset by the displacement of the expected so be for the continuous plates, resolving in not growth of 7pc of total employment, or 78 million jobs.

Documents of the fast of the fast of the fast of growing jobs in per-cernage turns, including big-data specialists, finnesh engi-reers, Al and markitive learning specialists and software and application developers. Grosss and criergy transition roles, including antianismost and elec-tric rehicle specialists, environ-mental originators, and reneva-tible strong stagisters, are among the fast-origineers, and reneva-tible strong stagisters, are among the fast-origineers, and selection (Gortool and Secretarial Workers — including cashiers and ticket clerks, and selection matter consists for and elections tratter consists for and elections.

secretaries — are expected to spe the largest decline in almo-late consisters. Similarly, busi-nesses expect the festest-declintrig roles to include postal ser-vice clorks, bank tellers and data outry clorks.

Govt utilises 63pc of RDA inflows

Pakistan gets \$9.3bn via Roshan Digital Account

By Shehid lighel.

KARACIII: Pakisten utilised 63 per KARACIII: Pakistan utilized to por-cers of inflaves it received through the Roshars Dagital Accounts (RDAs) by the rull of Decomber 2024, superted the State Back of Pakistan on Seturday. Nince the launch of RDA on Sept 10, 2025, the country has received over \$9.34 billion, and \$5,911 billion has been superfered to the country has received over

the calendar year 2024. The data showed the government stillined \$1.3.67kn from RDA inflows during 2024.

With the collaboration of communical banks, the RDA facility allows Near Resident Pakistania (NSPs) to open a banks account in Pakistan digitally. The account can be used for banking, payments, and investments in Pakistan. The RDA can also be used to easy terms for the RDA can also be used to easy for each force. RDA can also be used to send foreign promittamous to Politiman.

With a 33pc surpo in remittances dur-ing the first ball of FY25, the governments will likely meet the trade deficit and keep the correct account in sarpha dur-SV.34 billion, and SS.911 billion has been utilized, reveals the SBP-the BDA inflows hig. FV25. However, the foreign direct meeting to the SBP-the BDA inflows proved highly important for the government waiting for a SSBn trenche from the DBI; while a received over 525x in PAintain as it made it possible for the

first time to allow them to open an account in a Pakistoni back entirely depictly in a presence-feet manner with our receding to visit say bank, embassy consulates. The SEP data further reveals if

\$1.75n has been repatriated since RDA banching, while \$1.73bn is still reparable. The rising mumber of accounts and goots many overs interested in RDA. erson Pakistania are The SBP data shows that by the end of

2024, the resrober of accounts reached 778,753.

Bankow and the inflowe in RIA dar-ing 2024 were higher than the previous year. They believe this was due to exchan-ge rate stability. The dollar rate had been steady at Sal78 for more than a year. However, despite higher resultances.

and improved exports, the RDA and FDI inflows couldn't support the country's shelly to meet in external debt reportment obligations without scoking support from the IMF and Irianally countries.

Some bankers said the RDA provid a

good source of foreign exchange for the government. They, however, observed that overseas Pakistanis here so could dence in irrenting in other financial products or sectors.

The overseas Pakintania also bite to see

pulitical stability while investing in high and other such achieves, it believed. They said the RDA could buttored. They and the RDA could use be an alternative to districtly limits at it was before the year 2020, while the distriction for foreign irrestors for attraction for foreign irrestors for mining reasons.

PSX loses 4,340 points in first week of new year

By Muhammad Kashill

KARACHE Amid growing political and security innortainty, the stock market ignored positive occasions stocks and under-west massive pruniting as paticky irrestors instalged in aggrantive selling in the outgo-

ing week.

However, in highly volatile trading during the receivered section, the bulls man-aged to end the four-sension losing streak on the back of last-bear metitutional value-

Arti Babib Ltd (AIII.) sold the market faced consistent pressure throughout the week, with the index closing at 113,247 points. The decline was attributed to ner-well factors, including profit-taking by

institutional investors, political omor-tainty and now (an amendments importing rearrictions on non-filling PSX investors. On the economic foors, soveral positive developments were observed, such as the World Bank set to approve a \$20 billion leading pockage and the UAR redling over \$25s debt. Moreover, the remitteness surged Elge year-onyear in HEY25 to \$17.85s. Furthermore, etc.off yields dropped by 21.50tps in the T-trill auction, reaching the lowest levels store 2022. reaching the lowest levels since 2022.

Moreover, the preprinted successfully raised Rekilship at the GIS aperion across

all tensors, with the majority assessed from the D-year variable rate rent al askoli. The Still resorves remained under pres-sars, dropping \$25m to \$11.09m, However, subdesed quarterly GDP growth of 0.52pc

from 2-3pc in the same period last year, researching political termions, both at the local sand international front and the roses-gence of violence triggered pasts and fine period benchmark index to settle at 113,247 points week.

Sector-wise negative contributions came from banks (367 points), fertilizers (560 points), 100 fbc (534 points), technology (553 points) and convent(367 points). Measurchile, the sectors that contributed positively were super (77 points), miscellizers (590 points). Settly wise negative contributed positively were nager (77 points), miscellizers (141 points), and REIT funds (9 points). Settly wise negative contributes were larger for 1423 points), Marchile (323 points), Marchile (324 points), Marchile (325 points), Marchile (325 points). Mearwhile, settly-wise posi-

tive contributions came from JDW Stager Mills (77 points), Oiland Gas Development Company (60 points), Pskipon Fower (48 points), Morreer Bremery (29 points), and Standard Chartered Bank (Pak) Ltd (19

Foreigner selling continued, toralling \$5.7m compared to a net buy of \$0.7m last work. Major solling was retreased in banks (\$5.8mi, followed by fortilizers (\$2.2m). On the local front, buying was reported by companion (\$10.1m) and Individuals (\$5.2m).

The overage tracking volume transled by a quarter to 782m shares and the value by 27pc to 3115m week soweek.

According to the AIII., the market will likely see a recovery supported by the expectation of positive current account fig.

ures for December 2024. Additionally, after the recent correction, many scrips will attract baring interest.

According to AKD Sequenties Lad, the market will likely maintain its positive trajectory, driven by an anticipated shift of funds from fixed income to equities senial falling fixed income yields. With caving inflation, the upcoming MPC meeting will remain a key focus. rumain a key focus.

Over the medium term, the index is

acticipated to sustain its upward momen-tum through CY25, where we foresee the ESE-100 Index to reach 165,215 points by December 2025, primarily driven by the strong profitability of fertiliner companies, higher mutainable EOEs of banks and improving each flows of E&Ps and OMCs, benefitting from falling interest rates.

Syrian leader, Lebanese PM discuss moves to fortify border

DAMASCUS. Syria's do facto leader Ahmed Al Sharaa met Lebissor's aire-taker Prime Minister Najd-Mikari in Damascus an Saturday in a bid to impress long fraught face, with the pair focusing on strongth entire their shared border.

The trip was the first by a feed of government or transmit in Lebisson and fiare them critically a feed of government by the collection, but office to Syria since Budar Al Assad was nopoled by a sessenting officiality of the property of the collection of the property of the collection of the property of the part of

Milianti in Darmaneus on Sattarday in a bid to improve long-fraught time, with the pair focusing on atrength-enting flacir shared borden. The trip was the first by a board of government to Syria street Bastian Al-Amand was respected by a seconging officency on Dec 8, and the first visit by a Lebarran promise to neight Lebursono promier to neigh-boaring Syria in 15 years.

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The between Dameasum and Econut have often been frample since they become incloperature states in the 1940s.

The countries agreed swears regetted to some includes and some includes and definests their shared land and sen borders as a matter of priority, Mikuti said following the meeting.

"At the top of the list of priorities is the demarca-tion of the land and sea bonders between Lebanon and Syria" and securing

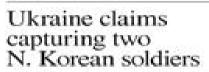
place a massive burden on Lebussese public services.

Al Sharas also passed

the border as his top prior ity, and said the two loads ers had discussed Syrian

ers had discussed Syrian deposits in Lobanese bardes, which have been bardes, which have been inaccentified due to a frue year financial crisis in Lobanese.

"We bepe that the Lobanese prople will about the montality of the previous Syrian relationship in Lobanese and the negative relations that followed," Sharan added, saying there was now an "opportunity to build a positive relationship".—Benters



KYIV: Ukraine has captured two North Korses sol-diers in Ressin's Karek region, President Voledymyr Zolonsky claimed on Saturday.

Zoloresky chainman region, criminest Voscoping Zoloresky chainman on Saturallay.

North Korean regular trisions entered the war on Russia's side in October. Kylv and its western allies institutly estimated their mandors at above 10,000.

In a past on X, Zoloresky said that the soldfore had been brought to Kriv and wore consensationing with the Ulcraima's accurring overlice. 'As with all prisoners of war, these two North Korean soldiers are receiving the accuracy regulated assistancy.' Zoloresky soid. He said that journalists would be given necess to specify to them. Kylv says that North Korean troops are fighting in the Karak region, where Ukraine launched an invariance in August Kylv says that ill controls several limited square kilonestres of tortilory there.

Pyongyang lum also been unpolying Mesone with van quantities of artillery shells, occording to Kylv and in wenturn allies.

ventornallies.
Ukraine had previously claimed it captured North

Koruin soldiers in coredut, but that they had been budly wounded and died shortly afterward.—Restors



LEBANCN's Prima Minister Night Mitati (left) shakes hands with Syria's new leader Ahmed Al Sharaa Sefore their meeting in Damascos on Setuday....AFP

TikTok warns of broader consequences if US top court allows ban

WASHINGTON: The lawyer for TikTok and its Chinese parent company ByteDanus offered a warring during arguments at the top US court over a law that would compel the sale of the short-video app or bus it in the United Status. If Compress could derthin TikTok, it could come after other compe-nies, see

The law, which was the solviers of arguments before the nine Supreme Court judges on Friday, sets a Jan 19 deadline for ByteDance to sell the popular social media platform or face a bass social media platform or face a hast on national severity grounds. The companies have assight, at the very least, a delay in implementation of the law, which they say violates the US constitution's protection signification or protection signification. Superscript free spench.

Noct Francisco, topocaming TikTok and ByurDance, srigned that Supreme Court sudorments of this law could enable statuted targeting other companies so simi-

turgeting office companies on simi-

'AMC movie theatres used to beowned by a Chinese company. Under this theory, Congress could

seder AMC movie theatres to con-

seeler AMC exercis theatres to con-sor any movies that Congress decent the or processon any movies that Congress warsted," Francisco told the padges aggrathed through their questions during the argu-ments that they were inclined to tophold the law, although norm expressed serious concerns about its First Assendances implications. This loke is a pheriorm used by about 170 million people in the United States, roughly ball the recontry's population. Congress

country's population. Congress gussed the measure last year with

passed the measure last year with averwhelming bipart last support, as lawmakers cited the risk of the Chinese government exploiting TikTok to app on Americans and carry out covert influence apportations.

Joffrey Fisher, the lawyer representing TikTok convert occasions who site have challenged the law, noted disting the Supresse Court segments that Congress with this measure was focusing on TikTok and not major Chinese unlike and not major Chinese unlike

retailers irelasting Tomas.
"Would a Congross (that is really sourced about those very dramatic

risks beave out an e-commerce site like Tenns that has 70 million Americans using H? Fisher asked.
Americans using H? Fisher asked.
All very curious very you just single out TikTok alone and not other companion with term of millions of people having their own Just taken, you know, in the process of engaging with those websites and cognily, if not move, matable to Chinese control.

Democratic President Joe Biden signed the measure into law and lits administration to defending is

has administration is defending in in this case. The deadline for divestitizen in past one day before Republikasi Donald Trussy, who opposes the ban, takes office as Bidon's successor.

Floreign adversaries

Solicitor General Ditaboth Prologar, arguing for the Biden administration in defending the last, said it was crucial that it take effect on Jan 19, as scheduled, to order to force ByteDance to act on directions.

"Procein adversaries do not will:

Foreign, adversaries do not will ingly give up their control over this mane communications charmed in the United States," Prelogar-said,—Rooters

Trump's Ukraine envoy attends Iran opposition event

PARIS: US president elect Donald Trump's incoming Ukraine envoy Keith Kellegg was in Paris on Saturday, attending the event of an Irunian opposition group National Conceed of Resistance of Iran (NCRD, according to TV fostage carried by the

Retired Lt Gen Kellogg, who is set to serve as Trump's

Retired Lt Gen Kellogg, who is set to serve as Trump's special errors for Ukraine and Russia, postported a trip to European captiola saction this mouth until after Trump's inauguration on Jan 20.

Kellogg tean set to give a speech at the event later. He has previously epolesm at NCEL events, most receptly in Noromber, but his presented in Paris, even if the new US administration.

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Its coming secretary of state Marco Robio has also spoken at NCEL events in the past. The group has repositedly called for the Eal of the existing formula subtraction, although it is unclear love reach support it has existin freis.

authorities, although it is suclear from reach support it has within brain.

Speaking at the start of the event at Acreers our Cook, the group's beadquarters on the outskirts of Paris, NCRI procedure elect Maryam Hagasi said the regional Robinson of prover had shifted agained from the regional Robinson of Syrio's Sashar Al Assad.

"It is time for Westerin governments to starshot pass policies and starid with the Iranian people this time," the unit. Tevery has vowed to impose reactivation presents on Iran in a bid to force the country to respective a deal on its rareless people of the distribution of the action of the programme, and listin missile programme, and regional activities.

It was unclose whether Robinson Ukraine.

The NCRI, the political arm of the Peoples Majalisheen Organisation of Iran (PMOI), has bedd freeyeast railies in France, often strended by high profile. Incomer US, European and Acab officials critical of Informatical of Interes.

Denmark sent Trump team private messages on Greenland

COPENHAGEN Dermark som private messages to US president elect Donald Trongs team expressing willing-tern to diama boosting security in Greenland or security on Coversland or increasing the US mill-tury presence there with-out claiming the island, Autor repended on Saturday, citing two

nances.
Trump has described US control of Greenhand, a semi-autonomous Danish territory, as an "absolute necessity". He did not dismore the positivial use of military or economic means, including tariffs against Denmark.

Arrion said that the Dunish government transfer from Trump that his security concerns could be addressed with out claiming Greenland. Durish Prime Minister

Darish Prime Minister Mette Proberikann and curtier this work that also had acked for a receiving with Transp, but did not copect it to happen before his transparation. Green land Prime Minister More Egode naid be son ready to speech with Transp, but urged respect to the indeed's independence and indeed indeed to be not be presented.

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outly said that Greenlan is not for sale,--- Resters

Russia sets sights on Libya to replace Syria as Africa launchpad

PARIS: The fall of Rossian ally Rashar Al Assad in Syria has dis-rupted the Kremlin's strategy not only for the Medicerranson but also for Africa, pushing it to focus on Libys as a potential footbold,

Russia russ a military port and are air base on the Syrian coast, designed to facilitate its operations in the Mediterraneou, the Middle Last, and sub-Saharan Africa, espe-

Land, and sub-suburan Africa, espe-cially the Subel, Stalin, and the Central African Republic. However, this studyl is in jeop-ardy with the abrupt departure of the Systam rules.

Although Syria's new leader, Alemed Al Sharaa, has called Russia an "important country", maying "not do not want Russia to hore Syria in the or wath assue wish", the restar-ling of cards in Syria is pushing week a strubegic retreat

Rossia to seek a strategic retreat towards Libya. Rossian supporters already support Khalifa Bañar, a field marshal controlling the case of the country, against the Tripoli-based "government of stational unity" (GNU), which has UN recog-nition and is supported by Turkiye. "The goal is notably to preserve the oragoing Rossian missions in

Africa," and Jalel Hardmooti at the RUSI third tank in the UK,

"It's a self-preservation reflex" for Russia which is anxious "to mitigate the deterioration of its position in Syria", he said.

In Mars, Social investigative consortians "All liyes On Wagner" sheutifled Russian activities at around 30 Librars sine, including the port of Tobrak, where military equipment was delivered in February and April of Inst year.

April of Intl year.

There were around 800 Humian truops present in February and 1,800 m May.

On Don 18 the Wall Street Journal.

citing Libyair and American offi-cials, said there had been a trans-fer of Russian radars and defence special from Syria to Libya, including \$5,000 and \$5,000 anti-air-craft batteries.

"Notable volume".

Since Assad's full on Dec 5, Some Assail's full on the 8, "a notable volume of Bassian military resources has been shipped to Libya from Belanes and Russia", said Harchanat, adding there had been troop transfers as well. Ukrainium intelligence claimed on Jan 3 that Moncow planned "to use composition to transport military

"Disrespt wentern interests"

According to Badi, "Anast offered Mescow' a footbold against Nate's costors flank and a stage to test exilitary capabilities".

Haffar, he said, presents a similar appearantly, "a second to disregativestern interests, exploit Libra's fractional politics, and extend Mescow's influence into Africa".

The Tered interestment and libra.

The Tripoli government and linky, Libya's former colonial manuer, have expressed concern over Restain revenuests, absoly observed by the European Union and Nata.

Several sources say the United States has tried to personde Hafter to denty the Russians a permanent installation as the port of Tobrish that they have covered since 2012. It seems already clear the Krostlin will strongle to find the same level of case in Libya that it had disring Assaff's retige.

"Sayin was sponyonisms," said Ulf Laconing, the Hamako-based head of the Sahel programmer at the Konrad Adentice Petrolation.

"It was this black bees with no Western diplomaters, no journalists. They could hashed programmer, the permanent.



CHESTER: Reform UK party leader Nigel Farage



BERLIN: Manuela Schwerig, who heads the government of Germany's Meditienburg-Verpomment state, displays a scarf with a slogan as she addresses delegates during a congress of the rul Democratic Party, on Saturday.—AFP



N°DUAMENA: Charl's Defence Minister Issakha Malous chief of the French African command, sign an agreement marking the departure of French so from Chachs military base in Abechs.—AFP

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Iran conducts air defence exercises

DUBAL Iran conducted six defence exercises on Saturday as the country braces for more friction with bread and the United States under incoming US

the United States under incoming US providers Donald Trump.

The sear games take place as frantan leaders face the risk that Trump could empower larsely. Prime Minister Berjantin Netwoyalis to article Fun's toclese sites, while further tightening US sarrelises on the oil industry through his "maximum pressure" policy.

"In these secretions, adelente systems will practice that dight against air, reisable will practise the fight against air, reseable

and electronic warfare threats in real bardefield conditions... to protect the country's skies and sensitive and vital serous," Tromian state television asid. Saturday's drills are part of two-months long exercises learnthed us Jan 4 which have already included war games in school the clint Revolutionary Gianrich defended key madear installations. Natural against muck attacks by missil-

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Dear's relibery has said it was using not drosses and reliables in the operines and releases of reliables in the operines and released feetage of a new under grossed "missile city" being visited by Guards queenanderirechted Maj Gas Hoisein Salami Salami warned, in a speech carried by state TV, about a "folio actes of delight" among Iran's evenies, saying Iran and particularly in missile forces were stronger than even.

While Iranian officials have down-played Iran's actionacts in Iranian general, Behrusz Estant, who was reportedly based in Syria, and in a speech circulated on solid reedle that Bran had "lasdly lost" in Syria.

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struck by his predocessor Berack Chanta in 2015 in which from agreed to carb uni-nium surjectment, which care yield mate-rial for miclear weapons, in return for rial for miclour weapons, in ret-the relaxation of US and UN on anothers.—Reuters



CADIZ: Michillyman attend a ceremony before leaving for a six month harring



AMRITSAR: Commuters ride bioycles along a road amid dense log on a sold winter

Four Israeli soldiers killed in Gaza

Netanyahu sends delegation to Qatar for talks on truce and prisoner release

JERUSALEM: The bracki military sold on Saturday at four soldiers had died in combat in the sorth of

that four soldiers had died in combat in the earth of Claus Strip.

The deaths beought to 600 the total member of sol-diers killed in the Palestinian territory since breed launched in ground offensive in retalization for Hansen's Oct 7, 2023, raids to breed.

An officer and a reservint soldier were "seriously wounded" during the same incident and were taken to heapital, the military said in a statement.

The Levell military said on Samortey it had killed

The Levels military sold on Saturday it had killed three Hames fighters in a ground operation near Jubulia, in northern Gaza.

Delegation off to Quar-

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Netangular sent a delegation of senior officials to Quatar on Saturdary for sugorisations on a prisoner release and Gara seasoffice deat, bit office as id.

Notangular held a queeting in Jerusalem with US president when Donald Triangle Middle East envey Steve Witholf, a representative of correct US President Joe Bidles and senior breach officials.

Pollowing the meeting, Notangular instructed the bonds of the Mossad spy agency and Shin Bet security agency as well as General Nicson Alon and foreign policy advisor Optic Falls, "to depart for Dolin in order to continue advancing as deal to release our bestages", the statement said.

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staturement said.

The United States has for more than a year been modifizing talks a longuide Qutar and Egypt for an end to be been supported to the proper regulations between forced. the Gaza fighting, Indirect negotiations between I and Haman resumed last weekend in Qutae.—AFP

Thai man admits to killing former Cambodian MP

BANGEOC: A That man empected of hilling a foreser Carebodian opposition lessenator in Renglost confessed to the crime Saturday in a treatment video. Wearing a white T-thirt under a build-ryroof vent, Exkalak Paennt told police and media, "I confess that I did strong", after being charged with premodit ated man-der and treat being only conjugate. der and unwethorised gus ownership.
"If I dared to do it, I dare to admit to it," he added.

"If I discuss to do it, I dure to admit to it," he added.

Lien Kirrya, a former lawershier for the discussed
Cambodia National Research Parry (CNRP), was guarand
down on Tuesday by a motorcyclist as he arrived in
Banglock by bus from Cambodia with his French with.
Cambodian opposition figures have account the
country's powerful former leader flux Sen of ordering
the shooting. A Cambodian igovernment spokeramen has
derived offlerial irredivenment in the killing.

Police in Cambodia and they arrowed the sespect on
Wedlanding and code himto the Thailtonder on Saturday
following an extradition request.

He was picked up by a pobles belicopter on arrival
and taken to Banglok. "We cash determine the motives
yet, please give setting." said Somprasory, Venthaum, a
serior police official.—AFF



A PROTESTER ergues with a solder during a demonstration against the brasis government.—Reuters

Biden describes Meta decision to do away with fact-checking as shameful

WASHINGTON: US President Joe Biden blasted Meta on Friday for scrapping factobecking on Faulton and Junigam in the United States, calling the move "ceally stamoful" after a glabal returned worned of realworld farm if the tech glast expends in decision to other countries.

Meta claim concurries Merk Zuckerberg triggered alarm Thembey whom he assessment the Palo Alto company was distributed.

Palo Alto company was disching third-party fact-checking in the United States and turning over the task of deburking falledworks to ordinary users under a model known as "Community Notes,"

ordinary stees trader a goodel known as "Community Noves," popularized by X.

The decision was widely seen as an effect Bonald Trump, whose conservative support base has long completed the fact checking on toch pletforms was a way to curtail free speech and conservative support state that checking on toch pletforms was a way to curtail free speech and conservight wing contests.

"I think it's really shameful," Hiden told reporters at the White House when asked about the amountoment.

"Telling the truth matters," he said, adding that the more was "unespictely contrary to everything America's allows." The International Fact Checking Network has warned of decastating converporners if Meta broadens in policy shift beyond US borders to the company's programs; consists more than 100 countries.

"Some of these consists are highly volverable to missinforms, iron that speen political instability.

highly vulnerable to mininforma-tion that spees political instability, election interference, mob vis-lence and over genocide," IFCS, which includes during of news agencies at members, said in an open latter to Zackerberg.

"If Meta decides to stop the pro-gram toorldvide, it is almost cer-tain to result to real-world harm in many places," is added.

Zackerberg doubled down is an interries: Friday with podeaster Joe Regin, comporing the fact checking programme with "some-thing out of 1994," in a reference to George Orwell's slystopten novel.

"destroying as much trust, especially in the United States." Zackerberg also expressed regret for giving "too much deberoose" to the traditional media, criticising it for pushing the narrative that recited media mistrice matter that recited media mistrice matter that occurs the 20% election in favour of Trustip.

"Consequences"

Zuckerborg stunned many when he said on Toronday that facewhen he said on Decoday that Inci-clarificate were "too politically biased," and added that the pro-gram had led to "too much conce-ship." IFCN's better rejected the claim as "false," insinting that Mana's fact-checking partners underwest "rigorous" verification to speed its strict comparimentally standards.

Ear from questioning those standards, it added, Meta had "constanded praised their rigor and officitiveness."

The United Nations rights chief

to George Orwell's slysrogan Vellow Tark she imitted on Friday rorset.

Ble added that the programme, and hote speech soline "is not conwritinh began in 3016, was

Pakistan, China commit to top-notch CPEC 2.0

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media, cultural corhanges and people-to-people linkages.

Hittateval ties

The two sides expressed satisfaction over the "posi-tive trajectory" of bilateral relations and reaffirmed their commitment to further deepwing their all-terative strategic cooperative participathy. They also exchanged views on a range of regional and constituted issues and agreed to further enhance their mixtual coordination and commitations, including through high-level exchanges and dialogue mecha-nisms.

Foreign Secretary Baloch described Pskintan China relationship as "special and unique" and record that the government and people of Pakintan deeply cherished this uniforing friendship.

The meeting reviewed the entire spectrum of practical cooperation between the two countries.

and cooperation between the two conservies.

The two sides undersoured the needs to strongthen their contrast coordination of the multilateral forums, including as the United Nations Security Council.

Later, the foreign secretary held a macring with Executive Vice Foreign Minister Ma Zhanzu.

They cocharged views on Polyman-China relations as well as an regional and international inner of common interest.

Strategic cooperation

Neparately, the archaeolor of China to Pakintan, Jiang Zaideng, said the Pakintan China strategic cooperation will continue to deepen in the foture.

Addressing a covernosy regarding the Chinasa New Year 2025, the archaeolor said that last morth, Khanierals Pass started year-round functioning and called it a "landmark progress".

Be added that the Chanbean Nucleus Power Plant Unit 5, which can area to 40,000 direct and indirect jobs during the construction period, has officially started.

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He said President XI Impiring maintained class construction with the president and prime minister of Pakistan recently and agreed to proceed the construction of China-Pakistan trangle cooperation.

He said China was ready to provide new opportunities for the world with the development of China-Raistan and prime minister for serifical to President XI on the correspondent in Xi-reg arther this most h.

"We firmly believe that regardless of sedder natural distances or compiles and relationship path forward the great cause of building a strong contary and achieving national rejuteration."

He said China's occasiony has continued to stabiling a strong contrary and achieving national rejuteration."

Shahrah-e-Bhutto

The Lifeline of Karachi, the Foundation of Development!



The 39-kilometer-long, 4-lane Shahrah-e-Bhutto Malir Expressway would ease Karachi's hectic lifestyle. It begins at the KPT Interchange and runs along the Malir River, passing through Qayyumabad to Shahrah-e-Faisal and ending near Kathore at the Karachi-Hyderabad Motorway







- The 4-lane expressway is the shortest alternative route from DHA Karachi to the
- This project is designed to ensure fast and safe travel between urban areas of the city and nearby villages.
- The travel time from Korangi Creek Avenue (DHA) to the Super Highway (M-9) will be reduced to 25 minutes.
- It will significantly reduce traffic congestion and fuel wastage.

The Shahrah-e-Bhutto Malir Expressway is not just a road but a milestone in development for the people of Karachi. This project will support the city's growth, create employment opportunities, and provide safe travel facilities.



Qayyumabad to Shah Faisal 9.1 kilometers road has been inaugurated

Progress Accelerated, Prosperity Ahead Shahrah:e:Bhutto







Blame game begins as raging LA fire switches direction

Los Angeles fire chief says his department still understaffed, underfunded

LOS ANCIELES: The largest of the car

LOS ANGELES. The largest of the raging stillfires that have devantated parts of Los Angeles was reported to have shifted direction on Saturday, triggering more execution orders and positing a new challenge to exhausted fireflatters.

Six simultaneous blares that have ripped across Les Angeles County might berboods since Towally have killed at least 11 people and damaged or destroyed 10,000 structures. The tall is expected to mount when fireflatters are able to conduct house to become searches, as official recriminations began over responsibility for the dimenter.

for the dinaster.

Theorgh the fierce Samis Ana wireds that farmed the inferron cased on Friday stage, the Patisades Fire on the city's western edge was beading in a new direction, prompting another evacuation order in it edged towards the Brestwood resignation and the Sam Ternaside Valley boats this, the Lee Augules Towar reported.

"The Patisades fire has got a new significant flare-say on the consistent portion and continues to rearthcost," LA Fire Department Capitain Erik Scott told local station KTLA, according to a report of

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station KTLA, according to a report on the LA Times velocite.

The fire, the most destructive in the history of Los Angelos, has rared whole neighborhoods to the greated, having just the smoothfering rains of what had been people's homes and presentions. Before the latest flare-up, firstlyfluors had reported progress in solidating the Paliandes Fire and the Easten Time in the fosthills was of the metropolis after is formed and destructed for days. On Friday night, the Paliandes Eire was 8pc con-tained and the Easten Fire 3pc, state-agency Cal Fire said.

The two 8pt fires combined had com-named 25,000 acres.

Some 153,000 prople remarked studies

Some 153,000 people remained under execution orders and another 166,800

faced evacuation warnings with a cur-few in place for all evacuation cones, Los Angeles County Sheriff Robert Leave easid.

Seven neighboring states, the federal Seven misphboring status, the fesheral government and Canada have rushed aid to California, bolivoring aerial towns dispiping water and fire serial towns dispiping water and fire serial towns dispiping water and fire serial act on the flameing hills and crews on the ground attacking fire lines with hand rods and bines.

Los Angoles fire chief Kristin Crowbey blamed foreding, cuts to bee department, telling fire News affiliate K. 171. "We are still under resourced, and we're still under resourced, and we're still under the probabile.

still understaffed, we're still underpassarced, and we're still underfunded."
Measurchile, omargement managemapologised after false evacuation aberts
were erromously sent to millions of
probabe phones, sparking passis. "I carl's
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Kevin McGenard, the director of the
Los Angeles County Diffice of
Emergency Management.

And eviation pathorities were inventigating who had piloted an illegal desire
that struck a water-deopping sincreft,
punching a fist-tised hole in the plane
and taking it out of action.

President Eddes also took a veited
ordipe at president select Bordard Trump,
who has sproof misinformation over the
flames that has then been amplified on
outdownessed at Newtonia force.

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of decreases and there trying to take advantage of it," Biden said of the fires.

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While Augeboses grapple with the heart-resulting ruin, argue has risen over officials' gregorystesses and response, particularly for a series of false evectuation alarms and after hydrarus run dry as fivefighters burtled the initial blaces.

Governor Garris Newson ordered a "fall independent review" of the city's utilities, describing the lack of vater seguides during the take of vater seguides during the test of vater seguides during the result of receive seguides during the test of vater seguides during the world of the city's providing." We need asserted to be that happened, he wrists is an open better.

President for Below who declared the fires a major disaster unid the Us government would reinfoure 1900cc of the receivery for the next six morntles.

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Crucial 'black box' data before South Korean plane crash missing

SEDUL: The flight data and codepit voice records and codepit voice records and codepit voice records and codepit voice records a concerning about four reins are concerned at a concerned and codepit voice record-ers on the Jaju Air jet that crushed on Dec 29 stopped recording about four min-utes before the airliner hit a concrete structure at South Korea's Muon airpeach, the transport minus try said on Naturday.
Authorities investigat-

ing the distanter that killed 179 people, the teorst on South Korean

scorar on South Korvan unit, plan in analyse what caused the "Market boars" to stop recording, the ministry unit.

The roise recorder was initially seadysed in South Korvat, and, when data was found to be missing, sent to a US National Transportation Safety Board laboratory, the ministry said. The dams agod flight dams recorder. seas taken to the United States for analysis in

airport's runway, explod-ing into flamos after hit-

ing into flamous after his-ting an emband moret.

Sim Jul-dong, a flormer transport ministry acci-dent investigator, said the discovery of the mine-ing data from the crucial final mirector was var-priving and suggests all power including backen-may have been cut, which is rare.

may have been out, which is rare.

The transport ministry and other data available would be used in the investigation and that is would ensure the probe in transparent and that information is shared with the victime families.



THE cookpit cone recorder retrieved from Jeps Air Bigfel 2216, which created killing 179 people, and the black boxes nokling the Bight data alcoped recording four minutes before the disease.—APP

Some members of the victims' functions have said the transport minimized by the load in the investigation of the rank has also focused on the load in the investigation but that it should turnelve independent expects including those recommended by the function of the constant of the con

material and so glose to the end of the rurrence.

It was reported earlier that the pilots told air traffic control the place had saffered a bird strike and declared ownerposesy minutes before it crashed into the embarkment exploding in filamen. Two itgired crare members, sixing in the toil section, were reaccied.

were reacted.
Two minutes before the Two minutes before the Magelay enurgericy sall, air traffic centred gave causion for "bird activity". Declaring emergency, the pilots absorbered the landing attempt and initiated a gir-invited.

But ired coul of making a full go allout, the airline's Rosing 7.17-800 jet cock a sharp ture and

sharp turn and approached the sirpatt's single runway from the opposite end, crash-land-ing.—Rantors

Bangladesh eases visa process for Pakistanis

By Khalid Hasnain

LAHORE: Bangladesh insplified visa process for Pakistanta, with an objective so further strongthen trade and economic relations.

Tomic relations.

White speaking to besimes community have at the Labore Chamber of Comperce & Endustry on Saturday, High Community on Saturday, High Commissioner of Bangladooh to Pakintan light Bussain has said the present government in Bangladooh has removed the need for clearance from Diako for Pakintani heads of missions while issuing trade and linvostment between the trade and investment between the two countries must be a log-priority to move forward. He stressed collaboration with LCCI to achieve this good.

government is eager to improve relations with Pakintan, which had been lass than artisfactory over the past decade. He said Europladesh, with its population of 150 resilizor, represents a sig-nificant consumer market that Pakintan has the potential to tap-the diplomat said the trade potential between the two costs then expended by the potential to tap-tion remains largely untapped. tries remains largely untapped, and Pakintan has the capacity to

and Pakintan has the capacity to capitalize on it.

Be also morniosed the efforts of Dr Mehammand Yorror, the elser advisor to Bangladouli's inversa government, for regional cooper-ation. He salled for genetic col-laboration between South Asian constrains and stressed the impor-tance of restricting the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Searc) to enhance regional trude and veogeration. to achieve this good. regional trade and cooperation.

Mr Homain statud Bangladeshi. Despite growing regional coop-

cration globally, South Asia will

faces distinguis which require collective efficients to overcome.

The High Commissioner said that it is responsibility of both countries to create opportunities for the storrest generation and remove obstacles to matual trade and conversation for not 1375. and ecoporation. He used LCCI has an influential role in force-ing increased trade and investbetween Pakistan and

ment between Pakistan and Bangkaleah.

Be also reflected in the len-sons learned front the Covid-19 parafornic and hore is under-sorred the importance of interna-tional cooperation, stating, "It is exempted, to necognise that nations must collaborate in times of crisis to keep teads flowing smoothly," he added.

ECCI President Mian Abstant Shad shared data indicating that

Shad shared data indicating that two way trade between Pakistan

and Baragladesh amounted to 5718 million shring the fiscal year 2023-24.

"Pakintan's exports to Baragla-desh were valued at \$66 hs, while imports from Baragladesh stood at 5500. To fire fire procedure of the

commonstrations Bangladesh stood as \$55°n. The first five smooths of the \$150 however, and to Blangladesh increases to \$15 km, while imports from Bangladesh remained for at \$31 km. The explained.

The LOCI president expressed a strong desire to boost the column of recovery trade to at least \$2 billion in the most famous. He arged both governments and the private sector to take decisive actions to achieve this good. He said that the acctor incloding information technology, pharmacouttals, rice, surgical instruments trade sports goods can play an important role in this regard.





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Villa rally to beat Potter's West Ham in FA Cup third round

BURNELNGHAM: Asson BRMINGHAM: Asion Villa come from behind to defeat Word Ham United 23 in the FA Cup third round on Friday after a controversial gnal from Amades Onana and a strike from Morgan Rogers denied Graham Potser a victory in his first game as the visitory' manager.

A day after Potter was A day attent and Julen Lopetspei's replacement, Lucas Paqueta got Vara Ham on the accountsort in the alanh minute when Crysetsale Summerville played a square bull across the box that the Brazilian

the box that the Brusilian shetted into the sec.

But Villa grew into the general Villa grew into the general Villa grew into the general Onarea organized in the 71st from a disputed overser, with Lakazz Fahisanski serving lan Maaston's shor before the midfledder bantracycel home.

West Hann argued the corner should not have been given and belevision replays showed they had a cine, with Onasa firing the ball over the goad line with no visiting players. with no visiting players

mean it.
"Wo're surprised it was

a corner. But the referrer has given it. There's nothing see can do now," Poster said the 80%.

"Overall, disappointed to go out, but lots of positives in the gazes," Poster said. The start was really good but in the second half Villa stepped-up and positive to but to mach. That's semething see will have to imprese."

Rogers peopled up with

Regers popped up with the wireser for the hosts five mirester later, electing Office Workins' square pass

GGlie Workins' square poss-into the corner.

"It shows a lot of bolied in the changing room that we know we can com-back against expose," Regers told ITY.

Villa were knocked out by Cholsea in the fourth round last year but have new reached that stage in commentive campaigns for cutive campaigns for the first time since 2014 15 and 2015-16.

IS and 2015-16.
"I am very happy beca-tage on plegod a very good match," and Villa bose Uran Essery. "We're get-ting stranger and more traposing. We firnished

ing to imposing. We finished strong To win is very impor-tant for the confidence. Injuries were the story of a mostly dall first half, with West Ham lesing for mard Niclas Fullbrug to a hametring issue after 16 harmetring issue after to minutes believe Villa's Rose Barkley lingued off with an apparent analog problem seven minutes later.

rever intrasted later.

The Hammers did deservedly go in 1-0 abused at the interval bar Villa support it up about the break to take the lead and faceb Barnery was also ordecky to bit the peak late on.

West Ham striker barney in added time but his first show was also facebard by Rospers and be could not northis best our low the second, swipring the second or the second. for the second, swiping the bull high and wide while folling an Potter buried his boad in his bands.

The players have had a hig week, a difficulti week," und the former Chebon been. "We resed to recover and refresh." In the night's other tie, Loague One (third-tier)

Wycombie progressed with a 2-0 bone win over Championship side Portsmooth with first-half from and Handan and Sonay Bradley.—Agencies



Taimur's unbeaten century helps PTV down SNGPL

KARACIEI Pakistan's Television's (PTV) Taimus Khan umashed an unbeaten 108 off 106 halls to belp his team beat Sui Northern Gas Pipelines (SNGPL) by four wickers on the fourth and firmi day of the President's Trophy match at the SIPC Oral

Tropley match at the SIPC Oral Ground bere on Baturday.

PTV channed a still target of 215 in 67 overs with little time left in the day. They had had slipped to 122-5, when Taimar was joined by skipper Armed Bart as the dos went on to collect 210 runs for the sixth wicket to overpower the SNGPL benders. Amud full six runs short of century returning for a 120-ball 34 birting nine fours and one six.

120-badi '94 hirting mine fours and one six.

Tainvar amaderd mine fours and six sixes in his match-winning knock. Earlier, SNGPL could only add 20 runs to their recentigls score before getting bowled out for 284 in 62 overs.

At the SIP Coreplex, Oil and Gas Development Authority (OiGDG3) bost State Back of Pakintan (SBP) by 128 runs. Chaning 350 to win, SBP continued from their overnight score of 84-2 and were bandled out for 280-9 with opening batter Zain Abban not available to but.

SBP Favord Alam struck his

SBP's Favord Alam struck his Kith first-class century but in



an batter Termur Kit KARACHE: Pakistan Television batter Termor Khari plays a shot during the President's Trophy match against Sui Northern Gas Pigetines at the Hanti Mohammad High-performance Centre Ovat on Saturday -- courtery PCB

ears each.

Khan Research Laboratories (KRL) fell for a pairty 140-9 after seasoning from oversight score of 95-4 in pursuit of a maximoth All-run target at the N2P Sports Complex. Wapda's Mohammad Adil returned figures of 4-44

vain as he returned for 106 off 242 balls heriting eight fears. For OGDCE, Mosheng Ahmed picked up two wickers to hand their team a 290-run win. At the National Barrie Studium, Art & Nat his muiden first-class five-to 15 overs giving away 62 runs.

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Moyes returns to Everton



RCME: Lazie's Fleey's Date-Bashiru (R) was with tgnace Van der Brempt of Como during their Serie A match at the Olympic Stadium.—AFP

LEVERIPOOL: Everton herve signed David Moyes for a second spell as their manager, the Perimier Langue slick mail on Seconday. He remain Langue slick mail on Seconday.

Moyes, who immaged Everton from 2002 to 2013, esturin to the slick after Sean Dyelle was socked on Thereday. Hedde exports sold Moyes, 61, signed a tree-and-a-hald year construct at Everton.

"Its great to be back! I empoyed 11 wonderful and successful years at Everton and didn't hesitate often I was officered the opportunity." Moyes said.

Everton, struggling in Hith place in the Premier Langue, are winden in the last five league games and sit just a point above the relegance and sit just a point above the relegance and sit past a point above the relegance to the English top flight.

"We are pleased that Devid is joining as at this prostal time in Everton's history," Everton's essentive chairman Marc Wotts said. "With over a decade of experience at the club, he is the right leader to people so through our final season at Goodison Park and into our new stadium."

Moyee, who led Everton to the FA Cup final in 2009, named and the club for more than 500 matches before leaving for Manchester United By his similar managed Deal Seviced-Re his similar managed Deal Seviced-Re his similar managed

Manchester United. Bonderland und aged Road Sovierland, Somberland und West Ham United, wintsing the UEFA Conderence Lougase with the latter. "Em excited to be working with the Frieddin Group and I am looking for-ward to beliping them rebuild the club," Moyes added.—Routers

Como spoil 10-man Lazio's anniversary party

ROME: Como ruined Lario's over two decades. 125th anniversary relebrations on Friday after coming away from A5 Rome with a 1-1 draw

Convoice netteed his sixth goal. of the campaign 14 minutes after Lario forward Leson Telesouna's

From AS Rome with a 1-1 draw against their heats, who had to play for over half an hear with 10 second yellow used.— his breathers with 10 second yellow used.— his breathers with 10 second with 10 second yellow used.

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Coach Cesc Fabrages will interestinal hobbied off the flat play in their first top flight season in

Elicely have so do without key attacker Nico Pas at AC Milan on Tuesday after the Argentina international hobbled off the

sary with a display which read CXXV, the Boman numerals for

Supporters good their rivids at sona — Immded in 1927 — with barts about being the younger clab in the Iralian capital, with one of their fame sense furnous banters reading: "My grandeled supported Latin... and so did

However Roma, who wen last weekenst's local derby, here a sig-nificantly longer following and on Friday the Stadio Olimpics was far from full, with one whole transfer members of desired to stand nearly empty despite the anniversary celebrations.—AFP

Auger-Aliassime and Keys take out Adelaide titles ahead of Melbourne

ADELARDE: Felix Auser-Aliassime and

ADELATINE Fells: Auger-Aliassime and Madison Keys completed the perfect preparation for the Australian Open Saturday when they claimed top-honocur at the Adelaide International. Keys upport top seed and world namber seven. Junior Popula to win the event for a second time in a major confidence boost almost of the spening Grand Slam of the year.

Keys, who made the quarter-finals in Auckland last week, sent down 10 aces and fired off 26 windrate week, sent down 10 aces and fired off 26 windrate as the took at hose and 43 ministers to best world mamber seven Popula.

The world mamber 20 Keys deplicated her 2022

The world member 20 Keys deplicated her 2022 trophy at Memorial Drive by defeating but Accertan competitot 6-1, 4-6, 6-1 for a ninth WTA

Carada's Augus-Alliessime fired down 10 aces to

Canada's Augur-Alimenime fired down 10 aons tobend American Sebaration Korda 6-3, 5-6, 6-2 in the
men's final, earning his sixth career stophy.

He is on a five-match win streak which began
last week with his victory sace madd number four
Taylor Fritz at the United Cop.

"We've known each other for a while, we always
presh such relact," said Augur-Alimenime of Korda,
who was competing in his first tour-nament since
tandergoing elbow surgery is October.

Koys came back from a medical timeous in the
second set after resonneed on for left know in
watch ber good friend Pregula, last year's US Open
finalist, take the final into a describing set.

But she rallied to deliver the win on her first
match point, setting her up ricely for an Australian
Open first-resond clash against another American.

Ann Li.

"See bad an american week, commen our of the

Ann Li.

"Jees had an amazing week, coming out of the gaten in the first work and making the first," said Koys, who woo her last ritle in May as Strasbearg.

"I also got off to a good start and I'm looking forward for what's to come this souse.

"I haven't been back bore (Adelaide) since 2022 when I won the fitle. I loof I shoold be back every year in Adelaide."

Fegula — who faces faces Asstration Maya Joint in the Australian Open first round — admitted the new clearly outplaced.

"I had like, three witners, it was tough," she said. "Maddio his the ball harder than anyone, she played some amazing termin.

the played some amazing tentils.

"This was a good week to start the season for me. I'm excited to losep it going into Melboucne,"

Possile added.

me. I in exceed to good if good two Methodolog.
Pegnila added.
The Australian Open at Melbourne Park gets
underway on Sunday.—Ageocies



CANADA'S Felix Augen-Aliassime lifts the winner trophy after beating Sebastian Korda in the Adelaide International final on Saturday. -- AFP

Monaco held by Nantes

PARES: AS Monaco missed the charace to move level on polaris with second-placed Otyropique da Marsedle in Lique 1 so they were bald to a 2.3 draw at Namouson Friday dospite a second-half comeback. All Hauttur's side remain in third place, aims potent behind leaders Paris Seint-Germain who had Saint-Etiscuse on Sunday.

set Saint-Etiennie on Sunday. Monaco-held ento the third and final automatic

hone Saint Eriscone on Sureday.

Monaco hold ento the third and final automatic Chargelons League spot as fourth-placed Little later stumbled to a 0-0 diese at 10-man Automat.

"I'm not antified with the result. We respect Santen but we searced to win the match temight," Bustler said. "We played too slowly in the first half, we lisched cutting edge."

The in-form Matthia Abline gave Norther an early lead as he swept heree his fearth goal in three games in the 12th mirror after Douglas Augustockwelly stopped over Sarba Thomas. Sow cross.

The hosts doubled their advantage shortly after half-time when Kobsin Amian brilliantly turned in another excellent coon by Welshman Thomas.

But Monaco worted little time in halving the definit, as Switzerland striker Brevil Enshelsterned and fixed into the root of the set.

Former Southampton centre-back Mohammed Salina levelled for the principality dub on the hour mark, bonding in his first Lignes I goal.

In a dramatic finals which senselver failed to-produce a winner, Embodo new a closer-mage effort cleared off the line and Nantes winger Mosacs Simon crashed a curling shot spaint the post.

Life had an opportunity to jump above Monaco in the table, but failed to reade a mean advantage

Lifle had an opportunity to jump above Monaco-ins the table, but failed to make a men advantage coasts after Associates defender Paul Joly was dis-mined before the hour mark.

Brune Generic's side's best change to break the deadlock came from the resulting preside, but Ligner I leading score Jonathan David saw his spoticic saved by home goathooper Theo De Parcin.—AFP

everkusen edge hosts Dortmund to close gap on leaders Bayern.

Dormond 3.2 with two goals from Fatrik Schick on Friday o close gap on braders agern Munich with a sixth

raught league win.
In a frenetic opening the the first I'd minutes as they encoved a perfect start to the with the league reman ing following a three-week Till be because, we're not

looking at Bayern, we're focused on ourselves and Le

we're on the right track," Leverkuson's Granit Xhaka sold DAZN.

hold DAZN.

Dorrmand, who twice dut the deficit, had fielded a largely moleshift team dis-to flu and injuries in what was their first home less of Obstantion.

A last enigete backline had to be cobbled together after defenders Waldsmar Accor-Estre Can. Rainy Bernschaini and Kien Schlotterbreck ween all ruled out along with long-

time injured Niklas Scie.

It showed instantly v
Leverkesen winning per Width. sion after some high pressing and Nathan Tella completing the move to give the vicitors the lead after 25

conds. Destroyed had no time to regroup with Leverkusen scoring again in the eighth minute and striker Schick sliding in to complete a text-

sliding in to complete a text-book counter-attack.

The heats briefly recov-ered and pulled a geal back through Jamie Gittens four mirrotes later but Schick restored Leverkosen's ren-gial cushion in the Pith with a fine finish at the far post

after yet enother quick break.

"Leopest my lads to defend better than that, even with the situation we have in defence." Dortmund coach Nurs fashio said.

Nori Sahin said. Schick, who had also scored foor times in the last. game of the year against Freiburg on Dec 21, has now bugged 11 league goels this



"I work hard every day I was of course ready when the chance came," Schick said." I DORTMUND: Bayer Leverkusser's Patric Schick (L) scores want to give the max for the teem and I'm happy I could Signal Muna Park.—Reuters Suring the Bundestigs match against Borussia Dortmund at Signal Islam Park. —Reuters

help out with a couple of goals.

The bests hardly had any chances in the second half but some thrown a lifetime when Sorbea Guirancy con-verted a 77th minute pen-alty.

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Levericuses survived late.

Outside the control of the cont Dortmand pressure thanks mainly to some superb defending by Edmond Expects and Piero Bincapie, Expected and Prevo Breakper, to bold on and stay second with 35 points. Dortmand's first boso loss of the cam-paigs kept them anchored in sixth on 25 points.—Agrecies

Sabalenka and Sinner target back-to-back Australian Open glory

MELBOURNE: Jameile Sinner will try to put a dop-ing scandel behind him when he kicks off his Australian Open defence against Nicolas Jarry, while Aryna Sabalenka's hid for a har-trick of nitles starts on Sunday

against Sloone Stephens.

The first Grand Slam of the year gets under way at Midbourse Park as a 15-day event for the second year running, aimed at cutting down on late-night finishes.

Italian world number one Sinner is bot favourite after a breaksthrough 2024 beath on the back of his come-

from behind victory over Daniil Medveder in last sear's final.

n his maiden Slam crown and he went on to add

year's final.

It was his maiden Stam crown and he went on to add the US Open, with his overwhelming dominance illustrated by being more then 4,000 earlying points clear of world number two Alexander Zverev.

He has played Chile's Jarry twice before, winning their last clear in Beijing in September. But he meeded to rally from a set down.

"Let's net what I dan 6e this year," said the 23-year-old "It's a question that I think more of us our answer. But it good to be back here, and we'll see that the resurrament is going to see."

He begins his defence under a cloud effect being necessary against the results and the results the results and the section of Arbitrations for Sport on April 16-17.

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Modvedev — who has made three of the last four Asstradian Open finals — is a potential servicinal epicient with the Rasidit Service.

Carles Alcarar and 10-time charges with the Opens Torols.



SERBIA'S Novak Diokovic (front) serves as his coach Andy Murray looks on during a practice session on Saturday.—APP

browyweight due on a last-night collision course.

Spain's Aleacus is hidding to complete a curver Grand Slave of all floor majors aged jost 21 and begins against in-form Kanakh Alexander Shevechenios.

The four-time major winner Aleacus has never gone past the quarter-finals in Melbourne.

"Main thing for one is Grand Slave, try to win as many Grand Slaves at Lear. That's my main goal," he said.

Despite being 37 and conting off a mediocre season by his standards, fow will be betting against Djokovic on the blue hardcourts where he has tested his biggest Gunning for an 11th title, he would surpass Margaret

Court as the outright Slam leader on 25 decid be with former rival Andy Murray sow coaching him. He mosts American teenager Nishesh Reserves

He moots Asserban teeringer Nichesh Bearvaroddy ford.

"The be bosens, I don't know much about him," said the Sech. "I have that he's very quick. He's very thesated player. I have to obviously approach that mench very seriously, like any other, said do say best to get a win." Second seed Zeerer player the men's night coath on led Lawer Arens Sunday against France's Locas-Pouille, with shoth need Casper Read alon in action. Zeerer will be so would aller in action, who high of their title defence against American former US Open winner Stuptens.

wininer Stephens. The Belarmian top seed is looking to become the first woman since Martina Hingis (1997-99) to win three

consecutive titles.
Should she do so, Sabaleska will join a select group

Should she do so, Sabadenka will join a select group-that also treitades Margaret Court, Evenne Geolagong, Steffi Graf and Monica Selen.

"I know that I have the possibility of joining legends by winning three times in a rew," she said. "But I don't want to overthink about that. I just want to do my job." World number three Coco Gaudf also faces a tricky start, with 2020 Australian Open winner Sofia Kenin providing her.

seruiting ber.

But sevend need Iga Swintek has an onsier assignment against Czech deubles specialist Katerina Siniakova, racked 46.

Bowever, the Polish free-time Grand Slam winner,

who served a one-month sanction for doping last year, has sixth need Elera Rybakina and eighth need Eroma Navarro in her half of the draw.—AFF



OVERDRIVE Recing's Yeared Al-Rejni and Time Gottschalk in action during the sixth stage of the Dakat Relly, from Hell to Al Duwadim, on Saturday,—Reuters

Imam returns as Pakistan announce squad for WI Tests

By Our Sports Reporter

LAHORE: Openers Imam Hat and Mobamesal ubiliaq and Mohammad Huraira have been called back into the Pakistan Test squad for the speciming two-match series against the West Indies owing to follow opener Saim. Ayub's Injury and Abdollah Shefique's dipping

form.

The 15-member sepand, annexessed by the Pokiston Crickot Board (PCB) on Saturday, also includes two strongpool players in pacer Easted All and wicker-keeper-butter Robatt Navie.

Scancered fast beedur Shahees Shahees Shah Afridi also remained our of Test reckening after ministing the preceding and present size preceding and present sizes.

ing ofter missing the preced-ing series against South

The 25-year-old Issuess's last Test outing was against Assiculia in the second of Pakistan's three-match series Dosen Under in December 2023. He was dropped for his defensive butting approach as shipper Shan Masoud looked to influence a shift of mindest within the Pakistan dressing

But Image will have another shot at solidifying what used to be a permanent spot in the beam, thanks to Saim's -- who

team; thanks to Saint's — who had become his replacement — ankle injury the southpare picked in the recent series against South Africa.

Imass and Saint's opening partner Abdullab has also been calelized, possibly for a long run, after the right-harder failed to make as impact at the top of the order in Pakinsar's seagoing World East. Champiorchip cycle, which suits with the West Indian series.

Indies series.

Kashif and Robatt have been awarded for their impressive performances in the domestic circuit across the list occupie of years. Right armor Kashill took seven wick ets in two matches of the ets in two matches of the recently-concluded Quaid-e-Asam Trophy. He also

impressed with figures of 5-33 and 2-79 in the first of the two four-day matches against Sri Lanka Win November.

Bohail, maurwhile, basebeen a regular feature in dossestic cricket since the court for years watches him.

past fee years, making him-one of the most experienced wicker-losepore in the wicker-losepore in the Paking ralest pool. And Pakintan Talent pool. And with fellow gloveman Hassobollah Khan — who was also a part of the squad against Snath Africa — injured, Rohall is espected to be the necessary Mohantesad Kirwan for the West Indies Form.

Texts.

Pakistan have kept their squad spin heavy with off-spintser Sajal Khan, who wasn't professed for the South Africa wood, returning, following his series winning show against England in October.

In the series, which Pakistan won 2-1, left-arm spiceer Noman Ali was Sajid's partner in crime — taking 39 wickers together — and he will be expected to carry out the same rule against the West Indies as well as he centain his apot. The spits attack is further helasseed by the return of se-

called "mystery" spinsor About Ali, who last footuned in the Test whites in Pakistan's 2-0 whitewash by Bangladesh

the Test whiters in Pacietary, 2-0 whiterwish by Bangladesh at home in September last year. Pakistam will host the visitors for the first time in 15 years, with both Tests held in Mulian, marring from Jamany 17 and Jamesey 25.

Shan is retained an skipper despite Publishan foxing both the Tests in South Advice hest work,

Bestder Shan, Saud Shakeri, Baster Alam, Kameran Chullen, Rhorrom Shaharad, Mohammand Hirswan, Norman Ali, and Sellman from the South Africa teries, bear that there is open the form the south Africa teries.

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De Mevius, Brabec, take Dakar sixth stage honours

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AI. DUWADIMI Belgian Gaillaume & Mervius elained stage aix behind the whool of a Mini as the Dekar Rully remand on Saturday after a rest day.

Defending blue champion Richy Brabuc took the bonoars on two wheels, the Benda ridor coming in about of Adrien Van Bereren and Jose Ignacio Cornojo after the 505km special from Hail to Al Duwadimi.

It was a good day for the Missi sours with Bu Mervius followed home by his Portuguess transmitte Jose Ferreira, with Bro-time a thampion Nasur Al-Actysh in third.

"We had a good stage, finally! Our

"We had a good stage, finally! Our goal was to claw back some time and goad was to close back some time and pick up points for the championship, so we gave it everything we had," said the Mevius. "My car still baurs a few scars from last week and today we did a bit of flying, but thankfully we didn't his anything." South African Hunk Lategan grassed in severith to maintain his position at the top of the car stand-ings by four minutes from local South driver Yauxed Al Rajti. Al-Artiyah is placed fourth, 16 minutes adrill.

Among the bikes, this was American Braber's 11th Dular

conver stage wire. Youls, the first day on the second

"Youth, the first day on the second week is a long day. They like to make you pet a little bit of rest and then put yes right back into it." Brabes said. Overall bitse feather Basiel Sanders lough his powder dry on Saturday, crossing the line in night as he aims so put his foot down on Saturday's seventh stage.

"I got off to a bit of a rough start, getting a little bit lest at the beginning and just trying to get back into the drythm after the rest day," he reported.

reported.
"But, youls, it was important not to

"But, yeals, it was important not to go too good today because I think temorrow's a difficult stage, so I didn't want to push and got up the front. So, hopefully we're in a good starting position for temorrow and, peah, we'll be back in the thythen." Sanders leads the bike standlings by almost a desen minutes from Spain's Tooks Scharodina with Brubot tearth, ever 21 reinstes advis. One of the forcentius for the bike title, Ross Branch from Boowana, suffered a heavy fall early in the day and was forced to withdraw.—AFP

Tamim retires from international cricket

DRIAKA: Formor Bangladesh one-day captain Tamim lephal has announced his nettrement from inter-national criciost, saying he did not wish to be a distruction for the team about of the Champions Trophy. Tamim made his international debut in a 2007 Ores-day International (ODI) against Zindhalvee in Banara. He played 243 OOIs, 70 Texts and 78 Tecoty-20 internationals (T208s).

c001) against Ziadsahwe in Hararuthe played 230 OOIs, 70 Twees and 78
Twentry-20 internationals (T200a).

Tamin previously retired from
international criciot a few meaths
before the 50-overs World Cup in
Infain in 2023, but reversed that decision in a day, the then miscand out or
the World Cup dies to a back injury.

The 25-year old scored over 15,000
stars across all formats and hit 15
constrains — the mast by any
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desistor will remain My chapter in
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wrote in a post on social media. "I
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long time. New that a big event tile
the Champions Trophy is conting up.
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order's attention, which could lead to
the town looing their focus."

The Champions Trophy will take
place in Pakintan from Pub 13-Manch
5. Bangladeah are in Group N. slong
side boots and defending champions
Pakinten, New Zealand and India.

"Captain Najma! Housain Sharto
sincerely mixed me to return to the
town looing their locus."

Tarring added: "There users discussions with the telection committee too.
I am grateful to these for evill considers.

Less grateful to these for will consider me in the team. However, I have used to my own heart."—Beaters

Shaheens struggle against West Indies despite Huraira fifty

Dil AMABAD: Opening battor Mohammad Huraira hit a fluent half-century against West Indian at Shaboom closed the day two with 212-9 on the board at the Islamated Club here on Saturday, Huraira top-scored for Shafbeens hitting 13 fours in his 73-ball 74.

After Wast Indias completed in 46-2 leving Ornair bin 70-wood and skipper Imamul-Haq.

ul-Huq. Mohammad Salerman Mehammad Suleman joined forces with Haraira to stitch a 70-um second-wake partnership. Suleman was pinned legisefore by Godzkowh Monte for 45-07 balls with the help of seven fours, while Bureless full to Kevin Sinclair, initiating a batting collapse that costed the Shahseen seven wickets for 92 rame.

for 92 runs.

Roball Nazir was the orber native who crossed 20-run matter who crossed 20-run mark as he returned for a 36-ball 21 striking three fours.

For West Indian, Sinclair picked up three wickers, while Motic and Jayden Seales dis-

missed two batters each Kemar Roach and Joseel Warrican accounted for one wicket each as well.

Earlier in the day, West Indies resumed batting from their owneright score of 278.7 to score 546.8 as Amir Jangoo (63 not out off 92, eight four and a sist weet sents erom as antiseaten ball-certury.

Sinclair remained unbeaton for 28 off 36 bulls as the dae gut on a 56-tun entistabed partnership before the innings came to close with completion of 90 overs.

The only West Indies wicket

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The only West Indies wicket to fall on day two teas Johans De Silva who was run out by Kashif Ali for 22 off 28 balls with the belp of two boundaries. ores in brief

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SHAHEIDNS 212-9 in 38 overs
(Mohammad Huraire 7-8) (Mohammad Huraira 74, Mohammad Suhman 45; Kevin Sinclair 3-50, Japden Seales 2-16).—Sports Reporter



PAKISTAN Shahisens batter Mohammad Hurains plays a shot during the four-day tour match against West Indies at the telegraphed Club on Saturday -- Terwieer Shahzast/White Star

Sri Lanka bowlers skittle NZ in 140-run victory

raced New Zealand's top-order Saturday to conduct ably win the third one-day international in Auckland by 140 runs and salvage a selvictory: in the sertion

chaning down Sci Lankov's 290-8 nosedived when they crumbled to 21-5 at Eden Park, before being dis-missed for 150 off 29.4

Sri Lanks rebounded after suffering heavy defeats in the first two games to code the threematch series.
It mirrored the pattern of the preceding T20 series, which New Zealand also

wood 2-1. Lanka cosptosim Charith.

Charith Analanka was pleased his side could show what they are capable of. "I think it's always great

oback like this unfortunately, we



is trophy after beating Sri Lanka in the third One-day International at Eden Park on Saturday .-- AFP

first two of both series," be visitors were led by some Mallinga, who said. "Fort today, this was a lethal sours beerling from three wickets each pleasure to watch." The Asiths Fernando-and Enhan spinster 5

third destroyer with the new built as New Zealand's first five wickets tumbled inside the first seven overs.

The victory margin would have been greater, reere it not for Mark Chapman's 81 off 81 balls,

Chapman's SI off 81 balls, the mamber three New Zealand balaman the last seat when he was burnled by Theolishams (3-15).
No other New Zealander reached 20, with five of the top its diaminant for evo-rumer bean Earlier, injured opener Pathain Nissanka top-scored for Sti Lanka with 56 off 42 balls.
Nissanka, was on 50 off 31 balls, when he retired

31 balls when he retired burt after saffering an appearent hip injury, having turn at 6% without lime in 10

served in the 38th over to

add a farther 16 ross, hit ting six fours and five sixes in total. There were halfcontained from Kunal Mendia (54 off 48) and Jaroth Liyanage (53 off 52) in a varily improved Sri Lardan batting effort.

New Zealand manner Mart Henry continued a fine series, claiming 4-55 to Ish him to 150 OOI wickers, tile esptain Mitchell estrer took 2-55 with his

Sentence said the target of 291 was "about per" at Edon Park but the game was ripped away from them by Sri Lankor's bowlers. "Asitha got the ball swinging, they took their

catches and made it challengting for us," Santner said. "We'll take it on the chin. A little disappoint-ing, probably not the way-we wanted to finish the sorten after playing spate well."—AFP

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Sabalenka and Sinner target back-to-back Australian Open glory Po.18 SPORT

Manhole cover missing? Call 1334

By Our Staff Reporter

KARACHE In view of KARACALLI to view of the growing incidents of falling and decreasing in open mandades. The Karachi Water and Servorage Corporation has implemented a procedure to trutall covers within 12 to 24 hours.

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A spokesman for the initiary said that received the procedures (SOPa) had been implicated to address pathic complaints promptly on the directives of Mayor Barrister Martina Waliab.

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the engineer must out-mit a report on the instal-lation of manhole cover to the separatenders and shief engineer and she update the helpline staff on the status of the resolution of the con-

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The spokesmum and that executive engineer who failed to comply such these SOPs 's cheer valid tense SOPs 's cheer valid tense SOPs 's cheer valid tense securitable.

The said that the SOPs had been introduced to prioritise and resolve public coreplants affectively, enhancing the arrange system's overall efficiency.

Bilawal slams 'discriminatory attitude' of Centre towards Sindh

Opens first segment of Malir Expressway
 Declares Karachi's advancement vital for nation's progress, prosperity
 Project renamed as Shahrah-i-Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

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Accompanied by Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and other senior party beaters, the PPP chairman celebrated the operaing correspond by dete-ing his vehicle on the 9.1-less sec-tion of the six-larse 29-less long Malie Expressively propert, which has been renamed as Shebrah Shebood Zulfikar Ab

Brutto.

Addressing the opening cere-mony, Mr Brusto-Zardari took pride in introducing and som-pletting several development pro-ports on a public-private partner-dig basis, saying the model was adopted "because the federal government, under various pre-teets, failed to allocate resources to Similar. to Sindle".

He shed light on the positive

The shoot higher on the positive categories of the publish-private partnership model, saying it yielded excellent reache in section like observations influentiation.

"Water issues in Biroth will also be resolved throughly the model, and receipt parks should be catabilitized under publish-private partnership," he said.

He further complianced that projects under the publish-private partnership model are not only noccessful but also exceptify good governance in Publishes.

While other provinces and the foderal government failed in



PPP Chairman Blassal Bhutto-Zardari speaks at the inauguration overnory of Mair Expressway, on

implementing public-private partnerships effectively. Sindi's secons had earned in armstional acclaim, he noted.

The PPF chairman arged the bosiness community across Karacht and the country to participate in Smills government's public-private partnership projects. He also arged the federal government to Tolkon Sindi's countple and introduce attractive development initiatives to structure the national beinseen tovolve the national business senonari (Pa

Promove contribution of PPP to

He present the embuting con-tributions of the PPP and his family's three generations to the devalupment of the city and acid that the city's advancement was vital for the instinct overall pro-cess and provincity.

green and prosperity.

He highlighted the achieve-ments of Zolfikar Ali Bhatto, sello initiated big projects such as Shares Fains Land Pakistan Steel Mills during his terrors. The PPP chairman said that Benarie Blesto, despite facing

tion distativial regimes, priori-tized infrastructure, employ-ment opportunities, and essen-nial facilities for the people. "During bee government, Shahood Mobitarius Bernanir Resisto paid special otterrion to Korashi, striving for peace and employment for the city's resi-dents," he said, adding that his mission was also to amore public progress and carry forward ber tisson. tion distatorial regimes, priori-

Tition.
He also praised President Asif Blu also justmed Provident Asia Eardan's finitiatives for Karachi, saying. "Ask former Mayor Mustada Kanad, and he will con-firm that President Asia Ali Eardani provided the most funda-for Sindis."

for Small."
He such that the Shahood Zulfikar Ali Blusten Expressively project smalld not only connect the city and the province to the rest of the country but also exercise to the country but also exercise.

are employment opportunities for the residents.

Speaking on the occasion, the chief minister described the Malir Expressing as the largest public private partnership infra structure penjact in the province and the country.

He emphatised that the property is all cost in approximately Ref5 billion, with the Similia generations of contributing account Rel23re. Commercial barden institutions, and the public private partnership had lotetly funded the remaining Ref23re.

CM Shah further emphatical distributions of the approximately for the distribution of the remaining Ref23re. He explained that the project's

CM Shah further emphasized that once the expressively is fully operational by June 2005, it would provide faster and more efficient access to industrial series, and beent the reconstric-

sures, and boost the recommis-service in the region.

After completion, the Malir Expressively will serve as an alternative route to Shares Falsal and link to the Karachi-Byloralisal Materway (M-9) more Kathore, significantly reducing the traffic burden on Karachi's retigented unfour route.

The greent was attended among sethern by PPP Singh President Ninas Advand Khuthen, former CM Syed Qaim Ali Shah, Mayor Murian Walab, beassons lead-ners Arti Babb, Agoel Karim Displit, M. Ali Tabba, Zabair Matinala, Javed Babwant and others.

Crypto trader picks out two alleged abductors before magistrate

By Sumair Abdullati

KARACHI: A crypto triader, who was kidnapped and released after paying around \$340,000 worth of digital coins, rightly picked out two men as those who had abducted him during an identification parade conducted by a sudicial magistrate on

Investigating officer Makhdoom Wonaddn brought the two suspects — Mohammed Fitzwen Sheh and Tariq Hasen Sheh — saet to be private persons, before Judicial
Maginesite (West) Harmoin Cut, who
conducted the identification parade after
completing logal formalities.
The suspects were lined up along with

dummers and the complement rightly picked

them out.
He assigned filtreams role and said that he had threetened him with dire consequences. The victim also picked out Tariq Sheh and told the magistrate that he had interrogated

him during captivity.

A couple of days ago, two constables of the Counter Terrostern Department (CTD) among oight suspects were booked and arrested for their alleged involvement in the kicknepping of the tracker and referening him after the transformation than after he transferred the ransom into their

digital wallets.

Earlier, an anti-terrorism court (ATC) had custor, an are temperate court (ATC) has remanded the eight suspects in police custody as the IO informed the court that their abscording accomplices — Hamat. Zaman, Muzami, Ali Raza, Rasheed Lodks, and others — had yet to be arrested.

A case was registered at the Manghopir A case was regested at the Mangrope police station against eight suspects under Sections 365-A (ednapping or abducting for exciting property, valuable security) and 34 (common intention) of the Pakistan Penal Code read with Section 7 of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 1997.

Man held for murdering pregnant wife

By Our Staff Reporter

Khuhro dismisses federal minister's remarks on Sindh's protest over canals' project

PPP-Sindh president asks Centre to explain where the water to fill controversial canals is; advises Punjab to tap its groundwater sources to irrigate its land

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: Pukintus Peoples Party Sindh prosident Nuar Alexed Kleshro has dismissed Federal Minister Alexan lighad's remarka calling Sindii's protest over construction of six causals on the larkes River a "baseliess debate" and advised the Tederal government to listen to Sindh's objections and roll back the controversial project. In a press statement issued here on Saturday, Mr Khoheo advised Parcials to

Saturday, Mr Khadara advised Parijab to tag its groundwater too receive its gate its land and towned the federal minister's statement is "weaker at ence" by the federal government over the canals' issue.

He questioned whether Punjab had surplus tester available to fill Choliston Canal which had 8,152 cases capacity and asked the federal government to clarify from whore it toosid get additional water to fill new catala.

He said that after remodelling of Quirabad, Sulemarki and Rasod Barrage, water from Jisaban Ricer would be released into Choliston Canal, and then, he expressed the fear, Tauran and

Panjinad canada would flow throughout the season. Although it was a fact that Chasherta-Johlton. Link. Carol. and Taurus-Panjinal. Canada were "flood. canada', he said.

tannals Pargual Canata were Trood strong reasons, he said. Singly had strong reservations that water from the Thood sanals' would be taken and released uninterruptedly into Chelistan Canal and other controversals (sanals).

Ble said that federal mointates were talking about 1997's water accord and just share of water to the prestrone. The water accord was not implemented in its true optic, he claimed.

Ble said that federal government should come out with crystal clear stand that sheen Sindly beginned over 'three there Sindly and their there's formula of water distribution then why not water distribution was being

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Exquisite handicraft on display at Sartyoon Sang Crafts Exhibition

Artisans deal directly with customers to get an idea of the market

By Shazia Hasan

KARACHI: The 16th edition of the foo-KARACIII The Tigh adiabat of the four-day Sections Barg Crafts Exhibition or the Ocean Mall gives visitors the charge to leok and admire expainite handscrafts of Smalls. Hold aroundly, the exhibition promotes rural crafts of mostly someter artisates. There were sull, apak, orderedored character and shirts with mirror work. Sindle caps and parties, along with so many decora-tion packet, hardwaren backets, framed racing, and ather works. Some of the artisates describ irredived in producing the crafts were also present as the stalls, taking-pride in their bard work as anno-

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torowrs approclated and bought the iten Spenking to Duren, Stabida Baloch from kkeys, and that even though she is new an State and that even though the arrows indically and that there is nothing at the SSSO stall which she cannot make berself. "I deln't learn the handlerafts from any school or institute. My mother's and grandmother's lap was my first loarning instituto," die naid.

"When SRSO came to our village, they also visited my bone and now the hands-order I was producing. They gave see some orders. After that they took use ou as a traines," she said, while informing that she has also been to bedia to 2000 under a South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) association for bone-based work ere called Sabah Pakistan.

(NAARC) association for home-based work-ors called Sabah Pakits an.

"I visited Almordabad in India for one-mostic, where there is a similar organization called Solf-Employed Wesseri's Association or SEWA. Besides bearing stiching and more grafts there, we also setembed sessions on committy management, rearing of small bearinesses, etc.," she said.

Fahusida Jatoi of Agha Ali Jatoi village in District Khairpus and that the also learned Strallis embroodery from her family. "Due crafts are harded down to un through gen-crations," she said. "I learned from my seather and older sistem. Larliet, we used to do embroodery on shirts only. Then SESO do cerbroidery on shirts only. Then SESO trained us in other handlers no, too. Now we produce keychains, javellery, bus, but-tors, etc. I'm now an entroproseur. My conis called Aghas Blandierali Centre sense of the means on sale here are from my

suspensy," she said protelly. SRSO's Assistant Mercegor, Craft morprise Development, Mires Sulaiman

Baig, ridd Daton that many women in Sindh's rural areas have skill but no resources. "The actions working with in represent around 15 districts of Sindh, including Thatta, Kaolsmore, Badin, Urserkot, Mirpakhan, Khairpair, Sekkur, Larkaros, Qambar Shahdadhoti, Jacobahout, Ghotki, Italia, Mariari, etc. Each product mentions which district it belongs to. We help them polish their confus while also teaching them in problem items amounting to the demands.

polish their crafts while also resching them to produce iteres according to the derivated of the urbanised markets," be said.

"We also display their handlership at the modelitation, As it is, due to the industrial revolution, our handlership products have taken is lift. We teast to create spece for them in the market again," he said.

He also said that the artisant favor by \$80.00, which is up to 40 per cent of the cost of an item. The armount is record than votat is paid to the labour to the market recently. Bone

to the labour in the market normally. Some 10 to 15 per cent of the profit from the sales also goes to them. "We bring excerned of the artisans here to the adulption so they can deal directly with customers to also get an idea of their demands, specifications, resols, quality, etc. After gathering feed-back from them they return home with a botter idea of the market," he said.

The arhibition omelades on Sunday



VISITORS look at the craftwork deployed at the exhibition. — Fahim Siddig / White Star

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- HAZIRAT ALI (A.S.)

Her co-accused sentenced to death

By Sumair Abdullah

KARACHII: A sessione court has ser-KARACHH: A constone court has say tenered a woman to life in prison for kulling her hashand with the constructor of a conscioused and staging it as a suicide in 2029. The consequent has been services of the death for mardering the man by strangulation and electrocution.

The additional district and sensions judge (West), found Aarna, and her accomplice Gludam Rabi alian Deedar, gariny of kulling Shah Zaman in their house within the jurisdiction of the Peuraland police stage.

murdering husband

Woman gets life imprisonment for

tion in 2019.
The occurred failed to establish their pleas of defence, while the prosecution correlectated its case through witnesses, including operations who were present at the section when the accuract committed the marrier by

when the accused committed the number by "gring electric shocks to the deceased, the to which he accumbed to death at the upor," the judge observed.

The court also directed the accused persons to pay Re500,000 each accompensation to the legal hairs of the deceased person.

In the detailed verdict, the court reproduced the wife's confessional statement before the magniturate.

She testified that she wanted to get rid of her busheed and had no option but to kell him, for which she wought the help of the conceased, who provided her with deeping pills.

She confused that on the night of the inci-dent, the mixed the pills into her harband's glass of milk. Once he fell subseq, the collect the co-secured, who arrived at the bosses and much a wire to electrocute and strangle him. According to state processor Syed Athan

According to state prosecutor Syect Atract Hussain, the complainant informed the police that on November 5, 2019, he received a call from his count, who talk him that Shah Zaman had died of an electric shock and that his body was being taken to facobahad.

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However, upon impecting the body, the complainant noticed sears on the wrists, chest, feet, arithes, and neck of the deceased. He then decided to shift the body to Karachi for a postenoriem at the Abbasi Shaheed Hospital. The post-morten report confirmed that the deceased had died due to "strange latios and electric sheek".

Sindh seeks Interpol help for arrest of Lyari 'gangster'

KARACIII: The Sindh government has inked the federal government to approach Interpol for instance of a red rottice majorest alleged Lyari gaugeter Wasiallah Lahles, officials soid.

Lables, officials ustd.
Confirming this to Dawn, DR2-South Swed Asad Bans said on Saturday that Lables was involved in 25 beloness crimes from 2000 to 2014 in different areas of Lyan and man declared absociated by courts.
The police had been near-chirag for pears but couldn't trace him, and they competed that the fugitive exight have fled abrand, the DR2 added:
The Saturb horse department, through a better dated Dec 31, 2024, asked the interior necrotary for instance of a per-pound warrant of arrest against Lakho through laterpal.

official correspondence showed that the Sindh inspector general of police had requested the provincial government to take this recessor. The letter also said the trovel history of the secured was not available.

A social activist of Lyuri said Lakho had once conrested the general elections from the platform of a political party in Simila. However, he later joined the Unair Baloch-led gams when one of the ring leaders of the gams war, Ghaffer Zikri, became active against

Lakks is a resident of Nayabad in Lyari and bas also been allogedly involved in externion from builders and traders.—Staff Reporter

SIUT conference on morality, ethics concludes

Challenges in ethical medical practice in

the institute's Centre of Burnedical Ethics and Colture (CBEC) marked the 20th anniversary of

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By Cur Staff Hoporter

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discussed different approaches to living an othical life.

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ference opered with UBIC founding chairper-nes Prof Farlist Moacans acknowledging the rela-of Prof Adio Rarri in the centre's growth. She then presented the national sed regional impact of the facility's educational programmes, highlight-ing some of the chal-

practice.
Prof Assear Suger rep-resenting SIUT spoke-about CBEC's achieve-ments in Pakistan and in the region over the past two decades. Latter, Prof.

ruo decades. Latter, Prof. Aamir Jalarey prosessed the institution's milestones while making use of archival media.

De Cassar Atuire, a distinguished advalular in bioschica and global leadth from Ghana and gressident of the International Association of Biocellian (IAB), presented the keynote address on platrices sally in biocellics.

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PTI slams surge in street crime

KARACHI The Pakin tan Tehrock-Inad (PTI) has expressed grave one come ever the womening law and order situation in the metropolis.

In a statement issued here on Saturday, the apposition party blassed the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) led Stedli

Party (PPF) had Stroll government responsible for the chies.

It said that between Jan I and Jan 8, 15 indi-viduals lost their lives to gon violence, while over 15 others were injured.

redicating a sorge in includent of street crime, including vehicle and mobile phone matching. While criticising the provincial government, the PTI accused the PPI' of absorbaning the citi-tion of Kernels control ross of Karachi, noting that many areas lack access to clean drinking water.—PPI

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Five die, seven hurt in three accidents on Thatta roads

By Our Correspondent

THATTA: Five people were killed and seven

were injured in three accidents on National Highway and Mispur Bathoro-Cero link road serly on Seturday morning. In the first incident near Gharo water purry, a Mazda mini-truck collided head-on with a period truck. Alting Abdul Chien. Other, and Setuppe Purphysical releases and injuries a Saleem Flahmoon, cleaner, and injuring a passenger. Wages, who was rushed to a nearby hospital.

In the second accident, two young men. Nepash Memon and Nouman Memon, lost their lives when their car rammed into main

gate of a nee me.

The vehicle reportedly hit a read branker before vesting off the course and surving into the mil's gate. The victims were going to Date from Mirpur Bettone.

The accident took place on the National

Highway when seven people injured after a Suzuki van cernyng peesengens overturned. Two of the injuried, who had sustained critical injuries, and were shifted to a nearby medical facility, could not be identified.

Police authorities are investigating the causes behind these accidents, while rescue beams and locals worked trateasly to provide

Save Indus Movement's leaders accuse PPP of hypocrisy over canals project

By Our Staff Correspondent

HYDERARAD Leaders of Sans Inclus Sirver Movement have accused Pakistan Poughts Party's top leadership of acting hypeoriteally over six carula project and said on the one hard President Auf Zarderi approves the project and on the other hard Europe party's Sirvila government is appearing 8 before public.

They rejected Mr Zardaringench in Gaelis Khuda Bakchin on Dec 22, 2024, and said he had already approved the Green Pakistan Initiative while chairing a meeting at President Huma on July 8, 2024.

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Bukra Platak on the our ddets of the city on Saturday. Zain Shala, convener of

nulinto that no amondment to Iron Act 1992 was acceptto Iran Act 1700 was acceptable to people as Sindli-remained at receiving end in terms of source abortuge and often ended ups facing more abortuge than other

provinces.
He said that agricultural productivity had dropped in Simili over the years and if new commenceds for canalis were created then Sinds would be completely destroyed. The Green Pakistan Initiative was alread of croating now com-

aimed at creating new corp-mand areas, he said and sugged the federal and pro-vincial governments to answel the devisions.

He said that the consi-consisted project was part of Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) therefore this 'uninitive' dynald be shelved immedi-stry).

Agreeing with Zaim Shab, Grand Democratic Alliance necretary general Dr Saddar Abbasi subodifia prosident to contradict Stralls government's view-

LEADERS and activists of Save Indus Rovet Movement begin Bedan me towards Mirpurkhas from Habi bypass on the outskirts of Hyderabad on Saturday.—Photo by Umair Ali

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KHALIDA SALAHUDDIN

passed away peacefully on Ian 10 at 6am Dua for her will be held on Sunday, Jan 12, 2025 between ASR and Maghreb (4:30-6:30).

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First death anniversary of

Shahla Ali Khan

who left us on January 12, 2024. Her last journey was to America where she was laid to rest on February 10, 2024, at Lakewood Cemetery in Minnespolis, MN, under an old tree

'No delays in cane crushing'

KARACIII) The Smith Agriculture Department hosissed that there are no deliger in sugar ing and reduction in case procurement price by sugar mills for 2024-25 season and said the mills are operat-

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ed gain. North's two-club bid was North's be-club bed was strong and artificial, and South's three dismonds showed a plottine cosponse with a good dismond suit. South their became declarer at

Kees, West, was no lead against the stem. Hed he led in heart, South would have made 12 tricks after the diamond theses succeeded. And if Kass

had set a black set, declarer would have taken all the tricle. But Kase chose the extraor-dinary lead of the deuce of demonds! This gave South passe for thought, He could not con-ceive that the lead was from the 80-21 of disamonds, but adone that Vilvet had the king, From

South's viewpoint, therefore, playing low from dummy would

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the trick and returned the heart. So declarer put up the accord diamonds, boping to drop the singleton king. When the king didn't appear, South still had another string to his bow. If East started with the K-10-5 of dia monds and at least three clubs. the stem could sell be reade, to that case, declarer could not be stopped from decarding ait of his hearts, so he would knoe

only a trump trick regardless of how East defended. But when East nated the tourth dub with the lee and South overruited, so did Kass. His heart return then did South

In finding the opening dia mond load, Kass took advan-tage of South's five-club response to four nothings, indimatters that he had no aces. Kass trees durning would have the acc of dismonds and decid-ed to gut declarer to the test

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Sabalenka and Sinner target back-to-back Australian Open glory



AN artist gives a dance performance at an event held on Saturday in connection with Chinese new year celebrations in Islamabad. — APP

Several FDE colleges face teachers' shortage

Years on, five model colleges await regular teaching staff

By Kashif Abbasii

ISLAMABAD: Several colleges run

ISLAMABAD: Serveral colleges runs by the Federal Directorate of Education (PDE) are facing a shortage of transflows schilds fire model colleges in the factoral capital were functioning schilds fire model colleges in the factoral capital work functioning schilds in the factoral School and the girls' oillege in Bluria Katra, and the boys' colleges in Humak, Sector 1-16, and Sector 5-8-3 are without mheyenic to colleges in Menseviria, the model colleges in Mense Bagwal, Pakintan Town, Sector G-13, and Sector G-15 did not have regular teaching staff even though they started functioning a fet years ago, According to an FERI official, "The education minimity should look into this issue and all posts should be

filled with regular staff in the grunter interest of stadents."

An echapation official, however, said that only the Blura Kahu college was facing a shortage of teachers. Except for this college, no other colleges were facing an interesting shortage of teachers. The official said six rees teachers recently interests. ring an immediate secondary to receive a The official unit six pers trachers receively joined the FDE and a majority of these would be posted to this college. Speaking about the regular staff for model colleges, the official said that the FDE had resved a nonmary in this

FDE. had moved a normany in this regard.

"The FDE has recoved PC-4 (for regalar posts) of fear colleges to the edication retinary to age approved for regular posts. Once these posts are approved, we will requise the FFSE [Federal Public Service Commission] for appoint ments," by said, adding that PC-4 for the Mora Bagwell college veietly be sent to the edication retinierry noise.

In reply to a quantimic about the durings of old-lege reachers in other colleges.

ago of college teachers in other colleges, he said the FDE in September had for-warded their case to the FPSC for the

recruitment of 10 associate preferences (tree male and eight fomale) and 31 assis-tant preference (18 male and 13 female), 98 female lecturers, and 33 male lectur-ers. Once the recruitment process is finalised, the department will have 110 recreased.

new teachers.

At present, the department introduced a rationalisation policy under which surples teaching staff was trains formed in other colleges to meet the shortage of reachers. Under this policy, after the injust from the principals contents, some male tradhers were assigned to girls' colleges, and some treathe teachers were assigned to boys' subleges.

female teachers were entigned to boys' colleges.
On the other hand, an FDE official strikined the education ministry and the discretioned the education ministry and the discretion to be a delay in recruitment for the model colleges. He said these colleges took sorreral years to build had the government could have hired teachers in the meantime, but that did not become

"This is unfortunite that five model colleges, which started operations a con-

ple of years ago, still don't have asso-rioned poets. Similarly, some other col-leges, like the one in Bhara Kalai, started classes many years ago, but are still facing a shortage of teachers," he

and.

FIM: is the supervisory body of 431 schools and colleges in Islamstool. Resides, around three bandred schools, there are 13 FG colleges and 25 model.

there are 13 PG colleges and 26 model colleges under its supervision.
Interestingly, 10se its colleges, the FDE study is strongly as it is being run through affect arrangements since Joly, when the observation ministry abringly got them DS: De Brans Ali Maltic removed. Sonce then, the ministry is running the FDE without a regular bench.
When contacted, a series official at the education ministry said there was no delay on part of the education ministry and there was no dollar on part of the education ministry. "We have moved a summary carrying names of three shortlisted candidates to the federal government," he said, heping a name for the post would be approved sons.

the programme simed to reach 50 per cent of the eligible population for screening, testing and treatment within these years. The Elizabh urgod international partners to help Pakistan achieve 100 per cent coverage to ensure that the country meets the global HCV elimination targets before 2000.

Gas cylinder explosion leaves 13 injured in Rawalpindi

By Mohammad Asghar

RAWALPINDI. At least 13 people including women and children source injured in a gas cytimder conformation in Paical Colony in Airport police area in Basealpindis, police said on Saturday.

explosion for almost half an they were body shifting the hour and neighbours shifted beauthold items to a nearby the injured to the hospital on a bounce.

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Initially, the injured were shifted to the Benszir Blusto-Bospital (BBI) and solve-quently, they were transferred to the BSH did not have a burns until

cylinder explosion in Feisal Calony in Airport police area in Raseapiredi, police and on Saturday.

According to initial reports, the incident occurred late on Friday night around 10:30 per when the residents were bosy shifting the house.

Locals and the police of the feether occurred when the couldn't reach the site of the

She said that her father he a match mick mear the gas cylin-der, apparently to check a leak-age, which ignited a powerful explosion, shartering windows and deors of the house and care-tre a fire.

She further said that her Eather was critically burns, while his mother, cousing, her younger sister and these friends of his brother who were there to help them with the skifting also

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it destroyed doors, windows and bounded items.

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Meanwhile, the Sui Northern Gas Pipeline (SNGPL) has immed an advisory respecting homes. That consumers to take special utility by disilling energency. A local told Duren that the precautions while using feel number 1199 in case of gas explosion was so energence that gas – especially in the winter.

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"Therefore, consumers should never use rubber pipes with gas heaters and stores. Proper ventilates and stores, Proper ventilates around be ensured in the rooms and kitches and consumers should ensure than all gas-powered applianters, including stores, geyseen and heaters are terried off properly."

He argued entures to contact the nearest office of the gas

Pakistan tops world in hepatitis C cases: PM's aide

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to the Prime Minister on Health Dr Malik Mukhtar Ahmed Bhereth on Saturday said Pakisten has the langust number of hepetitis C patients in the world, with 10 million of the global 60 million

"This places us at the heart of the global affort to eliminate this disease," he said while addressing participents of a seminar organised by the Health Foundation on

hopastis elimination.
He also stressed the urgent need for collective action to combat Hepstitis C, a significant public health challenge being Pakisten.

The Norther highlighted its dire consequences saying: "If we do not act, Pakiston will foce over 11 million PCV cases by 2005, leading to 500,000 plus liver cirrhosts cases, over 100,000 cases of liver cancer and 100,000 HCV-related denths."

This economic impact would be a loss of over \$205 million armasily, he seed. De Bhareth ported out that as of 2001, only the period of the peditis C cause in the country had received hastmand, with testing and treatment access being the key challenges.

According to a statement, the federal government, in collaboration with provincial governments, has issueched the Pierce Minister's Programme for the Elimination of c(HCV) infection to address those challenges with a plan to allocate Richt to billion over the

ct+CV) Infection to address these challenges with a plan to allocate Recht to billion over the next three years.

In exhibitor, provincial governments will contribute Red3.61 billion, bringing the total funding for the initiative to Rs 67.77 billion. "Patietan has made significant strides toward hepatitis ofirmination." Dr Bhursth said. This includes establishing a National Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for hepatitis control, developing neitonal and provincial strategic frameworks, ensuring the availability of alfordable generic Direct Acting Antivirsis (DAAs) and achicosting for nationwick sosting up of waccreation, screening, testing and treatment efforts, he added.

However, he stressed that further support and technical assistance were needed to scaling up of waccreation, strengthening monitoring and heathcare systems, training heathcare workers and organizational collection to help us achieve out targets. No added. The PM's aide said the programme similar to resect 50 per cert of the neighble population for screening, testing.

Teachers transferred under rationalisation policy

reformalisation policy, find themselves dispensable as some of the subject apecialists have been transferred in educational institutions which lack their subjects or already surplus leachers. The recent mid-year bransfers of college forescent, under the guise of reformalisation, seemed to be a positive development as objective was ensuring fair distribution of leachers across various colleges.

Punjab transport department asks CDA to clear metro subsidy amount

Official says Rs6 billion owed besides Rs900 million needed to start repairs on Islamabad metro track

RAWALPINDS: The Transport and Masstransis Department his asked the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to clear the outstanding amount of Re6 billion on terms of soboldy provided to passengers who use the metro bus service.

In addition to this Ret billion, the Punjab transport department has also asked the Islamubad civis has also siked the followated civil-body to coordinate with the Punjab Masstransit Authority to provide Re500 million for the rehabilitation of the metro truck in the federal capital.

A nonior official of the Punjab-transport department told Dawn that the department could be the

that the department wrote a letter to the CDA, but has yet to receive a response. He said that the Punjab Massramsit Authority highlighted its concerns over the CDA response to the deteriorated confillation of the metro correlate in the capital. He said the CBA should provide its share of funds so the regate work could start in its jurisdiction.

About the Rawalpindi mottos track repairs, the official said that 97 per vent work had been com-pleted and the constring work would be completed within two more weeks. It may be meritioned that the rehabilitation work that started in July 2024 was supposed to be completed by December 31. Now it's likely to end by January 31.

According to a 2006 agroument, the CDA is supposed to maintain the metro track in its principliction. He said that the PMA has already transferred. Rs718.34 million to Development Authority (RDA) for the mainte-matice of the corridor from Saddar in Faizaliad. *... Alse CDA has not ther provided R4943.54 million

for the restrictmence nor taken up such works on its own." He said the CDA had not provided an amount of Ral4 million to engage a consultant for leakages/seepage issues at Chain as and Dr.e-Sin., Park Secretarial metro stations.

Somitarly, the CDA did not contribute to the substidy and owed simout Hab billion accommissived over the past few years.

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The official said the CDA had mode certain modifications at Fatt-Ahmed Fata Metro Storius, which seemed to be a safety hazard. The temporary setup of platform screen doors (PSDs) implemented by the CDA reportedly mathematically and those wore removed from the site. He said that this modification had been the beardies. modification had left the boarding. area exposed, significantly com-

promising passengers' adety. Panjab Masseransit Authority Coneral Manager Operations Unit Shah told Down that the CDA had been contacted many times to repair the track from Estanbad to Pakistan Secretarist,

but no response was received.

He said that CDA had to clear us share of over Ref. Inflies, which had been pending for the last few years. He said that in the past, the CDA had given Rs2 billion and then Rs1 billion. But since then, the approxy has not made any payments.

In response to a question regard-ing the subside, CDA spokesperson Shahid Kiani said, "As of now, Ref. 94 billion is required from the Ministry of Finance to settle the federal government's liabilities. For the fiscal year 2024-2025, as rot the fuscal year 2024-2025, an allocation of Ra3 falillion has been included in the federal PSIP. This amount will be disbursed to the PMA street it is released by the federal government."



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World delegates cherish Gandhara heritage during Taxila visit

By Our Correspondent

TAXILA: An interestional delegation com-prising academics and religious figures explored the rich heriexplored the rich hard-age of the Gandhara civ-ilination. Suring their rich to assent sites and the Taxila Museum on Savurday.

The tour was part of the "International Conference on



including Taxila, Peshawar, Mardam, and Swat are considered ascred among followers of Roddhiam and have the potential to attract international tourists from Taxiland and other made of stucco, eiler, gold, iron and semiprecious stones. The visitors were also

briefed on the history of the Gamilhara civilina-tion, verteen srupes, statues and other orre-

The participants of the comman were taken to the main ball which couldn't more than 70 stories on the life of Buddha, starting from the time of his birth sill his death.

Educational session held for PAF hospital's pathology team

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMARAD: An educational accessor titled "Beyond the Bleed Brave Taskling Fre-Analytical Errors in Clinical Labs" was conducted for the pathology team of Pakistan Air Force (PAF) Hospital Islamabad.

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The event was a collaborative offert by Shifa International Hospital, Shifa Carder for Professional Excellence (SCCOT) and eShifa Home Headth Services, extend at exhibitating awareness and practices in clinical laboratories.

Is brought together medical professionals, laboratory experts, and healthcare leaders to address the critical issue of pre-sundytical errors in laboratory diagnostics.

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He terged wealthy people in the state to charactel their Zakast and Ushr, alone, and other domainers through the Zakast and Ushr Department to enable it to entered general general assistance to underprivileged students. — Tariq Naqash

Commission sought for release of children trapped in blasphemy cases

ISLAMARAD: Human rights activists have detaateded of the government to form an independent treestigation commission to get children trapped in blasphency cause released.

The demand came from lawyer Union Wartsich, Barra Abdul Hamout Advocate and bear Marari Advocate and the parents of the affected children at a

f the affected children at a normal conformal price of the Nerthand Proce Chill.

Levyor Useam Warnach said that according to a report by the Special Burnts last year, a suspicious religious currented group is trapping Masilian boys and girls into sharing blamphottous content andire under specific plans.

So far, more than 450 Masilian youth last cores, including youth law bears including more than 150 in Aduats fall, more than 170

Aduda Jail, more than 170 in Labore Camp Office Jail and Kor Lakhper Jail and \$5 yearths in the call cells of

Konachi Central Jail. He said that a group has recruited young boys and girls for trapping innocent after befriend innocent youth so social media and han them by prevending to

hare them by precenting to he in love with there. Under various pretents including friendship, job, date or speeding the night, they go to the Sale House located in G-8 arm of Islamatod. They call where the members of this group brutally texture these buys, which includes hargang them could date and here. Choosy secondo dosery and boost ng them with sticks, make

g their videos, etc. The monther of people The number of people amortisted with this group is 25 to 30 who become plaintiffs after trapping young people from all over Pakintan, and each plaintiff is involved as trapping seare than 29 young people. These plaintiffs also ple. These plaintiffs also write their incorrect addresses in the FIR.

The lawyers have demanded that until a commission is forward in this regard proceedings over such cames should be stopped and minor chil-dzen should be released.

— Staff Reporter

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PML-N leader urges AJK president to ensure impartial Election Commission

MUZAFFARABAD: Former Prime Minister of Azad Jamenu and Kashmir (AJK) and semice Pakistan Muslim Lesque-Nawar (PML-N) horder Raja Farong Haider has urged President Barrister Sulian Mahmood to intervene and address concerns regard-ing the appointment of members to the AJK Election Commission.

Commission.

Mr Haider made this demand during a meeting with the President on Saturday, a day after raining the issue in a written letter.

The AIR Election Commission consists of the Chief Election Commissioner (CSC), who serves as chairman, and two members. Both member positions are currently vacant, and the CEC is set to extine us large are 13, presentably resolution to the commission. January 13, potentially rendering the commission non-functional.

Under the AJK Coostinution, the CEC is appointed by the President on the advice of the Chairman of the AJK Council—the Prime Minister of Pakistan-hased on nominana proposed by the AJK Prime Minister in committees with the Leader of the

Minister in commitation with the Leader of the Opposition.

Monthurs, however, are appointed by the President solely on the advice of the AJK Prime Minister.

According to the Constitution, no person can be appointed as CHC or a member unless be has served as a judge of the AJK superior courts or as a vivil servent of BFS 21 and absent in the AJK government.

At Backer's concorns arose from reports negativity that Prime Minister Chaudhry Arosaval Haybed preposed the name of a retired district judge from the Pakietan-based Kashmiri refuges community.

nity.

He was of the view that a district palge did not qualify as a civil servant under the contributional

items. In his communication with the President, Mr abler stressed the importance of preventing any

In his communication with the President, Mr. Haider exceeded the importance of preventing any inconstitutional actions.

"Building feee and fair elections will not be possible with a controversial Election Commission. Such a move would undermine the credibility of the entire electoral process," he warned.

The matrialized that a non-partition Election Commission could only be constituted through a consenue among all parliamentary parties in AJR.

Its alleged that the government was attempting to control the commission by appointing members of its

control the commission by appointing members of its

An official from the presidency confirmed that Mr Haider had raised these concerns during his meeting with President Mahmood but did not disclose the

with President Malteneoud but did not disclose the president's response.

However, Mr Raidur's green secretary Raja Wasim elisissed that the precident assured him to incomit-tuitional steep weekld be taken.

Reports were also doing the resids on Saturday that Prime Mirriser Hag had monitored a former AJK, government secretary, whose basic appoin-ment was not as a civil servant, for one of the vacant

However, the government had yet to officially con-

However, the government had yet to officially confirm either of the nominations.
Meanwhile, also on Saturday, Prime Minister Hag and Leader of the Opposition Khawaja Farusq Ahmed hold an initial round of consultations regarding the appointment of the CEC under Article 50(4) of the AJS, Constitution.

According to a statement from the prime minister's office, both leaders agreed to broader the acopt of consultations to ensure that the appointment remained non-controversial.

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First death anniversary of

Shahla Ali Khan

who left in on January 12, 2024. Her last journey was to America where she was laid to rest on February 10, 2024, at Lakewood Cemetery in Minnespolis, MN, under an old tree

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WORKERS install cat's eye reflectors on biamated Expressing near PWD interchange on Saturday. -- Photo by Tanweer Shanzad

Teachers transferred under rationalisation policy find themselves dispensable

By Boam Junaidi

DSLAMABAD: The teachers transferred under the extinuali-nationpolicy. Gred themselves dispersable as some of the unti-ject specialists have been trues-ferred in esheational tracking themselves which lack these subjects

tions which lack chair subjects or already surplus beacheve.
The revent midipote transfers of college professors, under the gains of rationalisation, secured in he a gostive development as objective was enumering a fair distributions of teachers as rose various colleges.

However, instead of addressing the surdient resolutions, if securethe transfers of institutions, if securethe transfers of readons last led to reissuations that less has led to reissuational assignments and understand

assignments and underutilina-tion of teaching resources, rain-ing concerns about the effec-tiveness of the rationalisation contemioreo's descisiones.

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Sandiarly, Mr. Acciptome Habanson, ast Assistant Professor of Economics from Hr. College, who was transferred to K.B. G. 6/3, expressed for dissentially from the Testing. Testing of tracking Economics, I barry no workload have. My dany in this college, is to engage any class whose tracking testing and the tracking tracking to the subject in an heavy. I reversely a regarded a class of the biology, a subject insulated to my field. All attentions, I sit idle."

Aisother reasuple of missions.

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Habib, a biology trucher truns-ferred from INCB F10/4 to IMCG F4/3. The college already had three biology trustlers, one of whore teas surplus. Dospite this, Mr Habib teas transferred there, having him with no classes to teach and remaining lelibe, for their worserving the sens

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Similarly, Mr Natür Abreed
Bhatta, a besturer in Islaenic
Studion, was transferred from
ILB College to IMCG 1-8/3. He
said: "Twentaking three datases
at IB-8 College, but here at
IMCG 1-8/3, there is no workload as the college already has a
toucher covering the milijout."
He further added: "IMCG 1-8/3
actually resided transfers in
physics, chemistry and mathemanics, but iristoud, the college
was given taschors in biology,
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Similarly, Mr. All Rata, a Political Science becturer, was transferred from IL-S College to 1800 IL-S A his new posting, he bosches only a 40-minute of his day sitting lefts.

This is efficient use of his time and apportish the politics and apportish highlights the flamed enecution of the politics.

try.
The Vice Principal of DACS The Vice Petrospal of DACS Sthala, Professor Fachan Assan, and, "We have lost two critical faculty steedbors, a beytater in Urda and another in computer science, who were transferred to 1860G Blureak. DMCS Schala, which arguestly recorded flater services, in new forced to rely on delig-reage teachers to fill the gaps. As IMCS Schala is nite atom of the arguest of the services of the arguest of the services of the arguest of balanabad, it should be given priority as it serves the good population of the area. We need more teachers."

A former office busines of Federal Government College Teachers Association outplu-sited that the retionalisation committee should have consid-ced the actual requirements of colleges. "Instead of addressing teacher shortages in recoffic colleges. Instead to autores-treacher shortages in specific subjects, the committee's abrupt and arbitrary decisions have resulted in a waste of fearmen resources and disrupted

Instrum removement and discrepted the education systems. Fotheral Secretary Education Moltyaddin Ahread Wart could not be cortained to be to remove to him but reply avails not be recoved till filling of this rares. However, a nonior official of federal Discretarion of Education (FDE), withing more to be epoched, and that the faculty members and principals of colleges have also intermed.

colleges have also informed about the issue and FDE was looking into a.

Housing societies asked to submit compliance reports

RAWALPINIS: The Bowelpindi Development Authority (RDA) has asked privine bosining socie-tion to solvest reports or compliance with rules and regulations promptly; this request was made during a meeting held on Saturday.

It was informed in the meeting to review compli-

It was informed in the mooting to review complimore of private boarding schemes with applicable
regularizes with Additional Director General Areis
Mancoor Tarar. The RDA officials of various
transfers irrelading Engineering. Estate
Management, Planting and Building Control
attended the meeting.

The meeting focused on ensuring that bousing
schemes adhere to the Private Housing Scheme
(PHS) Rules and approved Lapous Plans (LOPA).
The meeting also reviewed the deposit of applicable
focus, laving, and fines, as well as the completion of
focusadary plot meetings and the transfer of amost
try plots in fevour of the RDA.

Mr. Tarar emphasized that importance of regulatory compliance, and the timely payment of dues,
relievating ADN's commitment to maintaining
transpective and upholding legal and environment
at standards.

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The surfacetty vowed to take swift action to reasonine processes and onsering strict complete with all regulations. — Staff Reporter



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Imran moves LHC for post-arrest bail in eight May 9 riots cases

By Wajih Ahmad Sheikh

LATIORE: Palcintan Tehrook-LAHORE: Pakintan Tehewoke i-Irasi inconversated bounding chairman Intran Khan on Saturday approached the Lahore High Court (LBC) seeking post-arrest Smil in eight cases of May 9 riots inchaling an attack on the corps communication of a smidence.

Eight separate bail potitions have been filed before the LBC in a many cases through

in as many coses through Barrister Salman Saldas.

A two-padge bench compris-ing Chief Justice Aulia Needam and Justice Aspet Javed Ghural will take up the petitions on Montage.

An anti-terrorism court had on The peritions alleged that the New 27 desired built to the fermer indifferent behaviour of police

prime minister in these cases. The petitions enough argued that the protection failed to establish the petitioner's associa-

establish the petitioner's amoutation with the unfortunate occurceroon narrand in the FIRs.

They said the petitioner has
been implicated in the May it
came as a result of a well-occlustrated plan escreb to har one and
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The arrest of the petitioner
was rever required in the enses,
which was evident from the fact
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that police remained relactant in secsee his arrest during five months and 12 days after the disseissal of his pre-arrest bail less that trial court

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and lack of effort in securing the servest of the potitioner at a time-when he was destined at Adiala Jail, applicated the argument that arrest of the politicious reas-not required in the cases.

The sole allegation against the petitioner in the cases is of "abstincest", which has been in the petition of the prosecu-tion most vaguely, the pleas-ackled.

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They argued that the trial edge overlooked the fact that Previous and baseloss allega-tions related to the May 9 events have already been rejected dis-to incommistericies in the story of

to incommence in the acry of the investigating ageincy.
Moreover, the trial judge also passed a lengthy order by ignor-ing the basic principle of the law of batt, had down by the superior

courts that "sleeper approxia-tion of evidence should not be done at ball stage and only tenta-tive anterestive should be done."
The petitions argued that larran Rhan has been facing an angeresedented political victim-isation for two pears. The May 9 cases are yet another effort by the staterpolicie to implicate the petitions in a criminal matter tanks the note allegation of abstraces, they added.
The petitions sate the LHC to not aside the trial court's deci-sion and grant bail to the former prover excitative in the eight

prime minister in the eight Decrying built to the PTI bar at the time of offeror to be built to the PTI bar at the time of offeror bail declared that the charge of abetting and completing with the perpensators of the May 9.

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riots against the petitioner were-

riots against the politices were not ordinary in nature,

"The offences fall within the problemy claims of section 467 of CrPC. Fettioner was found amilty." ATC-I Jodge Manner Ali Gill had observed in his order.

The judge had moted that the sittire came of the protectation revolved around the stance that due to the criminal comprise and abstracts of the protectation of the positioner during the stance of the criminal comprises and abstracts of the protectation of the positioner during the stance of the positioner during committed the occurrence.

Therefore, he said, the argument of the positioner's reseased that his client was behind the last his client was behind the last time of offence had no weight.

vight. The judge had also rejected

PTI-backed candidate wins LBA election

By Our Staff Reporter

LABIORE: PTI supported Mobardur Relaxant Chandlary of Hannid Rham led Perdendonal Group was elected president of the Labore Bar Association (LBA) for 2025-26 in the observant badd on Saturday.

Michaeliar, who was a ununimous condition of the lessel Levyers Porom (H.P., bagged 2,400 votes, enabling his group to reclaim the law after a gap of a year.

Supportion of the winning penti-bus after a gap of a year.

Supportion of the winning penti-dent colobrated the victory with slogars and festivities, slowing to the drambouts. They also chaoted alogars in support of incarceated PTI founding chairman Imres. Klass. Some exceptors of the wire Khan. Some supporters of the win-ning cambidates also reserved to Continued on Page 15

mertal firing an Pane Road must the Labore High Court.

Adoeb Aniam Bleinder, an inde-pendent cardislate, come again-stood recover-up with 2,000 votes.

He come second in the bast year's election as well when Knarroon Shad of the Perfeasional Group could necesses third position. Interestingly, this year the pre-idential cardislate of Asses Johnsups Group, Misse Pair All, stood third with 1,807 votes, while another independent cardislate lefan Hoyat Bajera longged 1,708 votes.

Misses West jewil and Said Kholchae were obcated as vice presidents.
Wages Aslant Kableon were the
vice president seat for Model Town
and Atlanta Dadden reteled the

Families demand action against human traffickers

By Our Consepondent

GUJRAT: Families and GUJRAT: Families and dilderer of dozens of mining people from the Jame 2023 Libyan Coast boat capsito tragody staged a protest after receiving phone valls from alleged burnin traffictors in Libya, demanding additional money.

The demonstrators from Gojeat, Cajrasseala, Mandi Bahandidin, Sheikhapara and Rismber district of Azad Kashani gathered at Ketchery Chonk. Their rolly colmenated at Gajzat Press Clob, carrying barners and placarris demanding that the government take intradiate



action for the recovery of their loved ones, dead or a free. The families claimed at least 25 Politatoris were

arroung those missing in the 2023 traggedy.

They charted abgains against bearan traffickers Continued on Page 15

expectations.
Protesters alleged that has drads of people were stranded in sale houses controlled by

JIT to probe into forged pics of CM, UAE head

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) cyber crime wing has expanded scope of the probe against those involved in editing of the probe against those involved in editing and spreading doctored imagain-videos of Creet Minister Manyam Nameuz and United Arab Emerates (UAE) President Sheikh Mohamad bin Zayed Al Nethyan on social media and formed a Joint Investigation Team (JIT).

The FIA Labore on Sisturday arrested tive persons from different areas of Purpab for allegady uploading teles magas-videos of the loveign digitality and CM-Purpab and also making objections/se comments and booked them under PECA.

The JIT comprises the deputy directors

their under HLCA.
The JIT comprises the deputy directors from Feisalebact, Guinerwele, Multan and Lathore. The JIT will be freeded by FIA.
Lahore Additional Deector Chaudhry Serfrez.
The FIA scrutinised a number of suspected accounts on social media and registered.

cases against thre culprits.

According to the FIA, proliminary findings showed that 20 social media accounts were involved in uploading the manipulated images and videos of the LIAE president and the Purgeb CM. The identified accounts were expectable used to receive the transfer and the purpose. reportedly used to spread thise visuals and create a negative impression among social media users. More arrests are expected in

coming days, the FIA said. The UAC president had arrived at the Refer Yar Khan Aleport on Sunday last. wifees Prime Minister Shahibar Shahill welcomed him. Manyam Naseur was also present these and greeted the vesting dignitary with a handshake. However, Ma Newer taced criticism from some quarters that termed her handshake with the UAT.

Later, Al-penerated videos and pictures of her interaction with the UAE president were also vedely circulated online. CM Manyam reportedly was annoyed over this social. media company against her and directed the authorities concerned for strict action against those involved in it. Subsequently, the FIA cyber crime wing. Labore, became complainant in this matter and leunched the

Fog forces closure of key motorway sections in Punjáb

By Our Staff Reporter

Mira Nair traces her connection with Lahore

ThinkFest starts with discussion on The Reluctant Fundamentalist

Bly Utlan Aslam.

LAHORE: The nighth edition of Afleane-Tane Third-Fest opened here on Saturday with a session with retrewreed filtre maker Mira Nat-and recyclist Mohain Barnid Nat-spoke about their collaboration for working. The Fundamentalist, based or Hamid's novel in the post-0/11 world.

In the session mederated by Bilail Eatrweer, Nair traced her coresec-tion with Labore. "My Abbu came form Labore. "My Abbu came from Labore. My mother was from Ameiran I grow up in Orina, in the cost of India where he was a civil

nervisit but we grew up with the piecess of Fair and lefted. He only spoke Urdis and Persian and my mother spoke Penjabi and Rindi. I recother specke Persjabi and Rindi. I lited its those words, byten stell dreams of here (Labors). It was always at here (Labors). It was always a desire to conte here but not always in repeatable sent! 2005rt when almost impossible sent! 2005rt when All Seths, Jugens and Najam Sethii invited Mahmood Chor Instanti sed I to openia about Mossonon Worlding and my films."

She said she felt she had come into the embrace of a bosonii Ponjabi Auntie Jl and a was amazing. She and she felt that I had conse to a place that was her own and she

to a place that was her own and she was deeply inspired by reusic, peo-ple and art and best deeply different was the actual experience of being in Pakietan compared to what the

mercapagers said.
"I wanted to teld this take of not just my experience but this absolute schizes factories what one part of the world thinks about the other

and like Mohain I also know the West I have lived theer since I was 18, I know there was put a mono-logue. I did not know what to do about it until Ali Sothi carry with an about it until Ali Sethi came with an arguthished resonancipi. of The Robiction Fundamentalia. When I head it, I have said 'this in it' as I send it, I have said 'this in it' as I sendenteed Changou and being in love with America and, as Changou says, and being betrayed by it."

After conding the maintaining to the highest to make the film of the movel.

"This book is a very difficult book to make tota a film because it's a minologue, and monologues that's make the resonancies of the minologues and monologues don't make films. Once we had the rights, very quickly we invited books.

make filters. Once we had the rights, very quickly we trrited Mobain to work with in out the screenplay. The process of adaptation took three years. "She said for creating the character of Bobby Ohe Americans, she least on Mohain to ensure that the and her team did not invest something offsetly separate from the

"We created Bobby together and we needed that thriller to keep the scidence in any part of the world backed to the story."

Mira Neir and the people were nevitified by the tribe and were asking leer to change it but also joint laughed as it was the title that grabbed her in the first place, acroming a reprincy in it. "It was an international more to that had to be exade to Pakintan, Iradia, Tarkey and America and it resolution and it resoluted among. We get two treasters last one of them disappeared two secules before the start of filming."

After had to request the other income to make the effect with half Mira Nair said the people were

inscentor to make the film with half the budget. I got help from an Indian friend director who turned out to be an editor and offered to add the film at seved her a couple of moliscess of

She said all somes of Pakistan, Torkey, and Malaysia were filmed



BILAL Tansser, Mira Nair and Mohsin Hamid in the insugarsi session. -

in India except two days of outdoor done in Turker. She said her next shooting in Labore because there would be on Ameira Shergii was no immarance to bring acture in.

Two days of exterior shooting was

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CCOPPRESSION AND TYRANNY ARE THE WORSE COMPANIONS FOR THE HOSCAFTER 53 - HAZRAT ALL (A.S.) CTRACTION

Marriages held under Dhi Rani plan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE Chief Minister Maryon Nervas anys marriage is an emo-canal moreon for children and their parents and prace for their joy and bapping She was speaking at the "Punjah Dhi Rani Programme" under which

Programme" under which SI couples more worlded held here on Saturday.

"As much as your parents and you are liappy, I am also your mother and very lappy too. May Allah Altrighty give the daughters and some a happy and penceful life," she said.

The tarolywoods also include and grooms. She congratational all the newlywoods. She gratational all the newlywoods. She gratational all the newlywoods.

weds. Streige or them gifts of mattraway, cocking into tile, distrer note and other except The CM also largerbed 'Bhi Rami Programme Greating Card.'

Two women die by suicide

LATORIE: Two womens reportedly died by saiside in aspertate incidents on Saturday.

In the first case, Shaista, 25, of Nishtan Colory, consumed and feliaming family disputes. She was resided to the beaptial but successful to the beaptial but successful to the beaptial but successful to the second asso, Shumins, 50, of Shadiquivad, reportedly jarqued from the second close of beer beause after conflicts with bor family. She was critically injured and later died at a rearling baquital.

Police have delited both bodies to the integrate for

bodies to the morgoe for autopsy. — Staff Reporter

Car lifted

LABORIII A car was studen from Galgarde area in Madean on Saturday.

Ms Noroom puriod her volucite (Mathama AdV 404) costside: Veryant Boson Boson III and when the retorned after shopping, the found the volucie repairing.

She hedged a complaint

the velocie messing.

She include a complaint with the Gulgoubt police which registered a case.

Mahan City Police Officer of PO's Sadieg Ali Dogar said towns find been constituted to trace the refacls. — Staff Reporter

HARKING BACK

There is more to Ichhra than mere halwa puri

D NCE while having halou part inside Lohari Gate in the fasteen Haji shop, our of share corinerty I asked loss which was the best halou part shop in Labore. Prompt caste the astronor "Go to lobbra Barane even though that is strictly not in Labore".

The armore par me thinking, but I had beard from a friend that the halout port of lobbra, and this made me try it a few weeks later, and it was asine.

weeks later, and it was assur-ing. See as I had it are serling piece written about the history of lithra, it also get me captu-ing the main Sriengar Street and Jound the houses ascient.

and found the bounes encired. In 1947, the majority popula-tion of Echhan seen Illinka and Siddis, with Mardines being less than 32 per cent as official sta-nishes tell so.

It reminded me of a letter - a brands' that lies in the Labore Mandam nent by an indige trader from Surat which says, Labore soon lethers' So, the feeling that Labore and lethers were seen different towns comes to the fore. The present population of Lethers still strongly consider themselves population of territar with strongly consider themselves as not part of Labore, even though -officially - Labore has empelled them and morred entities about in every direction.

the about in every direction. The origins of the two earner

mice resention is made of them then the creation of these two totans need to be clearly described. Both 'lebbara' and 'Labore' forward a few their sand 'Labore' forward a few their sand years ago, both on mounth, to prevent the monston floods destroying those. Both took their names based on the beliefs that prevailed them. These beliefs trapected deities that are still respected to the Hinds bith.

Just as in blum there is a mestral allocatomposing Allah, with a devil.—Sheitan—as opposing His will yet solosor.

Alliah, with a devid Shaitan so opposing His will yet sobserresist to Allah, in the Hisdu
Eath there is an 'One' with the
delition Shive and Vishtus with
a third Breshma flowing from
them. I wan them flow after
'Malasters' with attributes
that sent individual preforsisten. Complex as it sounds,
commercian on bulishs has its
own problems.

According to the book Alimbs
Rites and Rhands by KV Singh,
the marges 'Laboro' and
'Schitze' are opposite surributes
of two different traditions. It is
me surprise that in this age of
reason, if that can be and to be
true these days, even the mater of age of these, two towns
are dispot ed.

are disputed.

We all know that lefters has afareous temple called Baseous know had their those was

which are now the ranges of "chambrat", which are now the ranges of "solvallable" (precipieds) there. Trust our priestly lot to try to coronne them, put as they have mixed up the names in the skil waited city of Labore. The delay of Labore. The delay of Labore. The delay of Labore. The delay of Labore. The support of the avastar of Shiva, and Rhareon represents one angest of the avastar, a major correlator to the "transart". In the Bhagovata-Paranas the word "leba Ra" in Samkrit means 'not the edge of ovil'. Sarody, this can be missible from the remaind there. Similar samples. From the small

insterpreted. Amsacingly in Javeish scriptures it means 'the edge where goodness starts'. I looked up a

generatives starter. I leocked up a Sanishris discriminary and floored that their discriminary and floored that there was an Aryan Han deany by the masses of 'Ra', floored as could also mean the 'dwelling of Ra'. But them woods can be existed from the other days bedoed 1947 when Hindus were in a majority, they observe in a majority, they observe the languarity considered thumselven superior to the followers of 'Lab', the deity nor of Raesa, an 'wouter' of Vishran Thin 'avatar' is a major character in the 'Mahabbarutar' epic, 80 it was good against the evil of Shiya and his avatare. But room the good against the evil of Shive and his avatars. But treat the priestly Brahesess of the welled city who claimed supe-mority in terms of casts. The exactlent book by

The exactlers book by Trilochan Sastry titled The

prisons in every faith tend to set up their even seets, and the collapse of Baddhisses in a good example. Now on to a bit of history. Archaeological samples from the Labore Fort clearly show habitation earlier-dated at 4,200 years age people living on the resimilar action. Similar samples from Mohallah Madhan are timed at 3,500 years plan. From the small mound where the first point of the samples are the stand at a second where bitters exist an archaeol where bitters exist in a sach asception have been taken. such maniples have been taken. But then Labore has many more mountdo than the three of Ichhra. The extent of recessors flooding determined the use of mods, both of Latione

those minimals, both of Labore and leibtra.

But then why this dispute once which fown in other? Labore's Labori Gate, which is the oblest of the city, becould here. This has been used as or excesse to think that leibtra was Labore. "Labori Darwesta' is the gateway of the 'tohars', the incremengers. Inside this gateway existed till very recently a lot of iros. Introace which supplied iron and spewhich supplied iron and spe-cial metals for military and other uses, just as did the metal of the famous Zamussia

lager, a time writers Montiers or flitche did not exists.

A British Gazetteer of Labore Gazetteer of Labore Gazett that reco of the sideou Hindu templos in Western India exist in leibirs, they are Brocers do Asthan and Chand Rant temple. According to Mandama Noor Alternal Chiefer's Intercon book Technology for the According to Mandama Noor Alternal Chiefer's Intercon book Technology of the temple of the second of the temple of the temple of the was at saiding from Maghai accounts, be tean from Maghai accounts, he was sentenced to death.

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sentenced to disadh.

The story goes that as Godar
was waiting to go to the gallows, a man appeared before
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his eyes, he tourd hisraed at
the exact hotestion where today
the tall, cone shaped temple
usands. He asked the man who
was he? The man replact
"Bluerer". When Godar
winked again, the man was
gines. The Samin'it word for
fibeers means loggeman.
Become is a transplact
Lord Shire Badas the Hindu
doity of destruction.

Godar in his search semial

doiny of dournation.

Godar us his search settled in Shahaland area of Labore, where he started living rear the Pari Mahal. After aljusting in the test city, he one day

gathered a few Hindus and took them to the spot. There he narrated to them the story of Blueers, after which the spot became known as Blueers do Astron.

Anther.
Another story rounds marro-tion. In the days of Ranjii Singh, the mother of his consu-tive Moran over hill side. She was diagnosed ashering dijums in "her". Moran teas informed that one of the descendarie of Coffee practiced margie, and he Godine practiced magic, and he resuld be able to rid the body of the introders. According to tru-dution, the mainmoned from, and he was able to cure her

and he was able to care her seed her. As a reward for his survivors, Moran orthreed all the villages that were granted to her to bring in a cart of bricks such for the constraint of a proper temple at the Asthan of Blocers.

During the rious following the Babri recogne treadeest in Apostlyra, the crious following the Babri recogne trained to bring this temple down too, but since it was exacle of strong material, it survived. Maybe Blocers was still at work ... why did the circles of the leader of the ristore cascin fire? Nothing like a myth.

But today there is no doubt that lefshes provides an excel-lest market for powellery and alothes and lest we forget, accellent Makes paris.

Call for resistance to uphold rights of people

LAHORE: PTI leader Barrieter Ali Zafar has ruised the tense of soci-etal polarisation, point-ing out how the estab-lishment's influence on economic position has political parties has intensified districus.

internatified distincts.

He criticised the use of 'water investme' to make the control and streamed the second fibrate framework of the register of the control fibrates of the control of the register of the control of the register of the control of the register between Klass's vision, Zafar unified for legal articles between Klass's vision, Zafar unified for legal articles to achieve unification to achieve unification of Pakintan.

He was speaking in a securior, Politics in Politics in

sension, Politics in Polisimed Times, at the Adam of Taxa ThirthFest on Saturday, Jaarnalist Mehmal Sarlatus moder ated the session, according to a prome release.

Mostafa Newson Kholchur of the PPP high-

Kloichur of the PFF high-ingleod the one centralic-tion in Pakiston's political herdecape, asking when her the retail infalchiblers sur-the cetablishment or the politicism. He semples sized that even in reday's revolute. one autory modern era, safety tematacel a concern in sec-eral areas of Pakistus, with people smaller to step

Khum about its impact and the tempoker political-military partmenships belitized the necessity. Malik responded by referencing Francis Paleayama's book. Alexange The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentativest, augusting that those who studentwind in these should refer in the called for enertial dislogate with respect and ambients over its respect and ambients over its respect and ambients over its political parties seeking personal gain.

ing personal gain.
The session concluded with a discussion or accepting the just mis-taken by the outshilds-recet and political leaders. Mr. Khelchar addressed tones in Balochistan and Pakhmankhwa.

Rhyber Pakhterikives, atri finiting fluors to the considerations of the consideration of the transition of the partial of the partial of the transition of t Mathemal Sentance there are no collection to address perMathemal Sentance there are necession to consummation, callresolts consummation, calling out the existing consumPuzzalo Associately within political
Specific Matik Alternal groups themselves.

LAHOREI Perio Bogo, a for-

LABORE: Perin Boga, a former professor of the Kinnaird College, speaking about Labore as written about by Bapsi Sidirea, said to retreated to building surrounded by a large corposited that was known as Broot Namer.

"There was Rodon's Botel with its beautiful torrace, a little further was Charing Cross, the Chota Bagh, and then close by wan the Queen's Nature which figures so much in the Lor Castly was to make in the Lor Castly was the Queen's Nature which figures, the said white speaking at a sension. Recreasivelying Latione's Espai at Alkare-Tana Think Fest here on Satur-day.

Mi Boga went onto say that mear the Charing Cross there was the Charing Cross there was the Civil and Military Goiette office where Radyard Kipling worked.

"On the opposite side of the road was the motor company where Noble Safferos, Bapsi's second lass band, and high coort band the Castlesfed Restaurent and the Castlesfed Restaurent professor to the Commonwhile Radding, Along with it, there were some Parin Isanillos who lived upstairs whefigure in The Cross Esters and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Commonwhile Restaurent and them you get to the correct of the Co

wheeligare in The Crow Enters and them you get in the corner of the Common could fluiding, there was DP Adampee Company owned by Saper's father while her grand mother freed upstains Bapus mean have irred there as a small child.³
Mis Bogo and Happir's father was Peshetier. Bhandara who exceed this workshop in the Common like the Western Shandara who in the Schilding. She mid Northis wern to Schilding She mid Northis wern to Schilding She mid Northis wern to Schilding. She mid Northis wern to the family friendship which continued to this day. She said Peshetian was a daily visitor to their borne when

this day. She said Perhoton was a daily visition to their borne when they shifted to the Waris Road.

"Perhoton would come wheeling, not cycling, his bispole, gick up my father and they would volk to Commencial Building. My father would at in the Pak Tos Hosser which was then called the Coffee House while Perhoton would do

his work at his sloop. By midden, they would come to one house where my mother used to make ustad. Postcomi would drunk his bottle of beer and go home for locals. In the mountaine, Bapsi was

Remembering Lahore of Bapsi Sidhwa

locals. In the reconstitute, Bagei was growing up but unfortunately, else was acrossing up to a unifortunately, else was across by poles and it was her mother who really persisted with manage advised by a Parai decise. That's when she recell was closush."

According to Perin Bage, Bagei got over her poles but not completely as she was in constant disconfers though she managed to ever her walk despite a slight limp-

Ma Strahaddin referred to name bloc Waris Road, Birdreood Road, Queen's Road, Jail Boad Road, Queen's Road, Jail Road and Locie Harrison School, Malka Ku Bar that feature in Ropei's novels. "Simply reading these place names evoked a Labore which is no more. And a Labore which is no more Aral at Labore which also was also colorful which disappeared soon after the Partition when the Bandon the Partition who the Hardin and Gnishod alangheering each office.

Als Strajachlin spoke of the colours in Rapsi's novels at different levels, not just visual but psycho-



She removed soved Bagui as an attrac Not research to a scarm becast flut untile. "She treat very congoing and made a front of friends, went to Kinnsaird and had a boat of friends over their forms, some of them loops in touch with law it was Labory which was very reach fast place with parties, Rapai loved parties and enseiting people. I remember very gas desco parties, which stars there has countrile began with her accord hashand, Noothir Salivan, Sie continued to live a very jurful life, Bagas researchered.

Prof Shant a Kirapaddin pointed and statulous between the Salivan and tilve women with a warm bountiful

cut standout humour in Sallyevi's works. She termed reading Rapsi, particularly the Ice Carely Mass, a requiest as it had a litting of names. of places East the yourseer general tion might too have the same your manner or impress with that.

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legical and cultured.

She said Bapet wrote about Labore with hurgear that's quite misper, asking how many writers could write that way. "At the crack of dawn, Labore, the city known as the garden of Moghats turns asto a roder," she given this quote as a roder," she given this quote as a roder, and a strong with a Massian serves to a village characterized by defecuting between but softing repellant or monthing. She pointed out the

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LAJPAT RAI: A brook, Being Himbs, Being Rai: A brook, Being Himbs, Being Hendreit Lalle Lajpot Rai's Ideas of Natiorshood, sone Lauresbord in a sention, featuring its author Varyes Blassgaves of the National Law School of India University.

in author Varya Bhargavo of the National Law Solved of India University.

When Laba Lajpat Rai august College, Varya anid, he got about to Arya Sarraq and it had a long term impact on hose he thought of Hindu religion. His 'off and or' interest with Compress also started force as well Hindu Relianables Movement. She said he was third, and he seas rediscovered in India in the Existin would go back. She said he was religion to the Eristin would go back. She said he was religioned for his India in the 1990s in monther maintenances before a said the greated for the Hindu rastonalism, an idea together the Hindu rastonalism, an idea to put it the loss is there was no concept of ration state in his time, however there was a specific of different religious ideastics. Later, according to her, he thought of all religious living together with regant sent across, solution as invokenced in the Mindus and the specific of the sent of the Mindus I sent of the sent of

World War-I and then he moved to the US where he stayed for five posts. "There he observed mary communities bring together and thought why it could not happen in India with faderation file the US". She said Laiper Ras had sup-ported Khilafar Mercement of the Muslimes but there was a riot in Kohat which pushed him towards Hinda militately to oppose the new Median demands regarding preservings of representation. He got into Hindu politics to corrain thuse domards though he was willing to corrected to pertain willing to soncede to certain demands. Though he had a secuhar approach towards govern-ance, he thought that no Moshim demand should encrosch upon llinds majority, she added, — IRFAN ASLAM



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Export facilitation policy being exploited, says FBR chief

By Faisal tobal

LABIORE: A talk that was suppresed to be probabile given its acope that involved the coregion mass of incation in a consentry like Pakiman with mastive tax evacion and a crambling and corrupt tax collection mechanism, both the moderator, foremer finance minister hithshimmal and the grame, Federal-Boseri of Borunus (FBR) Clustroum Rashid Langrial, shed light on the inace in a way that was both since to a say that was both since to the context of the property of the first part of the country 60 percent has country 60 percent has country 60 percent of the country 60.70 workforce, the top top have 1.7 intilian tax hability, while its total tax gap in around five triflien.

Mr Langrial axid that unfortunately the whole taxation system has been designed to facilitate five percent of the people, who further capies the loopholes in its 10 ornals.

percent of the people, who further exploit the loopholes in it to weals their liabilities. For exceeple, be-said, the export facilitation policy that allows five year tax relaxation

that allows the year tax remainten-sees being minused.

As Miftah satirically asked whether only the taxpayers are to-be blamed, Langrial frankly admi-ted the issues with regard to the FBR's expecity, which he said in

second the getting in return, in normal netwice delivery by the state, Langrid unid, it is a wider delium that reluction Psidotam is a an over-taxed country? "No, it is not the case," he said. Admitting that our ratio for the sub-cined of the case of the CSV con-

ried class and the GST rate, improvements need to be made, he improvements seed to be made, he and arrong the comparable compiles, tox-to-GOP ratio in Pakietan, that is Spi, is not high, Similarly, he and, Pakietan expenditure to GOP ratio was also high, saying that it was 26pc in India schille in Pakietan it was 15pc. "The problem is that we are able to collect too linds (tax)," the PIR chief adminted.

the (nac)," the PRR chief admitted.
When again peabled by Miffish about what people are petting for paying taxes, FBR chief said that the magnetization and appending as much on bealth and obscation as we should, there are also issues with

the way the allocation is used.
In this regard be cited the example of the country's school educa-tion system which, he said, was mainly focused on years of oduca-tion than the educational outcome, because of its flawood design, "So neither we are paying fames ar should, nor we are getting the

LAHORE: A talk that was expended to be predicted green its according to the producting control by the moderator, than tax ratio for the milasted to be predicted green its according upon 12.5pc of every body's increase, which even includes along, and what people is some cases, including even its best as a constrict product in a constrict product in the even includes along and the propose in the income of doctrier doing private production. unter practice, ITBR chief and the government is cognitarit of the issue but unless there is compliance on part of tax collection from trad-ers and others, there can't be space for such relaxations.

Mr Langrisl and that ITBR was

focusing on implementation and has taken measures to make it difficult for people to spend money on real ensite. volucios and foreign travel if they have not filed their last tax returns

To a question about physical resistance by traders to the field tax officials, FBR chief said his organic

officials, FBR, chief and his organi-nation avoids strong-arm measures and treats the insie as a civil matter. As Mr Millah asked if any measu-ares are about with regard to bring-ing down government expendi-tures, Langetal exploited that a right-nioning committee was working onder the finance minister has already decided to close down at least two Teleral ministeries and least two federal ministries and

reaching attached departments.
Closing the session, Mr Mattah appreciated Mr Langriel for taking effective steps to such appeal money, especially in Castores by introducing a new mechanism for approximate Karachi, that would be obtainedly expended to the entire country.

Four cops injured during raid in Kasur

KASUR: Four police KASUR: Fear petter officials were injured when the family recen-bers of a suspect articled them during a police raid on Saturday in the Kot Ali Gath locality in the jurisdiction of B Division petics.

olice.
According to police, the 8-Division police con-ducted a ruid seiflicest war-runts at a house in Kot Ali-Gar to acrost Mahammad

By Our Correspondent from the account's side

was also injured.

The injured people were hospitalised and the

were beggetalized and the policie have registered a criminal case against the attackers. Three suspects were research.

W. E. D. D. I. N. G. VHALENCE: A yearth was killed due to jubilization firing during a weekling as Saturder in village. on Saturday in village Maga in the limits of Phoolnager police.

Police reported that unit Gar to arrout Mishammand Madagem, who is wanted in a criminal case. The family manufacts and meigh bount confronted the police, heading to an argument that excellent into a police, heading to an argument that excellent into a physical abservation.

As a remail, four police rover — Augher All, Rashid Ali, Kityaar Hayar and Mahammand Ashruf — mentained disjection, while Waqaa Ahmod Police are investigating the incident. dentified guests at the wedding of Michaermad

'Imran wants NRO'

visits, these people start mischief to spoil Pakistan's relations," she told a press conference here. She said Irran Klass wanted NRO (deal).

"When nomeone visits him in jull, he (Imran) with him to get him released through NSO,"

during his government. When the founder of PTI mande him firmal call! From Adiala Juil, It rorsed out to be a minued call. Despite the call for civil

Doctor among three booked for rape of hospital guard

By Our Correspondent

TORA TEX SINGE-trical about moment police sta-tion on Seturday registered a case against a children beapt all doctor, a security supervi-sor and an accomplice of the supervisor for allegedly reging a lody security guard in the floopital.

Boupital.

Roporta said complainass 'N' alleged in the first information report registered tasks section 371-A of Pakistan Penal Code Start of the state of the start of the start

supervisor also everpowered for in his office and he along with his accomplice gargeraped

ber on Jan B.

She said she filed an applica-tion to police for registration of a case against the suspects but when it delayed she attempted suicide by cutting her firms the other day and new she was under treatment at Allied Housted.

Heaptral.
Police are looking into the

PROTEST: Scores of shop-leoppers and vendors of eight banars at Clock Tower took out on Saturday a rally against the anti-encrosoftment drive married by Feisselskad MC.

started by Friunished MC.
Addressing the participants,
a PMI-N leader, chairman
superme control of Angumen
tajiran and former deputy
mayor Amin Buts, said all participarts in rally were carrying
PMI-N flags as they some test
against this government, but

they were just demanding that with shopke-spore and verdors and secons their 'gree' demands.

and accept their 'prac' demands.

Be seged Commissioner Maryam Khan to encolve the issue just like size did as commissioner in Malian.

INJURESH Robbyers shot at and injured a men and his pephow on Saturday when they did not stop their motorcycle near Chak 200 JB located on Toba Road at Gajra.

Both Manacow Ahmad and Muhammad Sathail of Chak 300 JB seers admitted to Gajra TBQ bospital and later referred to Fassalabad Alliad

Karachi middenly caught fire at Toba mose Chartians railway station located on Toba-Shorkot Canton mout track on Saturday.

Remova 1812 firefighters con-trolled the flamen and reported that the fire memoryly evapsed due to some fault in the whoels of longer. The longer contained 90 termson of coal and terrely action arred at level 58 termson from burning.

Meanwhile, a fire broke out in upper storay of a commission Resisse 1922 fireflighters or

in upper stories of a commission agent's shop in Taba grain mar-ket due to electric short circuit Michaenton Subal of Chuk and Sanarday as a result comparable District there administed to Gojra THQ hospital and later referred to Faisachabad Allied accordation.

FIRE A bugie of a remning questioned that it learn Ref. millioned that at learn Ref. million worth of bags were used beared.

POIT: Painable DC Nafleets Natir has set a an example by personing a Punjals poet. He aministrated on Saturday the recruitment of two som of the Punjabi poet of

two sens of the Punjable poet of formersells and writer of five Punjable poetry books, Manatour Shakiyes.

An official unid the DC Searest that Manatour Shakesel was facing financial constraints and be called the poet to his office. He presented the poet with a costs price and a constraints. costs price and a commencer's tire shield of the DC and autoesticed providing jobs to

his two sorts.
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She said Shahbar Sharif

"When commone visits him in jull, he (herend described in the per him seeks him to get him released through NRO," with several arge, with several \$1.1 bellion to Pokiaton. Efforts were continue KP government made to herm Pakistan seves involved in corruption. "The incompetent government, in power for 12 years, has only preduced the people's set for ing. The policie seveds to Smill Reporter.

Rs5.7m corruption scam Inquiry initiated against former education CEO

By Our Correspondent

SARIIWAL: An inspriny involving BaS 7 million in corruption charges against Dr Micharomad Archael, former chief executive officer of the Sahiron Dumries Education Authority, has been initiated authority, has been initiated authority, and Employees Efficiency, Discipline, and Accountability (Penda) Act of 2006.

The intgairy was ordered by the School archael by the School

The inquiry was ordered by the School Education Department (SED)

CSED).

The chief minister office directed Waqar Astes, managing director of the Portials Procurement Regulatory

inquiry within 60 days imber section 5(9) of the souther section 5(0) of the Peoda Act. The order fur-their specifies that Mohammad Aroli, who was an assistant and head clork moder the URO (rele-cation) at the time, will also floor the same irequiry. Currently, Dr Arobad is noving under the School Education Department in Labore. The inquiry order was immed by Khalid Nazir Watton, Souretary of SEEE on Jan Scorretary of SEEE on Jan

The alliegations include withdrawed of Re4.55 milwithdraward of Spat. to man tion without documenta-tion, RefST,000 from the DDO automat on three occasions for awards under "Sham-i-Mostafa

Rationarial O Alameers" and Re99,990 and Re05,000 from the BOO account for perchasing thems without proper naturation.

natorion.
Interestingly, De Arshad had previously been implicated in a Ba225 million corruption case by the Austi-C n r r n p 1 i o n Establishment following a report from Muhammad Akraru, of Gubtan Road, Satiswal, on Aug 11, 2024. Akram, of Gubitan Road, Salisead, on Aug 13, 2028. At that time, he was booked under nextions 471, 464, 420 and 405 of the PPC and section 5/2-47 of the PCA, along with his accomplicus. Despise these charges, so judicial action was taken against Dr Arshad.

PTI-backed candidate...

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vice president position for Cantonenent For two positions of the societary, Nanouer Birella of professional group-and Malik Sharper! Khokhair of Arma Jahangar Group emerged victorious. Sharpart Ali Khan won the joint secur-

rary seat and Ejaz Gujjar was elected as finance secretary, while Samina Kholchar secured the librarian posi-

tion.
Prof Attique Ahmad Khan won the

seat of meditor.

NRULTAN: Malife Javoil Dogar was elected president of the District Bar

Amociation Midtan for 2025-26.
Interestingly, Mr Jared was not only supported by the lawyer wings of the PEI test also the PML-N and the PPI besides various alber factions.
Malik Jared is a brother index of PTI MNA and Chief Whip of the National Assembly Malik Amir Dogar, who remained present at the Dar during the whole aborton artirity on Saturday.

reministrated presents at the Dar during the schole election activity on Sast archay.

Matik: Javed necessed 5,100 votes against has main vival Syedia Bestlera Nasyri who bugged 819 votes. Matik Adnars clinched the position of general necessary and Khalids Khan Baluch was elected vice president.

Imran moves LHC...

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another atance by the commet that the petitioner's post-arrest ball in so many other cases had already been allowed by different courts.
"This court also is of the view that it is

rust an ordinary come of abatement, insti-gations or conspiracy," the trial judge had commerced in his order. He had observed that being the facual-

ing chairman of PTI, the petitioner's approaches and directions were strictly

speeches and directions were strictly followed by his vorkours and supporters.
Separately, ATC-III Judge Arshed Javed had do Nec 8, 2024 granted post-servest built to human Khan in foor other comes, including burning the PML-N office in Model Town, a container man Kalma Chowk, police websites in Golberg, and violence at Storpao Bridge during the May 9 rists.

Mira Nair traces her connection with Lahore

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who lived and died in

abore. Moheim Blanted said Medicini Harmid said after problembing his slebut movel Moth Sensite lie wanted to write a very different book. "Moth Stroke was a revel about Labore written by correcte who had open had on their life outside Pokistian no it was not as inside? Second of a normalier we occurred of a normalier." initialists's accounted of a pass-visualist alice of Laftoni life. The Relactanta Friendlamountalist was the represented of Moth Sweeke.

represents of Moth Smedo. It was an account of life in the US by nomeone who fived half of his life matride the US."

He said the nevel before 2001, "As we all knear 2001, "As we all knear Sept II, 2001, there was a massive terrorist attack which set the metics in

experiences in receivent field.

In Dialysis Unit.

a hospital set up.

the investors of Adglaritation and Iraq and so maple also that ful-lowed."

boreed."

Before that happened, he said, he was working on a reced about a gay who had a corporate job in New York, feeling that he was in service of the franticial emptro that he did not to serve, quita his job and morved back to Labore. Mohain narrated the incident how his agent had rejected it, terming it very quiet, "A couple of morths later," NT1 happened and the trees of months toron, first happened and the agent asked about the book about the Muslim gay who seamed to go back."

Mobility said he recent wanted to write a movel about 9/11 and a quien lane story of brook-up. "For a year, I was stock and then I tried to revise

the novel but I kept setting it before WII on that I would not be alloost WIE. Years later, it accurred to me that I reed to take the WII reality but I also wanted the novel to be simultaneously set in Pokistan and America to this notion of a fragree of a Pakistani meets as American man receiving in the barnar is set in the structure of the book."

According to Mohisin,

According to Mohain the movel tried to reject this zero-point binary and the idea of forcing the reader to the uncom-fortable position of try-ing to judge nonething will foot between the

trath.

The session followed the velocene address by Dr Yaqoob Bangash, the organizer of the

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Families...

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interestational Barrage Coat-

international human trafficking median to Libya.

Several protestore shared distressing accounts of receiving phone calls from rundering previously used by their entirency relatives. The callers, altegodly traffickers, domains of additional runson for althor extensing the bodies of the decounted on arranging phone conversations with phone conversations with the missing individuals. Despite sharing this inder-mation with the Federal Its entigation Agency (PLA), no action has been taken, they said.

talcon, they said.

One protestor oregina-niced that beyond the 75 missing Pakintania from the 2023 tragedy, hun-drods have been detained by safficher to seem by traffichers for years The captors reportedly derivated large mans for their release, exocurtist-ing the families' softening.

The protesters orgod Prime Minister Shahbaa Sharif to intervene for the Prime Minister Shahbar Sharif to intervene for the safe recovery of them held captive in Libya's safe becases and to ensure the extrate of the deceased vic-tims' bodies. Gajnet and Gajnerwala FIA circles have regis-tered dorses of cause against human traffictors larked to the incident, alading to love arrested

throming to horse arrested several suspects in enacle downs. Hawireer, the victime.' families expressed dissatisfaction with the progress and demanded the recovery of the missing persons.

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Sabalenka and Sinner target back-to-back Australian Open glory



Nine killed, 12 injured as trailer falls over passenger coach in Karak

CM, governor condole deaths, order best possible care for injured

Bly Ghulam Muraalin Marwat

LAKKI MARWATI Nine poople box their lives and a docen mutained injuries in a tragic road accident in Karak district

on Saturday.
Police and Renews 1122 offi-

Police and Renewe 1122 offi-cials and that a trailer fell over a pasteriger couch when its driver lost numered of the reliable due: to brake faithre more Ambert Kalley area. They said that the container also damaged other vehicles parted there. Rescue officials and that eight parasits died in the spot, while LI others were injured, who seem gwovaded first aid by the rescues and lawer distinct in the Destrict Headquarters Hospital, Korski, They said eight rescue service's sufficiences and recovery vehi-cles took part in the relief offers alter the accident.



incurred on the buny Penturear Karachi Highway in the limits of Vacquell Khan Shahund police tration

of Yaqqoob Khan Shahwed police station.

A police official axid that a contingent along with the traffic wordors reached the venture immediately and launched a reaction operation. Be said thus the injuried persons sever extraved from the coach and other vehicles and shifted to the Discrict Hambquarreirs Haspital.

The police official axid eight injured, including a mirror girl.

the refer condent.

The officials said the mintage seconds at the bospital.

A resease official, homogray, naid that ritre people periodsed in the accident.

The decented were identified as Mohammad Index, 52, a resident of Karak, Assum Khan, 45, resident of Mashidahad, Naila, 3, Qainas Khan, 30, Sharufat at Mosakan, Hamilalah, 45, endere of Mashidahad, Naila, 3, Qainas Khan, 50, resident of Mashidahad, Naila, 3, Qainas Khan, 50, resident of Thorachist, and Qadr, 56, a resident of Karak, Alexan, 24, residents of Throchist, and Qadr, 56, a resident of Karak, Assum 24, and Khalia, 5, resident of Throchist, and Qadr, 56, a resident of Throchist, and Qadr, 56, a resident of Throchist, and Allah Rakhada, 78, resident of Throchist desired that they had arrowed the trailer drives.

Somindials, a resident of Lakki Marwas, in injured condition and staffeed lines to the beoptial. He said that the highway had been discred for reliabilitar tradition. Meanwhile, in a statement issued in Positianar, Khyber Pakheumkhen. Chief Mirrister Ahi. Anim Khan Gardipar expressed his sorror over the deaths of mine people in the malfie accident. The statement said that the chief minister also extended his spraphiles to the familian of those who leat their lives and those who leat their lives and those who were injured. Mr. Gardiagur directed the health authorities to provide the health authorities for provide in the tradities and possible medical facilities to those or be reliable midiage and directed the redite minimum in the tradity minimum their statement of the reliable midiage and directed the reliable midiage of the reliable authorities to provide all posses the southerness in the injured during their treatment, the also directed the Pakintan Red Cronount Society to carry out relied autivities and adved the party workers to describe blood for the victims of traffic middiage.

PTI leader Bangash indicted for firing on police

Bureau Report

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PESHAWAR: An anti-terrorism court on Saturday indicted Pression Tehroek-Inset leader and former provincial minister Kamuan Khan Bangash for allegedy firing gurishots

on police and sheltering absorbing former federal minister Murad Second. Mr Rengash pleaded not guity to the charge and decided to stand trial. Judge Asad Khan feed Jan 20 for next

Judge Asiad Khun food Jan 20 for next hearing and also summoned prosecution witnesses on that date.

The FBI of the occurrence was registered on Oct 20, 2023, at Chemicani police station under different provisions of the President Paral Code and Artili Terretism Act

A big contingent of police had reided the residence and hujos of Mr Bangash and had taken him into custody.

The police sileged that they had relocated the residence and trups of Mr Bangash and had taken him into custody.

If was alleged that when the reiding team visited the hujos of Mr Bengash some aimed men also find at their nesting this injuries to two cops, identified an Rashid and Keleem.

Mr Bangash was subsequently granded ball by an ATC on Oct 30, 2023. He had denied the charges and stated that the CCTV.

by an ATC on Oct 30, 2009. He had denied the charges and stated that the CCTV footage of the police raid didn't show any attack on police personnel. He claimed that neither the police recovered any weapon from his possession nor were any evidence or marks of fired bullet available on record.

He stated that the case was politically motivated aimed at victimising him.

Four miners laid to rest in Shangla

VC for Chitral varsity demanded

CHITRAL Possion Muslim League-Nowar's Chitral information secretary and human rights activist histor A Next Advocate has demanded of the Kinyber Padrauridness government to fill the post of vice-chancelor of the University of Chitral, which has been lying vacant for the land one-end-half year, affecting this nescent institution.

Taking to separates here on Seturday, he said that all the three key administrative controllers of examinations

said that all the three key administrative positions of register, controller of economistions and inesturer were also lying viscent.

He east that the university bad no academic staff above BPS-10 and positions of associate professor (BPS-20) and professor (BPS-21) were vacant.

Mr Neus said that the PTI government should give up its obnoclous policy of politicising the universities, which must be treated only as the high seats of learning.

Mr Neur registred that the dual charge of

W Next regretted that the dual charge of the university had been given to the vice-chancellor of Shaheed Benzair Bhutto University. Sharingal Upper Dir. which was not possible for the incumbent to look after its attens. - Conrespondent

Committee formed for campaign against KP-Fata merger

RHYBER: The Fata Quemi Briga (FQ J) on Saturday associated the forma-tion of a 48-member committee to believe their campaign against the 2018 Feta-Klyther Pakhanakhwa menger in all salvent refluid districts and six formar Frontier Hegions. The development came during a FQJ

development.

He incided that while the federal government failed to execute major development projects in any of tribal districts through the timely prevision of premised funds, the region had planged into complete administrative chaos anxid worsenters has and order structure. ting law and order attustion.

The development came during a FQJ meeting held in the Jamered area bere with Malik Essatillah Khan in the chair. There is no merge showed up in large numbers.

Mr Essatillah and their people is tribulated in the properties and their interest of the faiture of the more not observed up in large numbers.

Mr Essatillah and their people is tribulated in the properties of the more not observed. The tribulated in the properties is not not not observed up in the feet in the confidence by numbers in at the supporting tribulation of the more confidence by numbers in at the support of the faiture of the more confidence by numbers in at the support of the faiture of the more confidence by numbers in the Supporter Court Laken uses confidence by numbers in the Supporter Court in the Supporter Court in the Supporter Court in the Supporter Court in the Supporter Court. Administration of the time of the passage of 26th Advisor to the chief minister on continuous Amendment, have nices and development Sobali Africh and political issues," be said.

The FQJ leader said that the newly formed committee consisting of three

representatives from every tribal district resuld make frequent contacts with all stakeholders in the region and provide importun to the anti-merger campaign among district result of riberanes.

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KP govt pours Rs100bn into free healthcare since 2016

beneficiaries are women, says health dept report

By Ashlaq Yusutzai

PESSIAWAR: The Klyther Pakistumbless health depart-ment has spent around Raico billion on the provision of free-healthcare, under the Schirt Card Plus programme to 3.85 tionts staye its endBlices patient lawrench im 2016.

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12 transgender persons, according to an official report. According to 8, private hospi-tals corned Re54.52 billion and

tale currend Robb. \$2 billion and public hospitals Robb. 56 billion from the \$4.75, with the Surmer reporting 2.05 million patients and the late type 4.15 million, patients and the late type 4.15 million.

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The report rereshed that private hospitals, which had attracted bulk of the amount from the health materials private.

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Both govt, PTI not serious about taking talks to logical end, says Sherpao

OWP chief calls for implementation of Kurram peace agreement

By Faiz Muhammad

CHARSADDA: Quanti Waters Party central ebairman Afrab Ahmed Khan Sharpao has said that the organing negotial ions between the conflicing programmer and Pakestan Tehroeki-lined wor't yield any gossi-rive renails because there is a lack of agricustrees from both the sides.

He expressed these slows while fixing to mediapersons after talking to meritapersons after expressing condidences with Haji Sadigallah, general secretary of Mohammadesi Union of Journalists, Charmelda, over the death of his wife.

QWP district chairman Quisor mod Hushangri, Haji Tariq Khon of the union's office-bearers were

also present on the occasion.

Aftab Sherpess said that people expected political stability after the 2024 general elections, but urdertunately the situation had further aggressive as the continue government had failed to deliver. He also assailed the opposition PTI for its politics of agitation instead of focusing on real lines.

He said political stability was vital for turning around the country's fragile occosions. He said that parkys between the government and PTI were the need of the hous. But, he regretted that there was no sign of assected that there was no sign of assected that there was no sign of assected that there was not the PTI to show meturity and desire from tossing provocanties. Mr Sherpes asked the government and the PTI to show meturity and desire from tossing provocanties disclose process. He said the people of Knober Palchrundbows had been people of the palchrundbows had been been been for

logue process. He said the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa had become Register Parkitusatives had become fiel up with the politics of protests and siture, and wanted solution to their problems.

Regarding the Kurram situation, he said that the law and order these

was precarious and had reached such a point that the district had become a no go area. He domanded of the government to implement the peace agreements inhed between

posce agreements inhed between the warring groups recently. The amendmed politician expressed concern over the recent attack on the convey of Kurram deputy con-missioner, closure of roads and shortage of food and medicines in the volutile district. He asked the government to provide security to correspond being sent to the violence bit district.

Sherpise also condemned the kid-napping of 17 employees of Pakisran Atomic Energy Commission in Karak, and domanded concrete efforts to ensure their sade recovery from the militarits. He termed kid from the militarits. He territed kid-mapping of PASC employees a fail-ure of the provincial government. He arged the provincial government to take steps to establish poons in southern districts of the prevince. Aft ab Sherpas Instituted on sorting out issues with Afglannitum through negotiations whether at the official

level or through backdoor channels. Shorpen said it was not the time for sit ins and long mucches, adding situation in the province was deterorating with coells passing day and the government should pay full

tention to it.

Aftab Sherpus asked the federal overnment to stop treating KP, specially its merged districts,

expecially to merged districts, 'unfairly'.

He said that disappointment and frostration were growing among Pakitanas as thay some not given their rights and their problems not retolved. He also upped the PTI-led recovered government to give full. provincial government to give full attention to the government in the province and shan the politics of air-

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Vice-chairmen Mehmood said the lawyers' committee would pro-vide free legal austrance to women and other marginalized segments

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"Women are often denied them does alone in order to rechestionee, so can committee, had by nonice lawyers, will take their cases to the cours of law," he said.

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The forum also selected Arshad Khen, Riad Shakar, Umur Jahval, Dr Niaz, and Arif Hassair Shah as the heads of committees, fermed to address educational, land, health, romen's rights, traders, russisporters, and other related issues.— Correspondent

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Bajaur poultry dealers asked to sell chicken by weight

By Our Correspondent

BAJAUR: Authorities here on Savarday directed the profitry dealers to sell abacken by weight instead of per piece to protect consumer rights.

District dead controller Ajamal Shah instead the directives during a meeting with representatives of Ali Bajaur Poalitry Association, according to a statement.

Director livescock and dairy development Dr Zisaddin, session veterinary officer Dr Natio Mohammand, positry associations's president Bacha Khan, dealers and toppescriptives of various trade associations seed in attendance.

The meeting observed that no positry dealer said

amociations were in attendance.

The mouting observed that no positive dealer add abticken by weight as directed by the district administration. It was noted that local residents had lodged complaints on the Pakitzan Cittams Portal regarding the sale of chicken per quee.

The officials noted that the positive dealers violated the district administration's directives, and cold them to event complaines with the order.

The positive dealers were also warned of action if they were found not following the order to sell the abticken by weight.

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The statement said dealers showed reservations over

officials of food and live-stock departments would regularly visit the positry shaps across the district to course the shorlors/ven-dors sold efficient by woulder.

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Chilipota tradiers organizated a demonstration in Wana Bantar of Lower South Waciroman district on Pridlay to proton what they said discreasement metod

out to them by customs authorities in Laboro.

multipartition in Ladjore.
They waid that the trad-ers supplied chilgmen to various parts of the clear-try after paying all-teaceris-the government, but they received harm's treatment from the sunteen officials, who closed chilgmen stores in Ladjore.

During the demonstra-tion, the Warm Bannar's chilgren market constraed closed. The protesters car-

ried burners and placards highlighting their

They said that the clo-mer of chilgons seems in Labore had resulted in hig losses to the traders.— Correspondent

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'closure' of stores

the district admiraters tion's decision of selling there decrease of adding chicken by weight as it dwindled their profits. However, efficials made them to follow the deci-nion as it was meant to pro-tect communer rights and promote fair trade. The meeting decided that seams comprising

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Elders, authorities accelerate efforts for safe release of PAEC workers

In video, abdactees. targe govt to accept demands of captors

By Our Correspondent

MARWATE LARKI MAKWAT Local editors and authors ties, have accelerated efforts to sociare the safe release of kidnapped Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission workers from terrorists. Commission Bron torourists.

In a video that surfaced on Saturday, the abduct-ous asked the government to accept the demands of caprora for their Proodost, Eldors of Alta releases of workers. Shathcodkhol Jirga div. The oblive said the cassed the lasses with morting lasted serial

authorities all through the day, it was their sec-ond meeting in the last two days with the local administration and secu-rity officials at the dep-ony commissioner's office Headquarters Complex

Headquarters Complex Tajazas.

Relatives of the kid-trapped workers as well as chiefs of other clams and members of the Marwot Quemi Jirgs also partici-pated, according to an elder.

He told Davin that gen-eroment officials and elders discurred the kid-rapping issue and agreed

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evening, with both sides agreeing on arroral important points which would pave the way to free abeliectors and take capters to task.

on the video clim, which went viral or social media, an abducted, accompanied by others, shared demands of the

shared demands of the kidnappers.
"Today is our third day in captivity. The news of our selector is not true as 10 workers are still in cus-tody," he said.
The worker said the captors wanted the gov-erancem to release "insig-

extends exist the exchanges "manglebrideens' and their family members, including chil-dren, and avoid demodist-ing their houses and dis-respecting the builts. He added that the kid-

ponsation by the govern-ment for their damaged

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The abdustor urgod sufficient to accept these demands for the sake of their safe release. Arrived assailants had kidnipped 16 private PAEC employees from the Lakki Darra Tang Road on Thursday as the latter were us the way to the project site in the Quboofkhel area in a private coach. The kidnippers barrat the coach is a forest area along the Kurram River.

A few bours later, the security and police per-sonnel rescood right workers, including three injured, in a joint opera-

Siraj regrets IMF fixing utility, food prices in Pakistan

By Our Correspondent

LOWER DIR: Jamaar's lalami former chief Strajul Haq has said that semistariae are strong for tresses of lalam, where scholars hab fill the duty of prescring one time ings of the Holy Quesn and Islam to

First death anniversary of Shahla Ali Khan

who left us on January 12, 2024. Her last journey

was to America where she was laid to rest on

February 10, 2024, at Lakewood Cemetery in

Khalid, Figureh, Nadia, Navged

Minneapolis, MN, under an old tree

distribution eventony at Jamis Durud Salam in Ouds on Saturday.

Mr Haq said that Pakistania gained freedom from what he said the East India Company lost 'incompetent' rulers made there 'alevee' of IMF and World

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Bank.
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He said the World Trade Organization would decide which countries

and on what terms they had to trade with others. The JI former

chief was of the view that the decision on the import of medi-cities was also at

the discretion of the World Bealth Organization. He insisted that colera to Pakint as were also chosen by international lobbyots. "In such a struction, if we are not shares, their what will we be called?" he ques-

what will we be called?" he quantitated.

Mr Hay said that Europe and America were afraid of the dominative of Islam as they had no issue with prayers and individual worship in their own constraint.

He said that it was their collective responsibility to bring "God's system" on the carthribrough unity.

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Robinson and Johan Rabados, along with orbin boad building, were also present on the occasion.

Certification teems also given away to students, who completed memorising the Holy Queue from Jamis Durul Kalam.

YOUTH DIES BY SUICHER: A teemsger, identified as Airan, 17, a resident of Seem Shah Alam Baba, dued by suicide over unknown near teems here on Saturday.

He also himself dond, the Ouch police said.

The youth was taken to the

youth your tidoes to the Chaldana Tehnil Headquarters Hospital, wherein the doctors pro-nouscad him dead.

The Ouch police registered a see and started further investiga-

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ground infodulations

Residents demand construction of bypass to ease traffic mess in Battagram city

They also call for crackdown on illegal parking, structures

Ily Hamayoun Baber Yousatzai

BATTAGRAM: Residents on Saturday urged the government to construct a bypass to alleviate persistent traffic congestion on the main read through the Battagram city that has become a shally normance for communiors and psychosticians.

The corrent narrow road, canorbited by illegal car parking and
encroachmounts has resolved in
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genvernment to expend the existting road and construct a beginns to
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not only case composition but also provide a safe passage for tourists

Skards and other areas.
The residents said is had become almost impossible for women and children to walk in the main

children to walk in the main basear.

Sheekst Hayar, Chapargrain village council chairman, pointed out that the situation was previously manageable, but the increased marker of cohicles enacortated the problem. "As the road has not been expanded, purple are regularly stock in the main basear, counting them inconventered."

Import Khan, a resident of Battagram village, criticized the authorities for tacking a compre-bensive development plan for the district. "Polizicians and admirat-

district. "Profitzions and administrators art according to the mosel of the heart, without considering the lengterm consequence."

"Whenever there is an emirger gray situation I becomes almost impossible for Rescue 1122 officials to move their beauty machinery for firefighting or dragging our vehicles from deep ravince," the villager and.

Hashim Rhan, a resident of Ajmera village, deployed the apairing of political independent for the special political stress of the second political from the second political from the political transfer and local political independent for aparticle political transfer and local political independent and local political independent political political from the special political politica

and committees traveling to Gilgit, bassast. "Heavy-loaded tracks, boses and other vehicles pass through the barsar all day and through the banar all day and night, counting nevero traffic con-gestion, even ambulances while varyying serious patients get stuck in reaffic. If the government con-structs another read muside the busian; it will significantly mini-mize reaffic rash through the luxuser."

Armer Khan of Betterran

Arrear Khan of Bettagram union council noted that there was no space for podestrians to walk along the roadside. Traders have occupied the front spoces of their shops, displaying their items and contributing to the staffic jam. The government much to take action against excroachers and clear the road for unsoch trad-

and clear the read for amount read-file. However, this is not a person-ners solution, and the government mast construct a by pass."

Resident Jered lights Kham with reads were a sign of a country's development and discipline. "The cleaning tradfla situation portrays a load image of Pakistan in front of foreignors, who use the main Karakoram Highway to travel to Gilgit, Nasida and other areas. Many times, the severe traffic con-gention disappoints conties and gestion disappoints tourists and makes their journey unpleasant. The government should construct a bypass to facilitate courists and commuters."

KMU institute to 'reform' public health programme

Bureau Fleport

PESILAWAR: Kitybor Medical University (KMU) Institute of Public Health, and Social Sciences (IPI&SS)

Institute of Public Hearth and Social Sciences (IPSESS) has accretanced comprehensive reference to the structure of its Manage of Public Health (MPTI) programmes.

The decision, finalized after extensive consultations involving faculty members, postgraduate students and terrivorsity leadership, is means to offer floathing and convenience to students, said a press release issued here as Saturday.

The nate modular format will now irrelate option for morning, evening and ordine closures, aligning with interventional educational standards including those in the UK. This development grantines KSU as a leading manifestion in public health escention in Patients.

The decision was made in a privatal meeting chained by KMU Vioc-damonthic for Ziaul Hasp with peritings vion from the Research Re

and other faculty members and students.

The new MPH programme structure, featuring moreing, evening and ordine class options will provide grades accountly and footbilly, particularly for working processors in a structure from diverse backgrounds.

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The resolutar format follows global academic stand-ards, emphasising a talanced approach between three-ratioal knowledge and practical application through comprehensive and dynamic schedulous made while comprehensive and dynamic schedulous mades while ordinateing their ability to balance modernic, profes-sional and personal respectibilities.

Praining the resitative, Prof. Zhad Bag stated that the introduction of modular contact sensions and flexible harving options was a key step towards dispring with international standards, offering condens exchanced conversions and a better learning experience.

The reformed MPH programme will be implemented from the next academic spaces, reflexing &MITs com-mitment to incontacte, observing &MITs com-mitment to incontacte observing in resolve to append occollance in politic bealth education in Pakietan.



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► STYLE

What ails local fashion? Why have innovative ideas been replaced by a glut of celebrities on catwalks. indistinguishable bridal bling and television-friendly visual entertainment? And is there any hope?

THE DEATH OF PAK FASHION?

By Maliha Rehman













ove you abox any flashion asked a phenographer recently asked a phenographer recently well-known for his magical way with lighting and composition, hoping that he would open up

his cellphone and show the soune of his most recent, best work.

He nodded gradgingly, "Some, but mostly corporate work. Have you seen fashion these days?"

He stragged. I stragged. Yragic. Hearthreaking, Distressing. These are adjectives in the lexicon that I have been using with increasing frequency as I write about Pakistani fachion. I do not die sie with relish.

And it makes one wonder if I, as a sensitist, who has dedicated years of her life to critiquing Pakistani fashion and hos cheered for it as it reached new heights, can feel so demoralised by its current state, how must the veteran designers feet when they see what the industry has

How must the pioneers, who once laid the foundation blocks of the fashion industry. creating councils, curating collections,

extinct with bling-infested, similar-looking bridals taking over? Will fashion weeks, the way they were, the way they should be, never return? guiding younger designers and setting fishion works in motion, feel? Not use great, for sure,

Pakisman fashion, once a glittering unicorn, splaying its wings and aiming for the sky, has of late been flailing, drowning in a sea of medicerity. Fashion weeks have binen the door and creative design in nare The incliers once famed for their inventive. artisanal designs have either stepped away from the spotlight, opting to quietly caser to their miche elientele, or have jumped on to the consumercial bandwagon, turning their heads towards affordable but not two memorable fast fashion, profitable bridals and the becrative domains of unstitched laws. The sparts of originality that once created

a frenzy on the curwalk and hauled in sales from avid affectuation, are rure. They have been replaced by unabashed celebri-

ficution, where profits get penerated when a popular 'it' celebrity is seen wearing clothes a design boson. Even when the clother-

What can be done, then? Will Pakistani fashion, the way it was, simply die away, replaced by a generic fast-fashion beast? Will creative couture go

> by a design roose. Even when the corners are downright egly.
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> And when a fashion show does take place, the clothes are dismal. Even the brands once knows for their stand-out shows seem to shrug their shoulders distractedly and roll out a generic mishmash on to the ramp. And all you can say in that is least in these dark times there is that, at least, in these dark times, there is a catwalk. At least someone is making an effort. At least one deep-pocketed sponsor has intered its amoration away from celebrities and invested instead in a fashion show. At least one designer has decided to create a collection for the carwalk, even if it's a tuesdane one. At feart the clothes aren't ghantly, even though

they are unimpiring and forgertable.

At least — because begges can't be

elecciones.

It wasn't always like this.

In per-Covid-19 times, there would be unhiple fashion shows throughout the year and two fashions councils — one based in Karachi and the other in Labore --- would plan out regular fashion weeks, featuring the work of established labels as well as promising new pames.

Circut prestige would be attached to being singled out as one of the best at the event and amedifying this would be the Lux Sixle Awards (LSAc) — the country's longest Contine Week (BCW) took place in standing awards coremony dedicated to December list year, standing out as the only fashion — where outstanding work through the pear would be acknowledged.

DEATH OF FASHION? DAGE 3.

only give a flooring god to accornelishments in fashion, with the aid of a handful of estegories. Similarly, uponsors — once rager to be associated with the exclusive world of fashion --- now prefer the razzle dazzle of selebrity. The coronavarus pundernic, in its waler, managed to wipe out the vivacity and excitement which was one instate to Pakistani fashios.

What can be done, then? Will Pakistani fashion, the way it was, simply die away, replaced by a generic fast-fashion beaut? Will creative contain go extinct with bling infested, similar-looking bridgle taking over? Will fashion weeks, the way they were, the way they should be, never neturn?

It all depends on the fushion industry itself. Sure, sponsors may have become waylaid by celebrities but have flathion's socalled topolibrarers also lost interest?

A NEED FOR CURATION

For instance, Hum Network's Bridal Countre Week (BCW) took place in December last year, standing out as the only

The present-day LSAs, in sharp contrast. DEATH OF FASHION?, PAGE 3



▶ CINEMASCOPE



HEDGEHOG HIJINKS

Sonic the Hedgehog 3 is a fun adventure that one enjoys despite the predictability of the premise

Kamran Jawaid

at the negatiar length of an hour and 40 estimates. Some the Hedgehog 3 is fast, which would be the point of making a film based on an iconic character whose primary trait is that he roots lighting-fast.

The blue-formal hodgology (voiced by lieu Schwarzs), whom people from the '90s remember as videogame company Sega's resect, has friends: a two-tailed fox, Milles "Tails" Prover 60-blees O'Shanglasemey), and an exhidua with big transive hands called Krasckles (idea of the Covern a session inventor-come tech Elbo. One in a genius inventor-constech support, the other is simple and likes to intenh things, for consolic relief of course.

All three are fast and, as sequels go,
Knuckins sum the buddle who turned good
in the last part. And as tends and electar
continue, part three introduces areother
possestouse villain. Shadow (Keaum
Recents who, any viewer would know, will
develop a conscience by the big climax.

By the way, the chimax really is big,
troor that this is returned to a kiddle mercen.

given that this is primarily a kiddle movie, though one that also banks on nostalgia for the adults to drive its business (the film had been beating Afiglian at the US box-office for two weeks solid).

The story roturns to Sonic and company's happy family. Tom and Maddie Wachowskii (James Marsden, Tika Suisper) — a local sheriff of a small town named Green Hills (Sonic fam will casch that reference) and his veterinarian wife — when disaster strikes. The special military unit GUN

(Guardian Unit of Nations, stilly name, scally) reaches out to Sonic and his friends to contain Shadow who trushed Tokyo Square. Shadow had been kept in suspended animation since 1974, and is

ow out for revenge. The revenge angle hardly holds up its credibility, especially when the film enters in climax, which — did I mention? — is quite big.

The characters are a boot, and it feels like Jim Carrey is enjoying playing Sonic's regular villain, De Iro Robotnik, and his very similar-looking cvil-grains grandfather, Professor Gendd Robonsik. The latter is helping Shadow with his altimate revenge and the grandson agrees to team-up with Some to fold his apparent

doppelganger.

The closusciers are well laid out — that is, as much as they can be, given the plotsensus-character development constru sersus-channeler development constraints of routine big-budget filarmaking. The voice-work in fine — with exception to the near-lifelens, un-hazarry voice work of Kearsa Reeves, though I think that was a deliberate call. And the film, overall, really is a fan adventure that one may enjoy, despite the predictability of the premise.

Director Jeff Fowler is VFX-company moven-turned-director with the Sewie films), and his writers Pot Casey. Josh Miller and John Whittington, should put their backs for a good show. New, on to the next installment in 2027.

Released by Paramonost Pictores, in association with HRC (in Pattiness), Sould the Hodgebog 3 is rated PG and has nothing opport from a few in-screen deaths) that may not sit well. with kids or adults



THE GRAPEVINE

By PYT

PEARLS OF WISDOM



Norlam Muneer has a wise head on young shoulders. Check on her revent statement about looking good. "Beauty and grace come with age. People get very worried about things like fine lines appearing on their faces, but there is an issuer confidence that corner with not wanting to get any work done. People look even more beautiful and matural when they look different from such other. The more work people get done in their faces, the more similar they look to everyone clos." We agree, Neelam M. You don't look similar to anyone. Oh, and congranulations

DILJIT'S INFLUENCE

of the most popular Indian singers who is now being recognised as a musical influencer around the world. Despite that, be's new being pelled up in India for being a different sort of influences. The scalist was performing in Ludhiana on New Year's Eve, the last gig of his country-wide scene, and the playfor.

included at least three songs about alcohol. As a result, a Chandigarla-based professor filed a complaint in a local court, arguing that in 2019 the Punjab and Haryana High Court had imposed a bas on songs promoting alcohol. So the District Commissioner of Ludhiana was sent a notice. Till last reports came in. Diljit D's lawyers were contemplating how to respond to the complaint without coming

under any kind of influence



Lately, strong runiours have been circulating in cyberspace about pop star Justin Bieber and supermodel. Hatley Bieber's marriage being on the rocks. Some suggested a bitter optir was in the offing. The singer attempted to gut those runnours to rest by using his Instagram handle to address his better half as soon as the New Year arrived. "Going anywhere with you bh... Happy New Year!" Hannam... the word 'anywhere' doesn't quite make it clear enough where the two are beaded



MUSIC FOR ALL



Well done Atif Aslam! In case you're wondering why we're peaking the singer, here's why: he has come our with an initiative called Borderiess World, an international platform for emerging talent in music. The vocalist says it's a place where musicians, arises and poets will be able to showcase their creativity without any constraints. It's where "dreams transcend borders." Wow! That sounds so cook, so inclusive and so transcendental. Good lack, Atif At

BRAIN DRAIN

What does filmmaker Amurag Kashyap hase against Hindi-cinerar? He has once again given an interview criticising Hollywood for many reasons. Doing so, he praised South Indian movies and claimed that Bolly wood lacks the brains to make films such as the Poolpe franchise Seriously? Wait. Having recently seen Amarag K's 2023 neo-note film Kennedy, some might say be is, in fact, right



DONE AND DUSTED



It's officially official! Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie are It's officially official? Brad I'm and Angelina Jobe are now divorced in every sense of the word. Let's explain. In 2016, Angelina I filed for divorce, citing irreconcilable differences (no one splits over reconcilable differences, shil) and, after a gross dead of hot and cold episodes in court, including Angelia I accusing Brad P of child above — of which he's cleared — on December 31, the divorce settlement was finalised. It took eight long years for dat to happen. The former couple and their clithfren must have beyond a tiph of relief, in this the end of the story for the media, though? We'ne not sum. nsedia, though? We're not sure.

WIDE ANGLE

You'd never know it wasn't Peter Sallis in Vergeance Most Fow! thanks to Ben Whitehead's expert vocal mimicry in the new Wallace and Gromit film

WALLACE AND WHITEHEAD

By Jenny Chantelle Tullett

refesse of a new Wallace and Geomit. film has always been much anticipated in our house, and hot year was no different.

Like many others, we struggled under the blankers after a full Christman day (in every source), ready for the release of Vengenner Most Fowl (2024). Four years in the making, it was produced by Andman Animations and the BBC, in association with Netflin, and was Wallace and Grounit's sixth film. and second feature-length film after The Curse of the

We were halfway through this elaymation, stopmotion spectacle before I remembered that Wallace's voice was not being played by actor Peter Sallis, who sadly died in 2017, but instead had been seamlessly voiced by acmetone else.

A quick Google search later, to see if an All voice had

been used in the production (as is a developing trend); was delighted to find that British actor. Box Whitehead hand voticed the point.

had voiced the part.

Eager to know more about how he prepared, I discovered that, as a fan of the first film, A Grand Day Our (1989), he grew up doing voices, accents and impressions as a boy. In 2003, a friend at Aurilman hired him as a voice actor for Weve-Rubbit. By 2005, he was Sallis' understudy and, by 2009, he was Willison's scice foll-time, owing to Sallis' failing health.

Vocal ministery, the int of militating sounds or behaviour of methor green autonio or thing is constituted.

of mother person, natural or thing, is serietizes referred to in the acting or voice-acting world as impersonation, imitation, impression or voice closing, but with no formal muning (his training consisted of The London Dungeons), what could other actors learn from Whitehead's craft?

by short, time and space to listen to and play with



Verigeance Most Fowl (BBC/Aardman Animatiers/Richard Davies/Eduart Col

ice. Whitehead admits that he had spent years at Aardman developing his character voices. He also had plenty of space and time to listen to and play with imitating these sounds for fun since he was 14.

But how do you follow an act like Sallin and honour a timeless character in your own way? How do you do it, as Whitehead explained to Kudlo Tisses, so you're not "so jurring" and that "people don't hear a completely

In Digital Spy, Whitehead revealed the that helps him get into the character of Wallace "cheese". He listened to previous films to see what had gone before, including the scoric human sounds

of Wallace, such so the "lummo" and the distinctive there here" laugh.

With the help of vocal coach Andrea Harel Lewis, they looked further into Peter Sallis' sound and played with the tonesse protrading a little in his voicing, as this is what Wallace's character does. In the end, Whitehead recorded 22.5 hours of takes for Wallace's dialogue for Vergenner.

This files was a lovely reminder of the vocal ceaft that I teach, focusing on playing with voice and creating space and time to step outside our vocal consists rouses to discover something new. I was reminded of the usefulness of vocal mimicry as a tool in voice

curriculate, to develop not just an actor's vocal sunge

and capabilities, but accents too.

Whitehead's time spent studying Wallace's voice and body allowed him to nail Wallace's voice quality. accent, tone, pinch, passes, rhythm and human sounds. This was supported by a detailed understanding of the character, based on his research, and he made time to practise diffigently, to "muster" she voice.

Lastly, he sought external ears from his voice coach

to help refine his listening and vocal skills further.

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Vocal minicry isn't limited to animation alone.

Many biographical musicals, such as That: The

Tina Tiorner Musical, sely on excellent celebrity
impressions to wow the crossds. Biographical films
such as Lincoln (2012) have severs such as Daniel
Day-Lowis impersonate the historical figure of
Abraham Lincoln, while Bendley Cooper, in the film
A Star is Born (2018), trained his voice for over a
sear for the role, we seemed just like conserve revie star. ear for the role, to sound just like country rock star

Actors such as Luke Kempuer have beauched into comedy as impressionists, voicing celebrities in sketches such as Spirring Image (2020-21), Many bands and singers spend entire careers working as tribute bands or celebrity impersonators of stars, such as Livis. In this growing COI and Al-voice world, there

as something refreshing about being entertained a family with more "traditional" human methods of animation and voice-acting eraft. Hat's off to Whitehead for his Wallace and I think that many an actor and performer could learn a thing or two from Whitehead's craft of youal missiony, at

School of Arting (GSA), University of Survey in the UK

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What fashion enthusiasts can learn from older, dapper gentlemen

FIFTY SHADES OF MENSWEAR

By Ania Sadkowska & Katherine Townsend



two-piece mit, a bright red shirt with cufflinks, a matching tie and a pocket quare. We were meeting to talk about ashiomable master men's dothing hobins. We spent nearly two hours looking

at some of Martyn's most treasured findsion possessions and charting about his interest in clothing and about his unrecess in clothing and style. It's not very often in research that participants are so been and engaged, and Martyn's passion for stylich clothing really shows through. This interest started early during his school years, when he used to unpick the seams of his school uniform. Martyn was one of five brinish men-rochabel in our research all and

included in our research, all aged between 54 and 63 from the buby boomer generation (people born between 1946) and 1964). Our first study, conducted in 2013, consisted of interviews and inventories of their wardrobes.

One of the insights from this was that, through years of interest and engagement with fashion, these men had monumited considerable knowledge and expertise in how to best dress their bodies --- and arransed large archives of both functional and teorite inems of electring.

As a result, the way they bought and wore their clothes was rosted in practical need and emotional connection, rather than unthinking accommission or impulsive purchasing. This is something other people, including younger generations, could be

imprind by.

Now, almost a decade later, we've caught up with those of our interviewees sis, conducting analyses repressions of their wardrobe their electhing styles, and even some of the items, were postry much the same as in 2013, the way they consume and engage with fashion has shifted. These measures shop less, prioritising

quality over quantity. Although their often-flamboyant appearance might suggest otherwise, this rationalised approach to purchasing is in step with fashion minimalism — the trend for slower and more considered clothing communition, while rejecting the idea of clothes shopping as a leisure activity. As lan. a retired 70-year-old

wanensman, reflected: I shink I probably have built up such a mandrabe of classic pieces that I really only need to buy some small additions now. Nothing major, If I do see some classic pieces that Flore, I will will her



For these three men, aged 65 to 74, their changing bodies are also important to how they now experience clothes — from minor aches and pains to health issues that affect their mobility. As a result, their clothes are required to fulfil different types of need balancing comfort with style, avoiding items that could restrict movement or impede confidence.

well as a series of interviews. While these even new, that I have cornainly slowed down with Insting, and looking at the free's fashloof magazines.

It's important to note we were talking to the men again at a time of major changes in their lives. Retirement had brought shifts in their lifestyle, such as more leisure time and new hobbies. This meant they were dressing for different contexts — to longer the office, but for a day at home or evening down the pub-

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However, their commitment to expressing their identities through stylish elothing remains strong, flying in the face of commonly held assumptions that turn stop caring about appearance at a certain time in life.

Both our studies suggest the opposite Indeed, when we spoke to Martyn again in 2024, his fashion sensibilities had only sharpened. He was the image of sartorial elegance, arriving for his interview in a checked sait accessorised with a triby, tie pin and lapel clip, sleeve garters, a varved walking stick and hardmade leather brogues. Martyn described his fashion choices as follows:

For always get a smart shirt, reasonably smart strousers, proper shoes and, if it is to be cold, a watercoat with a pocker watch. And that's our

strong on my own, typing or just

string on my own, cyping or just planting with the cut.

Or take Kevin, a 74-year-old retired lecturer devoted to the mod subcollure's clothing aesilicities, including sporting units and tailored coats. His fashion archives consist of some incerdible pieces that have been in his wardrobe for more than 70 sector.

for more than 20 years:

I must to mear faultal all the vine, treaspective of whether it was a formal occasion or work. That was my style for years and years — but less so now. Ms main social life revolves around no local pub, which is not a place really to get dressed up to go to -- although I do, convenience. I am fed up of weating the

Then he added, with a arm: "Once a

nod, always a mod?"

Despite some major clampes to their lifestyles, the three mm have maintained their instress in clothing and its importance in expressing their unique. identities — offering an interesting angle to the growing academic interest in merowear and men's fashion.

Their slower and more considered ensumption of fashion presents food for thought in relation to the role and value of clothes in all stages of life. w

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DEATH OF FASHION?, FROM PAGE 1 Moreover, why can't the powers-that-be behind BCW

bridal-sour. As always, the slave met mixed reviews. As always, a considerable faction of the local fashion disapora turned up its mosts at BCW, mising disdainful eyebrows at the celebratios coo-ding in-cutwalk and the song and dance that is an inevitable port of the show.

Would they participate in BCW? Certainly not Would they even sit in the front row to attend the fashion shows of labels they like? Probably not. They would eather opt out of the tensorite. But set aside the enobbery and shift your focus

eway from the delage of celebrities manifoling and fundshing down the runway and you spotted a few wedding-wear brands that actually had potential Admittedly, some of the fashion was mediore but, then, there were some fledgling designers who sood out with their beautiful, latest-embroidered bridals. With the right guidance, they could become fashion

persect-players in the future.

The guidance, unfortunately, inn't there. There was a time when veteran designers would edit out collections, guiding younger labels on what worked and what didn't work, parting in long hours into-curating line-ups. Now, it seems that anything at all can be showcased on the runway. In fact, the critique against song, dance, theatrics and celebrities on the natway could easily be dismined if the clothes being showcased on the narway stood out.

Where are these senior designers now, who would

be so involved in uplifting flutnion's next-pend

- the Hum TV Network -- go the extra inite by and money into parting out a slow dedicated to centring a committee of fushion veterum who could sift through collections, eliminating the misses and roning in on the bits?"

One approximes that the platform is consistent and in allowing new labels an opportunity to showcase their work but, now, with 22 editions under its bols. more needs to be done to soher in a bright future for equal finelation:
The TV network admirably endeavours to highlight

actic-reacests in fashion with the yearly Dum Style Awards (HSAo — a plotform that has, in a short span, managed to highlight and encourage souse of the brightest young names in the industry today. Why can't similar efforts be made to streamline the fachion featured on the BCW nurway?

A CASE OF NEVER-ENDING BRIDALS

There also needs to be more to fashion than bridal bling. Bridal-wear may be extremely lacrative for designers but — except for the most inventive ateliers — its beauty lies primarily in a beautiful min of colour and embroidery on lose fabrics. Pret and licency-wear, on the other hand, offers a wider playing field to designers, where they can experiment with silhouette, construction and technique and introduce new sarrorial wends in the market.

And while it is cornainly not as herative as an order placed for heavy-duty bridal-wear, there was a time when Pakistani designers looked beyond commerce and revelled in apping the anne with creative showeases dedicated entirely to peet.

Fashion councils would orchestrate one fashion week entirely to 'winter festive-wear', ie bridals, and another, to ready-to-wear. The short-lived but very innovative Showcase fashion show - another Hun TV Network project --- had set new benchmarks by eschewing bridgly abovether and strictly following the mandate of only allowing pret on its catwall, Where is Showcase now? Why are no much efforts being made anymore?

It is invest that, when Pakistani fashion was in its heyday. I would write impunioused critiques propositing a few young labels that had immerse potential but no business sense whatsoever. The clother they would show on the runway would merely win rave reviews but would never reach retail racks. never generate business

In complete contrast, fashion today is entirely commercial. Creative sparts are tened down so that clothes self-easily. Pastels and tone-on-tone embroideries are created and recreated unabashedly mose, while they may not be trendsetting, they sell very well. Everything is viable but hardly any coffection is catwalli-worthy. And if any investment is made at all in uplifting a coffection, it is made into taking on-board an "it" celebrity nisher than making the effort to create bona fide original design. The numpant celebrification could be bearable.

So could the dancing on the entwalk. One would even nod grudgingly at the paid posts placed on Instagrams, where designers unabishedly label their own collections as 'best', 'high end' and, that most backneped of all adjectives, 'stanning'. If only the factsion would also fascinate. a

THE TUBE

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Ghair | ARY, Fri-Sat 8.00pm



ith all the family secrets revealed, this story should be winding up but, as with any successful serial, the temptation to strenchit out for more episodes and ratings

in just too great. Director Yant Nawaz has padded out the last few episodes with flashbacks and an

empty revenge track from the now-jihed Shiffs (Yashmira Jus). While this trick may make mosey, it rules any credibility the main lead Saalis (Usama Khari) had built up as a



mun worth fighting for. Ushna Shah shines in the last few episodes as a stronger, mature woman who is deciding her own fate, where she was less than believable in earlier episodes. Her character's father Usman (Babur Alic) finalls understands he was tricked by his jealous sister Teleromi (Maditle Hillchen) but fails to show any self-reflection and secountability for his own actions.

While an excellent Madiha as Tehreem may have been

the march that lit the fire, the other characters needed some introspection about enabling her. Similarly, his neghew Sadis has no deep seenes of growth or introspection. revealing a shallowness in the script that has been covered by Masir Nawaaris staarp concertion.

Don Mann Neel-o-Neel | Hum TV, Sat 8.00pm



This serial touches on incredibly serious subjects, such as lynching, rape culture and corruption, yet manages to maintain a light mood

manages to maintain a light mood without looing any impact or depth. When Moon (Ammar Alto finally pains the courage to report that he has been sexually assuabed to the police, they immediately use the information as an extortion too! However, the rapist, local gaugetre-cum-politician Bao Quiser (Saleem Mara) is an old hard at managealation, and slips through the net of blackmail. The vengeful policemen then slips the information to his political rival Rao Kashil Olatfie Hasan), who hires the rent-s-moot run by Kami (Uman Zia). Karni's observious with Rabi (Seher Khao) illustrates the one-sidedness of honour culture, where only woman the one-sidedness of honour culture, where only women carry this responsibility.

There is a mysterious truck connecting Rabi's figher to Some's (Shuja Asad) mother played by the excellent Samiya Muratae that will tie a lot of loose ends together Excellent performances from the entire cast combined with an intelligent, purposeful script make this a must watch every week.

Faraar | Green Entertainment, Sundays 8.00pm

An electric, fast-moving story with a strong star cast. filmed in a wide-open cinematic style, this is the kind of male-oriented show



that should be a super-hit. After nine episodes, author Mustada Afridi begins to consolidate the bufflingly disparate tracks of his protagonists into a story of corruption, politics and the sheet randomness of

violence that hourts the headlines of the news cycles.

Harmos Ali Abbasi is brilliant as the nothinking last
man on the run. We should have him but his matter-offact simplicity makes it impossible. Afridi gives us a fascinating array of characters, all beautifully played — from Harcon Shahid as the cynical "last friend" to the seriously earnest policerum Fast (Ahmed Ali Akhur) — then sprinkles in the swaggering commen and criminals of a rather familiar gaugeter-style political party. If this were not enough, we are treated to some deliciously vicious Punjabi politicians who number their brother-in-law to

please their evil sister Shakila (Nadis Jamil).

This action-packed thriller is a fastastic alternative to the usual commences and kitchen politics of TV drams, and looks like an ideal Nerflix-tyle binge-watch rather than a supa unfolding week to week.

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR (OR NOT)

Mann Marzi | Goo TV, Coming soon

Writer Rabia Razzaque has made her mick with Corre-Lione, but her latest offering for Geo TV is a more commercial proper. Future Effects, Harvon Shalini and Humpyun Ashraf star in a story moulded around the popular "materialistic girl" trope that warns against ambition and middle class overresich is - Sadaf Halder



	TOP TO PAKISTANI SO	
5#	SONG	STREAMS
1	Departure Lane Talha Anjum, Umair	489,091
2	Jhol Maanu, Annural Khalid	480,085
3	Maand Bayaan, Hasan Raheem, Rovalio	301,779
4	Heartbreak Kid Talha Anum, Umair	242,645
5	Obvious (feat. Hasan Raheem) Umair, Hasan Raheem	186,768
6	Regrets Jevin Gill, Umair, Talha Anum	167,767
7	Wishes Hasan Raheem. Umair, Talwiinder	166,518
8	Tu Hai Kahan Aur	141,357
9	BTDT (Been There Done That) Bilal Saeed, Talha Anjum	137,741
10	Chal Diye Tum Kahan Aur	135,499

SPOTLIGHT

ICON

Ghulam Abbas, whose musical career spans more than 50 years, was one of Pakistan's most prolific playback singers for almost a decade, recording the highest number of film songs for a wide array of actors, such as Nadeem, Shahid, Muhammad Ali, Rehman, Waheed Murad, Faisal Rehman and Shaan. His musical legacy endures but there is much more to him...

THE GOLDEN VOICE OF FILMS

Muhammad Suhayb

memorable 2003 TVC Kr Re-featuring Pakistan'. Montemar Rana and Imm Alt, and the classic song Atory work shortwoory' from the film De Sonthi (1975) may seem worlds apart, but there's an intriguing connection become the reco.

While these two works span different eras, one featuring the lead pair from what was once fant Pakiston and the other marring the daughter of famous film and TV acror Abid Ali and the sen of a cricketer Shafqat Rana, the common thread is the legendary voice of Ustad Ghulam Abbas.

Obulana Abbas, renowned for his extrasive contributions to made in Pakistan, less his voice to both the TVC and the film roug, starring then

TVC and the film using starring their importance Reliman and Shabinan.

Abbas' current, whoch began in the late '00s, spain over '00 years, making him a living legend. Despite the generation gap between his early recordings and his later successes.

Abbas is an implemation to those who want to adopt immed; his current. waist to adopt simple as a correct

Born in the early '50s in Jissug. Ghalam Abbas was interested in the performing arts from an early age. First, he moved to Midsan and laser to Labore with his family. In Labore, he found himself surrounded by intellectuals who shaped his outlook on music and life.

on moste and life.
"I lost my father when I was barely five, but the place whene I lived was close to poet Notic Kagnai's liouse, who become a fatherly figure in my life," he reculis to Jess from Lahoor. "I had the honour of watching intellectuals such as Habib Jalib, Fair Abased lais. Owned Stafe. Moste Note." Fair. Queed Shifai. Monir Niari. Josh Malihabadi and Saghar Siddigi very closely, which affected

Siddigi very closely, which affected me ducing my growing years.
"My josoriety in nimic starred in 1908 in Labore, when I was the All Pakistan Student Competition. I soon got employed at Radio-Pakistan, where Bushra Assari and I used to sing in a kide' programme regularly."
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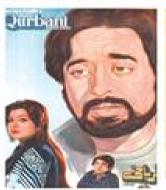
An interesting bit of serendapity I has to Mebdi Hassan, the ghazal magazini. A song by Ghulaini Abbin was being aired from Radio Pakintun, Labore, which grabbed the attention of Mehdi Hannan,



Chulam Abbas on PTV



Receiving the Pride of Performance award in 2020



who immediately reached the radio station. "Khan salidy asked me at the gate about the singer who sang the song. When I told him it was use, he refused to believe it. He decided to take me under his wing but, due to his busy schedule, he couldn't give

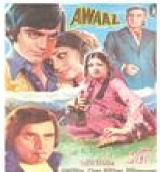
of Ustad Israel Khan, who was the penerual sacto of Mehdi Hassan as well as his teacher. It wasn't sun!! the late '80s that I truly became Meldi Hassan's chegive [modent]." Ghalam Abbas ressembers as if it ere just yesterday. After facing initial rejection in

his pursuit of becoming a playback.



singer. Gbalam different route and began assisting the legendary music composer Nisar Bazzai. During this period, be worked behind the scenes on super-bit films such as Anjamus (1970). Nosg Mani (1972) and Mahabbar (1972), and helped relicance some popular songs with the most iconic voices in the industry, including Mehdi Hasson, Ahmed Rushdi, Rusa Laila and Madam Noor Jelson.

Abbas' big break came after Molesbow, when Nisar Barmi decided to feature his vocals for song that resembled the Melidi assum classic 'Respitab be subl.' Hassan classic The seng, Wish ou ten journe



ointilar. depth and melodic quality, leading some listeners to mintake Abbas' voice for that of Melodi Bassan.

The soug struck a chord with old-timers, who were stoved to seam by the powerful resultion. This marked a turning point in Ghulum Abbas' cureet, lausching hou into the

spotlight as a playback singer.

Any our Aoreso (1926) had three songs from Ghulani Abbas. and each was on a different face — Mulammad Ali, Obulam Molauddin, and newcount Talat lighal. He rendered the maximum number of songs for acrors Nadocon and Shahid, while the songs on and Shahid, while the songs on Walared Murad, though few, were also praised: 'Khi' ne kiti ko iran' (Pareskh, 1978), 'Yeli hari Dhazri nabasullan' (Aware, 1978) and 'Nishani mere prair ki' (Nishani, 1979) are considered among the best songs of the late chocolate hero Walared Murad.

Withered Murad. From 1976 to 1985, Ghulam Abbas remained one of Pakistan's most prolific playback singers, recording the highest number of film sough. He lest his voice to a wide array of actors, from the veneram of the industry, such as Walred Marad, Releman, Muhammad Ali and Nadeem, while also singing for actors been around the time he rumed professional, such as Faisal Rehman, Shaan, Ayaz Nack, Saud and Moanmar Rana.

With Ahmed Rushdi's declining nond disc lisealth and the ever-increasing overseas toxics of Melidi Hassian. Glindam Abbas become the durling of film musicians. He sang all kinds of songs, from the fast Mil-jano had sone (Wileres, 1929) to the melodramatic 'O hychpass be anoth? (Knimer, 1983), he was

pailly at ease with both. The duet with Mehdi Hassan from the film deben Rhei (1979), 'In dange mein poer ham ton coboy amerei' (Muhammad Ali-Walsond Munad) became a road song and a favourite with all and sandry. The peppy 'Kitoury die le band milay ho' was very unlike him, yet the song had a touch of Almed Randali and a pixch of Mall the bands of the Mehdi Hassan in it.

His 'Zindegy' re no har quident'

For Shahid in Monzi Hari Afternaphi
(1977) gave a new life to the actor's
career while Obstann Abbas
became the go-to voice for TV
arrists in film, including the likes
of Asif Rara Mir, Uman Perenala,
Ondann Mobiodin, Joved Shaikh,
Sahat Kaami, Wascen Abbas



Jamail Shah and Ayaz Naik. He born in the 1980s. is also one of the few singers who provided weals to mache near such as Badar Munic, Asif Khata and Softan Robin.

The maximum number of Ghulaus Abbas' bits came from director/ producer Persex Malik, who used his voice for the best sengs. Warn no turnote kebbil (buekhab, 1977 with Muhammad Alii, 'Dekk ker ngirke' (Melman, 1978 with Rahat Kaznoi). Tight or poor kareongst (Pakeess, 1979 with Nadomas, Kobbi hum rech tunt' (Bun Dono, 1980 with Nadrous and 'Mere tight at atter' (Quelant, 1981 with Nadrous), were newart of that isturaliouss.

He was also a blessing for producer Slubub Kairanse and his soins, and gave hits such as 'Klevensh source; nor should;' (Snath), 1980 with Asid Raza Mirs, 'Mera pror bhi to' (Kabbi Alvida No Kribsa, 1983) with Javed Shaikho and 'Ek base mile from se' (Bobby, 1984 with

Javed Shaikha Ohalam Abbas was also often the voice to go when needed for a

"I have more the most number of milli neghnare (patriotic songs) on TV and radio. Patriotic for marked kyar. Waten to have access to accession. A Patriotic writin ar Patriotics and Khadi ke six-ireclian' are bust a few that coupe to my mind, but you can get the list from the interset." he says.

Chulani. Abbas was spot on as, according to Absar Ahmed's book Har Turn Patietus (a book on Pakistani mW neghnory, he has the maximum number of such rougs against last manne.

As the number of male-oriented songs in films declined. Abbas shifted his focus back to radio and TV, also embarking on international

concert tours. Therry year or two, I used to go r a roser around the world, from the US, UK. France to the Middle flast and many other places," says Abbas, "I started out in 1987 and continued till 2009. I never nopped singing for films and, whenever I was in town, I would record a song or two." Obstam Asson nearly 30 years of his Obstam Abbas song for films for

his on-screen daughter — a very young Atiqu Odho — remains exched in the menories of those

After facing initial rejection in his pursuit of becoming a playback singer. Ghulam Abbas took a different route and began assisting the legendary music composer Nisar Bazmi. During this period, he worked behind the scenes on super-hit films such as Anjuman (1970). Naag Muni (1972) and Mohabbat (1972). and helped rehearse some popular songs with the most iconic voices in the industry, including Mehdi Hassan. Ahmed Rushdi, Runa Laila and Madam Noor Jehan.

'Moly we roly that make our with thehre this water is Chalam Abbas's most popular non-filmi ecug. It was a Radio Pakistan production recorded in 1977 by producer Khalid Aughar, and this particular ghazad won the award for maximum broadcasts on Radio Pakistan. With horsel, next, ghazed, greet, milli aviglimity and film songs to his credit, the tally of his songs

has crossed over 10,000.

Glasham Abbas' lass his song was eccorded in 2004 for the film Dil Tota Papal Hai, where he song alongside Slubsami Majeed. Interestingly, Majord was also his partner in the fancous telecom TV commercial, adding another layer of significance to their critialsoration. The using with Reema and Shann created a memorable visual and musical moment, leaving a lasting impression on audiences.

Though this marked the end of an ern in his playback singing career, he voluntarily decided to give a chance to the new generation and was never shown the door, as happens in

never shown the door, as happens in the case of many. He continued to sing for modific juncial gatherings, TV shows and other events until Covid-19, finally resuming in 2022. There may have been a break in music but he never stopped in pursuing his other dream, scademics. Obulant Abbus is one of the few from the music world who are highly academically usualified. are highly sendenically qualified. A triple usasners in philosophy, sociology and Urdu Interature, he also has a doctorate degree in Music Philosophy from a university in Melbourne. He has even started tenching music and has also established an academy.

In addition to winning four Nigar Awards as a playback singer. Ghulum Abbas was also recognised for his exceptional contributions to masic with several printigious bosours. He was awarded the Tangha-i-bustas (Medal of Tampha-i-limitar (Medal of Excellence) to 2011 and later received the Paide of Performance Award in 2020, both conferred by the President of Pakistan. He was also given the Super Star Award from Radio Pakinton on its 15th

Ausiversary in 2022.

While these accistades reflect official recognition of his immenue talent, dedication and lasting impact on the manic industry in Pakistan, Ghulana Abbas real legacy in the industry are his courrbations to nassic, will resonating through the decades. W



With menter Mehdi Hassan



Ghulam Abbas with his awards



Ghulam Abbas (centre) with Farnakh Fateh Ali Khan (left) and Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan (right)





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The recent strikes by Pakistan on Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan sanctuaries inside Afghanistan have inflamed Afghan rhetoric once again about sovereignty. However the basic issue that keeps coming up, as it has for the past 77 years, is the issue of the Pak-Afghan border and Afghan efforts to delegitimise it. Ejaz Haider examines the history of the contested 'Durand Line' and its implications for Pakistan-Afghanistan relations and Pakistan's security and foreign policy framework

THE DURAND LINE **AND AFGHANISTAN**



A Pakistani soldier in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stands next to a border fence along Afghanistan's Paktika province: like previous Afghan entities governing Kabul, the Tehreek+Taliban Afghanistan (TTA) refuser to accept the legitimacy of the border | AFF

akinsm's targeted strikes on December 4, 2024 on the training camps of the self-styled Telmock-i-Talihan Pakinan (ETP) in the Diranal area of eastern Pakitka province of Afghanistan have brought Afghanistan's irredentist policy out in the open. The strikes came after a string of terrorist attacks by the TTP on Pakistan's security forces. The TTP, an internationally designated terrorist group, is bested by the self-declared Afghan Interim Government on Afghanistan's seil. The AlG — described berein as the Tehrock-t-Taliban Afghanistan (TTA) — has, despite multiple requests and démorches by refused to rein in the TTP.

Predictably. Afghanistan has protested the strikes and issued a déssarche But two other developments are more important than these pro forms moves. Mullah Khairullah Khairklova, TTA's Minister of Information and Culture, called the TTP "guests" and stated that the TTA would not step helping the group. The TTA Ministry of Defence put out a statement on the social media site X, calling the Pakistan-Afghanistan border a "hypothetical line." Earlier in January 2024, TTA Minister for Borden and Tribal Affairs, Mullah Noorallah Noori, had called the recognised international border an "imaginary line."

Like previous Afghan entities governing Kabul, the TTA refuses to occupt the legitimacy of the border, in the case of the TTA, however, the Publisher nationalism is also coloured by securian religiosity. This is facilitated by the near-free movement across the border of tribesium and groups since the Societ irreasion of Afghanistan.

TTP is TTA's leverage against Pakistan. While the TTA leadership seted as a facilitator for the talks, it (TTA) continued to set the conditions through the TTP to pressure Pakietan. The talks were also meant to provide legitimacy to the TTP as a party vis-a-vis the Government of Pakistan.
One central example should suffice the TTP's demand to reverse the merger of crembile Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) with Klybbe-Pakhankhwa, the resure of TTP cadres to those territories and for Pakistan to have little-to-no administrative-legal control in those territories. In simple terms, the TTA, through the TTP, wanted to capture these territories — the first part of its salams-sheing tactic. Why?

This is where one has to go into history because as Jocasta, the mother

must use his post experience to judge the present

Since the formation of Pakistan as a successor state to the Government of India, Afghanistan has wanted to "reclaim" Pakistani territory up to the east of Indias River, what's described in geographical nerse as cis-India. To be sure, Afghanistan's state practice has been uneven with Kabul.

If pre-nation state histories were to determine present-day realities, there would be no Afghanistan pre-Ahmad Shah Abdali (Durrani) because this was an area contested among whoever ruled India, Central Asia and Iran. History did not begin in 1747. But even if we were to consider for the sake of our present argument that it did, the Durrani dynasty was gone in what 19th century lawyer and historian William Fraser-Tytler called "five and forty years."

accepting the border at crucial points in Pakisum-Afghanistan history. But the irredession continues to bark, reminding one of T.S. Eliot's lines from flover Norrow: "What might have been is an abstraction! Remnining a

perpenal possibility/Only in a world of speculation."

The Afghan idea of a border strending to the western bunds of the Indu River tand even parts of Balochistan is an unformant abstraction that

and wife of Cedigus, says in Sophocles' play Oceligus Rex, a man of sense. has done much harm not only to Afghanisan inself but also Pakistan-

Afghanistan relations.
History and myth can wreak much havor on the peoples. The settler colonialism of Zionists is an ongoing tragedy with its roots in a mythological past inflaming the present and simpling constructive future possibilities. If pre-nution state histories were to determine present-day realities, there

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(T)he Afghan people as a whole (had not) acquired that stability of purpose which would have enabled them to comolidate control of the vari dominions acquired by Ahmad Shah, or to found an enduring dynasty to replace the dying empire of the Mogals. Such a task was too great for a people who were still largely tribal, resembling in their composition nather

the class of the highlands of Scotland in ancient days..."

Frasev-Tytler should have known. He was Scotlah! But let's get an evereion of the situation in the run-up to the Indian Subcontinent's Partition.

With the Durrani dynasty losing out to the Burskeais (Muhammadzais) and its termiorial reach reduced, there was much strife. Nor did the fall of the Durrami dynasty in 1919 bring about calm. It was not until 1926 that Dost Muhammand, the youngest of Painda Khan's some finally pre-uited wer his brothers and lay claim to what remained of the Durrani empire

Writes Fraser-Tytler: "During the years of anarchy and of interpectne strife, which had continued for upwards of a quarter of a centrary, one province after another had broken away from the central authority." Sindh, Balochistan, the entire southern country from the Persian border to Glazzai nd Bulkh in the north Bud secoded. Into this mix came a bigger problem: the Sikhs. In the later years of his

rule, Ahmad Shah Durnasi had resigned control of central Posjab to the

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Sikh Federation. During his grandson Zaman Stah's reign the Sikhs killed the Afghan representative. The incident forced Zaman Shah to personally return to Punjab to re-emblish his authority. He is also said to have tinkered with the idea of moving his seat of power from Kabul to Lahore. That didn't happen because his tribul chieftains didn't want to leave Kabul. He then

tribul clustians didn't want to leave Kabul. He then closes to laive a Sikli governor in Lahore rather than an Afghan plenipotentiary. Enters Raujit Singh.

The canny Singh entrenched himself and began to take advantage of the growing weakness of the Darrani dynasty. By 1818. "The held all the northern Penjah between the Indian and the Sadlej." Between 1820 and 1823 he chipped away at the Afghan possession west of Attock in the Battler of Attock and Nowsbern. The Nowsbern hartle because all of Deducars will be under Nowshern buttle brought all of Peshawar valley under the Sikh rule. "While cotaining his rights as successin of the country to the east of the Khyber Paus. (Rasjit Singh) entrusted the povernorship of Peshawar to Sulian Muhamazaid Khan on the payment of a small tribute."

By the time of the Bank of Januard between the forces of Ranjit Stigh and Dost Mohammad in 1837, Dost, facing internal strife in his territories within Afglianistan, wanted British mediation between Afghanistan and the Siklukingdom. This is why, despite having defeated the Sikh force, including killing Hari Singh Nalwa, the famous Sikh general, he did not venture towards Peshawar. The letter to Lord Auckland,

who had recently arrived in India, "opened the door to flettish intervention to Central Asia," Dost Mohammad corresponded frequently with the British (the Library of Congress has multiple volumes on Door Mohammad Khan's 1860 and sought their intervention. He also signed two agreements with the British in March 1855 and January 1857, respectively. The texts of these agreements clearly indicate and confirm his acceptance of the existing frontiers between Afghanistan and British India. By then the Afghan frontier's costern outreach was Ali Masjid Port of the extreme to Klocker Post. The Texts of Conference at the entrance to Khyber Pass. The Frontier Corps now maintains a company-strength in the fort.

It is important to mention these agreements because It is important to trention these agreements become they preceded the Durard Trenty of 1893 and clearly show that Afghan rule did not extend to the Indias River much before the 1893 Treaty was signed. If anything, there's no indication after 1840 of an Afghan army setting foot anywhere near Peshawar. The 1857 agreement also stipulated 4,000 musticits and a monthly subsidy of 100,000 Indian rupees for Dost Mohammad Khan. Another treaty which precedes the much-touted and maligned 1893 Treaty was the 1879 Treaty of Gusdamak, following the first campaign of the second Anglo-Afghan War. Dost Mohammad's son, Sher Ali Khan, thed after the British invaded Afghanistan and

Klain, fled after the British invaded Alghanistan and his son. Yaqub Khan, med for peace. According to Article 9 of the Treaty, Yaqub relimpaided Alghan-noværeignty over Sht. Karrum and Fedinia as assigned districts and also accepted British sovereignty over the "Klayber and Michai Passes, which lie between the Peshawur and Jellalabad Districts, and of all relations with the independent tribes of the territory directly connected with these Passes." (Quote from the Tseaty) The peace treaty did not last long. The British

mission led by Louis Cavagnari was massacred by some Afghan soldiers and the treaty got interred with their bodies. There are other details until the ascession to the Kubul throne of Abdul Ralinian but those are not

to the Kabul throne of Abhai Rahman but those are not relevant to our purpose, except that Rahman was rold that Kandahar would not be part of his deminion.

The British position in Kandahar became untenable after a British army was defented in the Battle of Maiwind by Yaqub's younger brother. Ayub Khan, who was the governor of Henst, Incidentally, Ayub Khan is considered a national hero in Afghenistan. He died in Lubore in 1914 and in buried in Peshawar. Another transmiss his is above to the Tebbas war. Another interesting bit is about how the Talibus used the reference to the Battle of Maiwind in their seveni (songs), (See, 'The Battle of Maiward and the Taliban's l'atuni' by Roshun Noorsui.)

DURAND TREATY 1993.

It's time to get to 1893, Rahman entered into a treaty with the British, delimiting the Indo-Afghan frontier, and their respective "upheres of influence." Maps were attached to the treaty and Amir Abdur Rahman. relinquished Afghanismus sovereignty over the frontier districts of Bajaar, Swat, Chitral and Chagoy. In the bargain, be got Asmar, Kaliristan and the Burnal tract, areas over which Alphanistan had contribed almost no control previously. Further, the Government of India undertook to "increase by the sum of six lakhs of rupees a year the subsidy of twelve lakhs now granted to Highmens."

Many Afghan writers and politicians make false claims that Afghanistan lost most of the territory between the lindus River and the Durand Line because of the Durand Treaty. That scrittory, as our historical overview shows, was lost three decades before the treaty, between the B10s and B70s. As Afghan academic Arwin Rahi argses, "In fact, through the Durand Treaty, Afghans would code some territory to the British for the last time, not for the first time.

The second false claim made by Afghans and many Indiana is about a 100-year time-limit on the Durand Treaty. There is nothing in the ten of the Treaty — available to anyone interested — which gives even a hint of a 100-year time-limit.

Yetanother claimmade by the Afgham is that Rahman signed the treaty under duron. As British historian and barrister Bijan Ottarani writes, "The negotiations lasted a month, and a stream of correspondence between Sit Mortimer Durand and the Government of India shows that there was a genuine process of negotiation over this period: the British conceded to the Government of Alghanistan that a mumber of areas should fall on the Alghan side of the Durand Line which they had originally wished to fall on the Indian side." Contemporary accounts suggest that even if Abdur Rahman had mixed feelings about the agreement, his assumt was not brought about by therein. The 1993 frontiers under the treaty were also

The 1893 frontiers under the treaty were also reaffirmed by Ruhman's son and successor Amer Babiballah in the 1905 Kabul Treaty, including accepting the Darand Line as the frontier with India. Interestingly or perhaps for our present purpose, investeally, it was a victory for Habiballali since the



Mohammad Yaqub Khan of Afghanistan (middle) with Sir Louis Cavagnari (second from the left), military administrator of the British Government of India. at the signing of the Treaty of Gandamak on May 26, 1879; it is important to mention these agreements preceded the Durand Treaty of 1893 show that Afghan rule did not extend to the Indus River much before the 1893 Treaty was signed | United Littley

Government of India had sought more concessions from Habiballah after Rahman's death and even stopped the subsidies to Kabal. After these months of negotiations with Louis Dane. Habbullah got his way with the arrangements under the 1893 Troaty. The Kabul Tresty was to be reguliated by Amanullah Khan in 1919, resulting to the third Anglo-Afghan War.

Resultantly, the treaty, signed in Rewalpindi, is short and curt. It not only got Amanullah to accept the border but under Acticle 5 stipulated "early demurcation by a British Commission of the un-demarcated portion of the line west of the Kligber, where the recent Afghan aggression took place, and to accept such boundary as the British Commission may lay down." Articles 2 and 3 of the treaty also withdrew certain privileges to

Afghanistan and the subsidy to the Amir. The 1919 Treaty was followed by the 1921 Treaty in Kabul which also reaffirmed the previous arrangements regarding the border in addition to other matters related to trade and setting up of diplomatic missions etc. This trong, however, has a withdrawal clause in Article XIV. It was nonetheless multirmed in 1930 by Molammad Nadir, then mounted of Afghanistan. The situation stood as it were until 1949 when Kabul claimed that it had withdrawn from the 1921 Totaty, a step very different from irredereist claims made under the Darand Treaty.

And this brings us to 1947.

POST-INDEPENDENCE PAST

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Alghamistan cost a negative vote against Pakistan in September 1947, arguing that Pakistan's northwest frontier "should not be recognised as a part of Pakistan until the [Pakistane] of that area had been given the opportunity to opt out for independence." However, it withdrew the negative vote in October 1947 and both sides exchanged authoroactors in February 1948.

Zahir Shah sem his mete. Sardar Shah Wali Khan, as aribansador to Karachi. Wali spoke Udu and is said to have stated at one point that while Afghanisman might have but a claim, on Pakistan resportly stees of Pakistan, it would forgo such claims.

Pakistan, it would forpo such claims. In reality, as American diplomat James Spain who had served in Pakistan noted, "Relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan have come to be centred on one issue." That issue was Afghanistan's demand for 'Pasfatunistan' and Kabul's repeated attempts to subvert the Pakhton (and later the Baloch) through covert and

The 'Pashnanistan' issue, couched in the right of selfnormination for the Ps&htun, was actually irredentist It was clear that if such an "independent" state were to actually come into being, it would not be able to survive and would be subsumed into Afghanistan, satisfying

Kabul's idea of Geouter Afghanistan.
In a 1963 article for Asian Survey, eithed 'The Pulc-Afghan Detente', George Montagno, who served as a visiting professor of American history in the University of Karachi, wrote that Afghan agents operated among Pakhina tribessors for many years, distributing large amounts of money, amountation and even transition radios in an effort to sway loyables from Pakistan

Afglianistan, and to develop sentiments for the Pulchtoonintnay entire

Montagino also noted that Kabul had made no mention of including any Pushto-speaking areas of Afghanisman, in a future 'Pukhtoomistan'. This silence would indicate that the Afgluin plea has probably been one "prompted by a veiled irredentism.

It's important to note that this article mentions a period of detente following the May 1963 Tehran agreement to normalise relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, which had nonedived because Afghanistan's prime minister and King Zahir Shah's course, Sanlar Muhammad Duoud, had sent an Afghan army into Bajaser in September 1960. It took Pakima and Bajaset imbestness an entire year to exict the Algha elements. Duoud was a vocal opponent of the border and a hardliner on the ususe of 'Pashtunistan'. Pakistan had also challenged Afghanistan to hold a referendom in its own Pakhtun nears to see if the Afghan Pakhtun wanted to live in Afghanistan or join Pakistan.

There is a vast literature on how Kabul did everything to keep the border imme alive both through overt and, later, covert actions. This space does not allow for a full treatment but two points must be made one, the negativity that mostly defined Fakistan-Afghanistan relations was the doing of Kabul, two, Fakistan's Afghanistan policy has been defined by Kabul's irreductions and its linkages with India, Pakistan's adversary in the east.

SARDAR DAOUD OVERTHROWS ZAHIR SHAH

On 17 July 1973, Sardar Duced coented Zahir Shah and declared Afghanistan a republic. The passels was bloodless and Duced was supported by a large number of military officers. Docud also revived the 'Pudirusistan' compaign and began supporting Pakhina and Bahods separation. At house, his compaign against conservatives led to preges and a number of fraire Afghan leaders fied to Pudistan. Some important names included Gufbaddin Heldmaryar, Abdur Rab-Band Sarvad Barbanashlin Habbani, Alvan Shah Rassol Sayyari, Burhamaddin Rabbumi, Ahmad Shah Massoud et al.

The late Maj Gen Nassocraffish Bubar, then a brigadier, The lase Maj Gen Nasserrallish Babar, then a brigasher, was Inspector-General Feonster Corps. He apprised Prime Minister Zulfflau Ali Bhasto of the situation. As Barnett Buban notes in The Fragmentation of Afghanisten. Store Formation and Collegue in the International System, "The influe of Islamist refugges after 1974 was a welcome opportunity [for the Bhasto-government]. Publisher coverily organised and approved the attenued sections to the Islamis in 1973 which the attempted options by the Islamian in 1975 which, together with pressure from the Shah [of Iran], had the desired effect of bringing Datoud to the bargaining table. over his support for [Paclitan] and [Buloch] separation in Pakistan and other regional issues."

It is clear from reports and analyses of the time and later that Pultistan's policy of several-pressure on Daoud's Afglantistan was not an attempt to meddle in Afglantistan's internal affairs but to use Duoud's troubles to get lim to settle the border and end his irredentist policy.

To our a long story short, for a number of masons David began moving away from the Soviet Union and towards the United States, Egypt, Iran, Pakistan and Gulf states like Saudi Arabia. Books by Barnett and Unite states like Saish Arabia. Books by Burnett Bubin. Diego Cordoves — then Under-Secretary General for Special Political Affairs who co-authored Out of Afrikasiases with Selig Harrison. — Angelo Rasanayagam, another United Nations diplomat who also served as the Director of UNIER in Politavar and many others note that Daoud had come rosed to patting an end to the "Darand Line" issue. [This was also corrobonated to the writer years ago by the lane Riaz Rhokhar, former foreign secretary who was a young normaker during Bhatto's meeting with Dassad.] Bhatto visited Kabul in June 1976 and Dassad visited

Islamsbad in August, indicating his willingness to accept the Durand Line as an international border in return for Illiams's undertaking to release the

imprisoned National Awami Party leaders. It is interesting to note that by 1979 Ithano had also become wary of Soviet actions in West and South Asia. Illiuitio's those letters to the thru US President Gerald Ford (Fano to August) are intriguing, especially the August 17 better in which Illiamo, quite presciently, speaks of how the Kreinlin was likely to focus on West and South Asia after the centre (lineoper was stabilized through the blobink) Frinal Act signed on August 1, 1975. Blumo's argument was that "assured of security in Europe, the Soviet Union will relemberely enert pressures on the resulter maters of Asia and on Politates in particular smaller states of Asia and on Pakistan in particular, with a view to achieving its purpose of establishing an unchallengeable sphere of influence in this continent."

Ford's response basically ignored this point. The US would in about four yours come to appreciate the developments that would lead to the Soviet tanks rolling offs of Arms Durys.

When Huntle was not counting on was a coup at house

The positive development was, however, picked up by Oen Ziaul Hisq after he removed Blumo in July 1977 Zia Intohed on to the diplomatic push since he knew that outlines of the Illustro-Duoud discussions and he had, iromoully, opposed Illustro's decision to release the Baloch and Palditum leaders. After removing Illustro, he purssed the latter's policy and engaged Duoud, visiting Kabul in October 1977. Duoud had a reciprocal visit in Name 1979. Massib 1979.

Cordover and Harrison write that when Danad was asked at a fure-well press conference "whether the Durand Line was discussed, he replied that "everything was discussed, and with the pussage of time everything would fall in place."

The two writers also exention that Daoud had begun to mould public opinion at home and not Pakhtan and flatoch leaders who had taken refuge in Kabul and told them that "all of their eight thousand activists and guerrillas from Pakistan... should leave by April 30 [1978] Condover and Harrison also quote the late Ajmai Khanak, a NAPSANP leader, on this meeting and what Khanak said to Duoud about being "either a foot or a linave and we would not go (back to Pakirtan).

DENOUEMENT AWAITS

April 30 proved a date too far. Daoud and his family were mardered in a coup by officers belonging to the Peoples Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA) on

The PDPA took over True to Afghanistan's history. resistance by urbal solidarity groups emerged to central control and suppressive "reforms" by the communists. The sinuation got to a point where the USSR's Leonid Brezhnev, an emotive alcoholic with failing health, sook the decision to get turited (read, invade) Afghanistun to inshifting the PDPA. On December 24, 1979, Soviet tanks rolled toto Afghanistan.

The commontist missalventure was to come to an end in a decade. But the Soviet withdrawal was also the beginning of an entire era of new troubles for the region and Pakistan. Pakistan's primary policy objective, the acceptance by Kabul of the international border, had earlier died with Daeud. That problem has recrudesced. While the border is encognised by the world, the western neighbour remains irredentist and, this time, also religiously charged.

The initiation requires a thorough review of celations with Afghanistum and recourse to an army of son-kinetic and kinetic means. It also requires a countrational compact within Pakistan, since facing the outside world prerequisites internal barriers, w

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Mulahideen rebels pictured in 1980 in the mountains of Afrikanistan's Kunar province: the eventual Pakistan (AF

THE EXODUS FROM X

Elon Musk's changes to Twitter and his political allegiances have made the platform less appealing to news publishers and journalists. Bluesky has emerged as a new alternative, but can it reach critical mass?

By Craig Robertson



en Elon Musk took over Twitter and changed its

platform. First was talk of a shift to Mastodon that never seemed to catch on. Then Meta tried to make Threads appealing by linking the app to Instagram — but this

hann't had mach out-through either.

Now it's Blaesky's turn. In the weeks since the US election, the platform has grown rapidly as users like X.

This is purily because Mesk's involvement in Donald Trump's election cannot be constant when the second where his

involvement in Donald Tramp's election campaign clearly showed where his political allegiances by that be has also fundamentally changed how people see X as a platform, particularly as a place to get good-quality poernalism.

Many of them thocking to Bluesky have been publishers, news organisations and journalists, sending a message that they as longer see X as a valuable space to post that reporting. A group of UK journalists signed an open letter, calling X 'no longer a methal

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tool for objective reporting.

Right now, Blacsky still remains very small compared to X. Getting official and widely agreed-upon user numbers is difficult, but estimates put X's worldwide ascretose at around 600 million, with small declines in recent mostles.

In comparison, Ethesky reported 13 million users in October, with increases following the US election. Estimates vary wildly, however, if you choose different metrics like 'daily

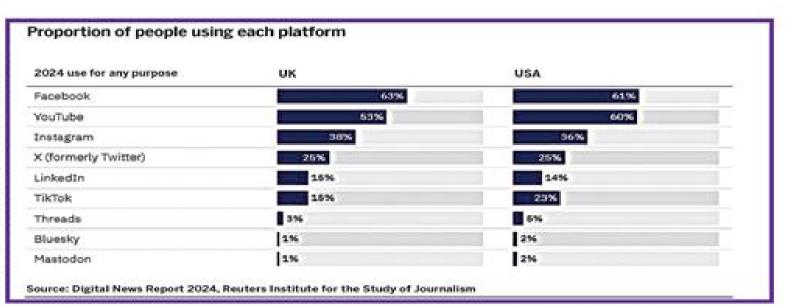
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Our 2024 Edigital News Report data at the Herstern Institute for the Study of Journal in (from our very fielded in January) puts the proportion of adults using X for any purpose at 25 percent in both the US and UK. Meanwilde, 15 percent of people in the US and 14 percent of people in the UK report using X for news. Our Reports are similar to those of the Pew Besearch Centre and Ofcom.

As for Bloesky, usage barely regimered in our 2024 data. Usage for any purpose was two percent in the US and one percent in the UK. Facebook and YouTube are still the most widely used platforms in the UK and US, followed by Instagram.

But what is perhaps more important right

now is looking at the specific organisations and individuals that are leaving X. [The American] NPS [National Public Radio]



posting, and the (UK's) Georgian followed. posting, and the U.S. of constraints between the foreground process of Journalium, which represents nearly 300,000 journalium, has said it will stop posting on X from Jamusey, when Tremp takes office. And some celebrities are also leaving.

JOURNALISM ON TWITTER

Relative to its size, Twister/K has always had an outsized impact on public discourse. This is largely due to the types of people who were attracted to the platform and became beavy more journalists, politicians and other public figures. "Power users" on the platform drose public narratives in many ways. Twitter was where enforced and political debates happened. News broke on Twitten.

Our research at the Resters Institute from 2021 and 2023 showed this. People saw the platform as a good place to see breaking news, follow news publishers and generally keep up with goings on. While Facebook seren an a place to extended with friends and family, and YouTube a place to find-covertainment, Twinter's brand was as a

destination for up-to-date information.

Musk's charges to X, from complicating the "blue tick" verification systems, to removing



Elon Music has made several changes to X that have made it easier to spread

news headlines from links, to deprioritising news and links, have negatively affected the news industry, making the platform less

appending to publishers.

As news brands and journalists leave, in their place Mask has appeared to boost the voices of right-braining users, while absoluting many of Tworer's consen-moderation policies and reframing X as a right-wing social media platform

Bluesky, on the other hand.

demonstrated appeal to the news industry, with reports of bener referred traffic, a

with reports of better referral traffic, a chronological timeline that units breaking news, the ability to customize feeds and a general creative spark that some say reminds them of early Twitter.

For those remaining on X, the experience for many has been a steady increase in mininformation, laste speech and general toxicity, fuelled by Mank's charges to the plotform. With many reliable news-publishers leaving, these is the risk that less reliable sources are further amplified.

THE NEW 'IT' PLACE

It is possible, because of the migration of certain types of users, that the popularity of Blacoky is overstated. If journalists, academics and other professionals see all their friends and colleagues popping up on Blacsky. It may give the impression that a wider movement in underway - but this

On the other hand, it may be precisely who is moving to Blanky that matters.
What the shift among social media power users (journalists, politicians, public figuress may do is recovering others to Join.

If the bear maintains its escreen level. Once there, they may see Bluesky's "auti-toxic" features, including the ability to lade replies and filter notifications, and come to like the user experience, as many

journalists have.

The key to whether it can really "replace"
Twitter as a driver of news will be in how
many people ultimately move. What's
always required to make a platform
successful is a critical mass — enough
people being there to make it feel useful new
interesting, making you want to come back.

people occupy there to make it too united takes interesting, making you want to come back. If people initially joined Twinter because that's where the up-to-date conveniations were faupening, then Blaesky may benefit from becoming the new "it" place, supplanting X/Twinter's former status as the ribute to be. place to be

However, Bluesley could still go the way of other X competitions, if it desens a maintain mongentum and reach that critical mass We've seem plenty of hypo cycles before it

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COMMENT

THE BA'ATHIST LEGACY IN THE ARAB WORLD

The overthrow of Basher al-Assad marks the demise of Ba'athism, leaving Syria's future — and the fate of Arab anti-Zionism — hanging in uncertainty

By Hussain Qazi



year that has ended situoused neveral events of global purticularly foreign policy and the economy. Be it the Middle East or Europe, 2024 was full of political and nulltury tensions.

In terms of warface, perhaps the most notable hothed of tension and regional instability has been the Analyworld where, most recently, Syria-new the end of almost 60 years of Ba'athint rule. In a surprisingly swift onslaught, a group of rebels managed to take over the capital and declare a 'yew Syria'. This concluded the legacy of the Balathin ideology in the Anth-world, while knowing several questions

A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Before delying into those questions, belof history of the Assal rule and lila/athiom in the Arab world must be explored for a better understanding of this conflict and the general nature of condition in the Wichille Finet.

Perhaps the starting point of this story would be in the early 1990s. while the world was still recovering one the scars and wounds of World War II.

One of the worst affected was the Denish Empire. By 1952, most of their much empire had collapsed, and with the letting go of India in 1947, these was not much sensiony left for the once mighty Crown. Areas that they had not left were full of rebellion and uprisings

was definitely the case in the Middle East, where many were disgranted with the colorate computers. They saw, perhaps justifiably, the rolers installed by the Crown as agents of imperialism, who sought to divide the Anily world amongst itself. With the creation of the Ziomist state of Innel in 1949, things did not improve for the Crown in the Middle East, and it is obote our story begins.

In the late 1940s and early 1950s, a



An image of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, riddled with bullets, on the facade of a government office after the opposition's takeover of Hama. Syria in December 2024 $|\Lambda P|$

philosophy called litrathing was taking root in the Arab world. Its main propenent was Syrian philosopher and nationalist Michel Aflaq, who is now considered its founder. In essence, it described a socialist Arab world independent from imperialist chains and exposeed a homeland for the Ambs ruled by the Arabs. This phike-optic was also anti-Zionist, which would become more visible during the Sucs Coxed crisis in 1996 and, later, during the Six-Day War in 1967.

This philosophy was decound appending throughout the Arab world, recolarly to the Lewant region, Imq. and newly independent Syria as well

FLAG BEARERS OF THE **BAATHIST MOVEMENT**

It was specifically the core in Egypt, with one Egyption influenced by it going on to become the figurehead of this movement. That man was Col-Gunud Abdel Namer who, in 1982. led the Egyptian revolution, deposing King Farouk and enablishing the King Fursuk and enta Arab Republic of Egypt.

Names's actions impired others to rise up and, soon, the world naw other And socialist proveneum taking to power as well, such as the revolutions led by Houart Boursediene in Algeria and Abdet Karim Kasim in Imq. Although most of these countries were not Balathan at the time, Name still ure the dream of a mitted borneland for Ands. For this, he forsed the United Analy Republic (UAR) with Syria in 1958. This would be Syria's first official exposure to Ba'sthian.

However, this union was short-lived, with Syria secoding from the UAR in 1961 following a coup headed by Nactinial-Qudsi, fronteally, Qudsi-would be fairnest deposed by Gen-Amin al-Hafiz, who would then being into existence Bulathist Syria in 1965. Amin at Halls was deposed in 1996, in a coup in which Halor al-Assad took part. Four years later, Assad instituted a third coup, which outsed the de facto leader Salah Judid, and appointed himself as leader of Syria.

Despite Suria's recession from the UAR, it maintained close not with Egypt due to their satifying lik/sibist săculu. These ties sould be rendered. during the Stadbay Was, with USsupported foraet pitted against Fgrypt, Syria and Jordan, who were bucked by the entwhile Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). This saw



Egyptian President Gamel Abdel Nasser with Syrian Ba'ath Party founders Michel Affaq and Salah al-Bitar in 1958 (Wilne

Belieferen take an extreme auti-Zionist simulficant development with records stance, to the point where cooperation with the US and other Winters powers way not an option.

It warrants mention that relations between Egypt and Syria deteriorated by the late 1970s, following the USbrokered Camp David Accords of 1978, which established a peace treaty between brack and Egypt. This mount Syria become the last 'true' Ba'athiat nation alongside Iraq, which had now come under the role of Saddam Hussein, Following the fall of Saddam in 2003, Syria would become the last areti-Zionist and truly Balabist nation in the Amb world.

Now, after the de facto dissolution of the Ba'athist party in December 2024 Effecting Bodan al-Assal's overthrow, several questions have cropped up, not just about Syrian sovereigney, but also the future of anti-Ziconium and Anth unity

Syria, serder the role of the Assists. had a complicated relationship with the terms development and sovereignty. For instance, while the Balath Party roled with an iron firt, it ensured

is and a vehement anti-imperialist. In Syria being a modern society. There was significant tolerance of different ethnicities and religious groups. There was also a notable lack of perty erious.

Baladhist Syria also maintained nationalisation of economic resources, including oil. While this showed a sence of economic severeignty, in the same time, it had lessed land to sean forces and bransan trailings to fight against the rebellion throatmang. Amount risks.

AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE

With the Hayat Tabric ali-Shaon in power now and speculation rife that group has the support of Turkey and head amongst others, it throw into suscertainty what is to become of Syria and its oil. Perhaps, it might end up in Zionist or Turkish hands. with the latter a stronger possibility, considering Ankam's long-displayed merchanism. travally. December Europe's next oil and gas giant, condesing Russia.

For the Zionists, a weak Syria could allow them to achieve their territorial aspirations of annexing the remaining parts of the Golsu Heights, further orippling Syria and compromising its ability to protect its territory

As far as the question of auti-Zionium in the Arab world goes, the collapse of the Balaffain government appears to be the final sual in the coffin of Arab occisions. With the last ration to have maintained an anti-brack policy — to the point of military confrontation — in turnod, the cause of anti-Zionium has been reduced to a few groups, who no longer have the memorical, logistical or diplomatic support they once had:

This is because Syria was the only country that was effectively still at war with braid and could pose a significant regional threat, untile the most of its Amb neighbours, who have been occuratised by Irmel and the US with promines of trade deals.

Syria in free, but it also must be feared that Syria may well turn into another Iraq, Egypt or Libya, is forced to too the line of the Western powers and

their Zionist client.
The current situation also me questions about the future of the Kurdn. The north-custern parts of Syris are a significant loven for the US-allied Symun Democratic Forces (SDF), which have posed signific challenges to consensponary Turkish expansionism. While the SDF were able to consist with the Balishints, it remains uncertain how they will dead with the foreign-backed deposition of their allies and subsequent occupation

of their territory.

Now, not only is Syste's feature uncertain, the fall of the Ba'athist regime also marks an end to the legsey of anti-lessell sentiment as a national policy and, alongside it, the legacy of its greatest advocates, such as Namer or Aflaq. Ba'athirt slooksgy will be but a relic on display in a om or gothering that in the pages of history, w

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Celebrity boxing matches and 'doping-legal Olympics' are the increasingly blurred line between sports and entertainment

ENTERTAINMENT OVER ETHICS

By Giulia Sesa and Silvia Camporesi

e little to think that sports are fixed and institutible but, like anything else, they

are a product of their time.

Just look at the Olympie Just look at the Olympic Games, where events like motorboating, tug-of-war and obstacle course swimming came and went during the 1900s. More recently, broakdancing appeared in last year's Paris Olympics, while faceouse will make a return in the 2028 Games in Los Angelos.

Los Angeles.

Alongside this trend, there is a growing persuit of spectacle and profit from events supposedly marketed as sports. High-profile examples include last year's Norflix-produced boxing match between influencer Jake Paul and boning legend Mike Tyson, and the Enhanced Games, also known as the "doping-legal Olympics." Events like those blue the line between enternisment and sport.

They run the risk of compromising the values that underpin competitive sport, and put participants' safety

The Paul-Tyson boxing match was one of the year's biggest "sports" events, with over 105 taillion viewers, while the linhanced Games is still at the planning stage. Proposed by Assimilian billionaire Dr Aron D'Souza in August 2023 as an absernative to the "corrupt and dysfunctional" world of the Olympics, it has already gathered financial momentum, thanks to investments from US billionaire and PayPal founder Peter Thiel,

Though official figures were not published. Fund and Tyson were allegably paid tens of millions for their bout, while 51 million awaits those who break the 50 and 100 metre freestyle swimming records at the Enhanced Games. At least swimming world

champion has already agreed to come out of retirement to compete.
The Enhanced Games are not

a particularly original idea. They plan to put into practice a certain version of "doping under medical supervision" which has been advocated by several philosophers over the years. Proponents claim that by allowing athletes to take performance-enhancing drugs, they will promote values of honesty and transparency, and create a safe environment for the athletes.

CHALLENGING SPORT'S CORE VALUES

One prominent critic has said anyone would be "moronic" to sign up for the Inhanced Games, but recordly disminsing them messis ignoring their evidently strong public appeal. Instead, we should look more closely at the values underprinsing sports. According to philosopher Alasdair MacIntyee, these can be broken down into two categories internal and external values.

Sport's internal values are the cocellences inherent to a particular up for the Enhanced Games, but

excellences inherent to a particular type of sport as well as values usels as fairness, physical excellence, adherence to regulations, and honesty. These are broadly captured in the World Auti-Doping Agency (WADAY's "spirit of sport" criteria. External values are tirked to validation from outside sources. excellences inherent to a particular This can include breaking world records. fame, prize money,

sponsorships, and so on.
Sport's appeal lies in the combination of these two sets of values. However, events like the Paul vs. Tyson match and the Enhanced Games prioritise external values at the expense of internal over-

PUTTING ENTERTAINMENT

Those events not only threaten sport's internal values, but also



The Jake Paul vs Mike Tyson match had significant risk factors, not least Tyson's age (58), recent health issues and the absence of protective gear | //-

pose serious risks to participants'

dety.
Disclosing doping
the Enhanced doping counpromoters argue, foster honesty, transparency, and reduce corruption. However, allowing performance-enhancing drugs is undeniably dangerous, and a permissive attitude raises significant concerns about health risks, harmful combinations of performance enhancing drugs, and negative spillover effects on young people and society as a whole.

incentives are at play, there will be incentives for athletes to "take and hide", meaning they take some substances necretively. This would defy the very ethos of the Enhanced Games, and put athletes' bewith at risk.

Safety concerns are not, of course, limited to the Enhanced Games. Despite adjointments — such as using 14-ounce gloves instead of 10-ounce ones to reduce impact — the Paul vs. Tysos match lad arealfactor risk forces. match had significant risk factors, not least Tyson's age (58), recent

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BALANCING ENTERTAINMENT AND VALUES

We are left with a commidmum Events such as these have an evidently very wide public appeal. but they also pose significant health roles to their participants, and potentially impact the internal rules of the sports themselves, which are bent to enhance entertainment.

So should we, as a society, allow these events to take place?

We believe that regulation in preferable to an conright ban, as with no regulatory oversight, sufery standards remain unaddressed. Unlimited earnings and prize money our also influence participants ability to make autonomous choices, and encourages them to overlook health priorities.

We also argue that events such as the Paul-Tyuen much should be clearly labelled as "not sport", putting clear distance between these events and the sports they are

impured by.
The Enhanced Games, for their part, should be taken seriously as part, should be taken seriously as a challenge to current anti-doping policies. They reflect a widespread attitude of discontent, where the public sees atthetes as the sole culprits is doping scandals. We have argued observance for the need to extend the liability of doping beyond the atthete to other her members of their consumer.

key members of their entourage, including coaches. The new WADA Code, currently being drafted and due to come into effect in January 2027, should take this timo account.

Ubiquately, over time, it is unavoidable that sports will evolve, gaining different meanings as societies also change. However, we can try to influence their evolution by reducing the incentives for doping in sports, and making other internal values, such as skill and creativity, more central to athletic performance, a

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THE MYTH OF ABUNDANCE

From Sui gas to fast bowlers and the environment, Pakistan's approach towards its resources is one of extraction as opposed to regeneration, which has placed the country on an unsustainable trajectory. We need to re-imagine our vision of the future...

By Sheheryar Khan



ne of the great misheld beliefs amongst Pukistanis is that of abundance. This notion, deeply embedded in societal practices and institutional policies, assumes that there are enough, inexhanatible resources available for everyone and for the country to benefit from them.

Yes, as the realities of environmental degradation and tenource depletion become more apparent, this belief resouls inself to be not only flavored, but dangerously misleading. It is this very belief that has shaped an cultractionary relationship with resources, driving Pakistan towards crises across multiple fronts. Pakistan towards crises across multiple fronts.

troubling pattern of exploitation, record in this belief in abundance. Whether it is natural resources such as gas, clean air, agricultural land or even human resources such as its talented fast bowlers — the country's approach has been characterised by releatless extraction and exploitation, and little regard for nastainability. This musclest lays bare the flows in its relationably with resources, especially the environment.

AN EXTRACTIONARY SOCIETY

To understand Pakistan's extractionary ethos, we must examine the origins of the idea of abundance. Historically, abundance has been equated with infinite availability, a notion reinforced by colonial-capitalist in that treated natural and he

Under this worldview, land, sirt, water and even labour were framed as inculmentible assets to be exploited for profit and progress. This legacy was not only a feature of colonial administration, but it was also internalised post-colonial governmen, where short-term gains often tramped long-term sustainability. The idea of abundance was, and remains, deeply intertwined with the belief that resources — both natural and exist to serve economic development, no

Take natural gas for instance. Discovered in the early 1950s, the reserves in Sul. Balochistus, were heralded as a national treasure. For decades, the resource was extracted at unsustainable levels (both at household and state level), with little effort to explore new reserves or diversify energy sources. The early 2000s policy of using natural gas for vehicular use intensified the rate of depletion. This approach assumed an endless supply of gas, ignoring the finite nature of the resource.

Today, the new-depletion of Sui's reserves has left Palcistan reliant on imported liquefled natural gas (LNG), which strains the national exchequer and exposes the country to volatile global energy markets. This depletion exemplifies how the myth of abundance fosters neglect, eroding the very foundations



This unindest counds beyond natural ecosurces and the way we treat human resources in the country. Here, one needs not to look beyond the way our cricket bound has treated fast bowlers in recent years

Pakintan is celebrated for producing a m of fast bowlers, often touted as natural talests. But why is it then that we haven't been able to produce fast bowlers in the past 20 years that have produced similar

kinds of numbers as Wassim Akrasis or Wasqur Younin? One obvious reseyn in that these athletes ar subjected to overwork, mismananement and neglect. with little inventisent in their long-term well-being and healthcare. Much like natural resources, they are treated as commandation, discarded once their

Performance declines
This cycle reflects a besider societal mubility approxime and sustain what is valuable. Talent, similar gas reserves, is treated as an endless supply, rail than a finite resource that requires care and stewardship.

PROFIT OVER PRESERVATION

The environment offers perhaps the most important sample of the consequences of this mindage. Clean air and environment, a fundamental public rood, has been treated as a limithes resource and the deteriorating air quality across Purjab underscores this neglect.

Despite overwhelming evidence that vehicular emissions are a leading cause of pollution, policy priorities have favoured infrastructure projects, such as Byovers, underpasses and signal-free corridors, which incentivise private our use. More cars on the road mean

more emissions, scenning poorer air quality.

Investments in public transportation, which could significantly reduce emissions, remain inadequate. This systemic fathere reflects the entreached belief than the environment can enduor endless exploitation. As a result, Labore now ranks among the most polisted cities globally, with smog becoming a seasonal crists that threaters public bookh and disrupts daily life.

This extractionary relationship - whether with

natural gas, human takent of the environment rosted in a colonial capitalist logic that priorities profit over preservation. The legacy of colonialism, which commodified land, labour and resources, persists in the

commodified limit, infrom and procurees, personn in the structures and policies of modern governance.

This worldview sees resources as separate from limitian and ecological systems, ignoring their interconnectedness. Such thinking not only accelerates depletion, but it also deepens social and environmental inequalities, as the burdens of such crises often fall on the most evidentials. the most vidoerable

REIMAGINING THE FUTURE

Moving away from this mindoct requires a fundamental shift in low resources are perceived and managed. First, we as a country and society must confront the origins of our extractionary ethos. This involves acknowledging that our relationship with our environment is broken and needs to be reimagined. Acknowledging these roots can passe the way for alternative approaches that value mainability and equity.
One such approach is to embrace the scooeg-

planetary boundaries — the ecological thresholds within which humanity can operate safely. Recognising these limits can guide policy and planning, ensuring that resources are used responsibly and equitably. For example, orban planning most shift focus from ear-centric infrastructure to suntainable public transportation systems that reduce emissions laugelove sår qua

Cultural change in equally important. The myth of abundance must be replaced with a narrative stewardship and interdependence.

Public awareness campaigns can play a critical role in Fostering such a shift, educating editors about the finite nature of resources and the importance of conservation. This cultural maniformation must also extend to governance, where long-term planning and accountability must take percedence over short-

term gains.
Ultimately, addressing Pakintan's extractionary polationship with resources and its environment requ reimagining the nation's future. This involves not only policy reforms, but also a broader philosophical shift that prioritises segmenation over extraction

This does not mean rejecting development, rather redefining it. This involves rethinking progress not as the accumulation of wealth, but as the ability to live harmoniously within ecological limits.

The current trajectory is usuantainable. Our belief in abundance has led to the depletion of the country's natural resources and degradation of our environment. undermining their long-term mubility. Moving forward requires a collective commitment to stewardship, requires a collective con mentionability and equity, w

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EXHIBITION

Age-old techniques are fused with modern sensibilities to striking effect at an exhibition that pays tribute to the everlasting allure of clay creations

THE CLAY CONTINUUM

By Rumana Husain

be moment one steps into the gallery, the sight is accessing three hundle seather ickey pots traditionally used for storing drinking water), suspended mid-air, command instructions attention. Elevated from their earthly origins, they hover life timeless relics, delying gravity and transforming the ordinary into the extinordinary.

This striking display sets the tone for the exhibition. Clay - Earth, Mallasbie.

Memory' at Koel Outlery, Kamehi, drawing the viewer into a world where clay becomes a medium of wonder, history and innovation. According to Natayah Shrikh Nabi, the curator of this masterful exploration

Accounting to National States National Sections of the transcript experiment of our calculating relationship with clay. "They is more than a mediant, it is a loseper of stories, a bridge between past and present." She further explains. "Artisans and visual practitioners innovate with age-old techniques passed down through generations to shape toys, ornaments, vessels, tiles, and sculptural forms." This exhibition celebrates our enduring connection to earth malleshie and rich with memory — through contemporary practices that honour and expand upon assists traditions.
 The journey begins with Harappa, an archaeological murvel on the banks

of the River Ravi in Punjab, dating back to the Indus Valley Civilination (2500-1700 BCE). Known for their advanced town planning, sociallings and artistry, the Harappson left behind a legacy of postery, jewellery and terescotts creations. Among their discoveries are animal figurines — built, rhinocerones, elephants, crocodiles, birds and more — emilied in termicoma.

The exhibition includes replicas of these ancient ways, popularised by archaeologist Jonathan Mark Kenoyer, who has exercised Hamppu since 1996. Their presence here, orafted by the Chagana Kumbhars of District Soliwid, serves as a poignam reminder of our shared heritage, seamlessly linking the past with the present.

The Kombbars, whose name originates from the Sanskrit word tombbahar carthen-pot maker), are found in nearly every district across the country. In Nasarpur — a honoric town in Sindh located about 45 followeren from Hydershad and believed to be one of the oldest settlements of the Indus Valley. Typic resident of the control of the control actions of the issues value.

Civilization — the art of glaring and hand-painting commiss has become a hallourk of its cubintal identity. This intricate craft, known as hashigard, involves creating sturning mentals work by eurofully cutting small pieces of coloured tiles and meticalenely studing them, piece by piece, to a method.

The exhibition oriebrates the righ terrinorita postery tradition with a display of exquisite Leahiguer pieces, alongside a video presentation and a live demonstration on the triangered day. Featured artisans include posters from Monch Gods (located off Hub Chowk) Bond, Karneliö, the Kashigur

Karklanu of Nanarpur, the Gull Kaulii Centre of Halls, and penetitioners from the renowned Kashigari hub in Nasarpur.

The Dandpeta brothers, Ghallana Hydre and Amjad, both trained at the National-College of Anto (NCA), in Labour and at the King's Foundation School of Traditional Aris in Landon, have worked to preserve and acceptance. Nasarpur's Kashigari tradition. Their consume tile-making processes were influenced by the braik style of making and glazing in Turkey. In this "under glaze" technique, clay in shaped in models or on posters' wheels, underconted and kills dried and then decounted. When the paint dries, it is glassed and fixed again. This exhibition is brimming with standout pieces, but one pairing truly

captures the imagination: the legendary late ceramist Mian Salahaddin's iconic hand-built and glaced stubby horses, displayed alongside Adeel Us Zaflat's Toy Horse, an engraving on plantic vinyl rendered in his distinctive mosechromatic style. Though born four decades spart and working in vasily different mediums, the juxtaposition of their works invites a compelling distingue. Salahaddin's earthy, tactile creations resonant with Zafar's meticulous, medern precision, forging an unexpected yet profound connection between their practices

Sadia Salim, a multidisciplinary artist and former head of the Department of Commiss at the Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, is need for her work in certains. Her series Memory of a Lauricage, stored in a glass box and captured in striking block-and-white images by Humayan Memon, features delicate percelain forms impreed by plant life. The fragile certains pode and distracgrating pine conce potpusetly highlight the velocrability of our ecosystem, with the comes symbolising nature's delicate balance as they shelter the seeds of confer trees.



Herd series, Milan Salahuddin



Circlittled, Anilla Ashrat



Layers of Being, Fraz Meteen

abor of the meticulously resourched Pottery Traditions of Putitions, presented a gas-fired wall refief titled Korelan. Crafted in red clay, the piece features three squashed, ura-like forms — one turned spaide down — symbolising the kilo's super-distable nature. It suprares the delicate tension between the potter's meticulous craftsmanship and the uncontrollable forces of fire that ultimately shape the final croation. Anda Aslana's Moon Air series masterfully blends tradition with innovation.

Inspired by the ceramics of Korea's Joseon stymatty, the self-taught artist transforms wheel-thrown forms with distinctive glaces. The textured preling of the outer layers and the leather-like conting, partially revealing one juris smooth interior, creates a captivating interplay of surfaces that is both tactile and visually striking.

Anenna Talpur, a recent graduate in corumics from Shaheed Allah Bukabi University in Jarishoro, drawn inspiration from the vibrain and deeply exceed textile realition of Sindh — the rull! Known for its bold geometric patterns. vivid colours, and intricate stitching, the roll quilt is a functional and artistic creation crafted by women in rural communities. These quilts are glosed together using semps of fabric, often recycled from old parments, and stitched with meticulous handwork. Talpur's Entits, Folded piece has been beautifully executed in glassel stoneware clay.



Layers of Memory, Abeer Asim



Aids Takir, who studied at the name university, showcased the transformative powers of her works in Carton Box and Newspaper, made in stoneware ceramics. In his three massiciake human faces titled Leavers of Being, Fraz Massem explores the many layers that form our identities. Salman

Birain's several exquisite stoneware vises were a pleasure to behold. Januria Alamal, who touches at the NCA in Lahore, presented her Americ Ke Khar series, mostly consisting of enselopes in stoneware and porcelain. Above Astri's Lepons of Mowory evokes a sense of remembrance. Sharia Mirra, with an impressive list of residencies from Provence in France to Thailand to lockand, showcased small pieces of jewellery in porcelain. Sharia Zuberi, who began as a clay artist in the late nunction, displayed The City Arcia's Studio, an intriguing display showcasing various tools, different types of clays such as voluntic, knokin, ball, five and Thur clay, as well as quarte and glasses.

In a world of constant clustee, this exhibition steads as a tribute to the malicability of both earth and memory — an ever-evolving sestument to the creativity, resilience and horitage of the human spirit. is

'Clay - Earth, Mailvelde, Memory' was on display at Korl Gallery in Karachi from December 17, 2024-January 7, 2023

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SMOKERS' CORNER



The Politics of Boycotts and Buycotts

As youth-driven activism links consumption with ethics, many local alternatives are thriving by aligning themselves with progressive causes. However, the long-term impact of this on market dynamics and brand strategies remains unpredictable

By Nadeem F. Paracha

he sot of boycotting brands is referred to as "political consumerism." According to the political assentists Dietkind Stolle and Michele Micheletti. political consumeram refers to the use of the market as an arena for politics, morder to change institutional or murket practices found to be ethically, enveronmentally or politically objectionable.

Postical consumerism can also be about people deliberately purchasing brands to reward them. This is referred to as "buycotting", for example, in 2023, millennials and Gen Z, the core consumers of the American ice cream brand Ben & Jerry's, increased their consumption of the brand due to its overt support for 'progressive causes.' Ben & Jerry's 'reward' in this regard was that it became 2023's leding ice cream brand in the US.

Boycotting or buycotting brands

are both political acts. Recently, a once-obscure Pakistani cola brand witnessed a manifold increase in demand at the expense of two established international cola brands. Since late 2023, the established cols brands have increasingly been accused of being 'pro-Israel.' Their names have appeared on various boycott lists oroulated by human rights groups active in highlighting Israel's atrocities

pinst Palestinions in Gaza. There is no conclusive literature research, though, to determine to what extent boycotts or buycotts really work. And even though filen & Jerry's example can be viewed as a buycott success, one does wonder whether the brand could have posted



even larger profits had it not just focused on embracing the politics of liberal millennials and Gen Z.

But was the brand interested in profits or in just promoting certain causes? All businesses are for profit. Causes in this regard are part of brand positioning.' Ben & Jerry's chose to position the brand as an activist brand. The brand's marketing strategy seemed to be to engage with politically aware cosmopolitan youth who are likely to continue accumulating consumption power in the future more than the ageing 'boomers', and the 'Gen Xers' who have entered

Many giant brands did report a ill in sales in various countries due fall in sales in various countries due to lisrael-related boycott campaigns

against them. But this did not succeed in even slightly lessening the intensity of three's omlaught in Gaza. Yet, one can state that this is not

the core intention of the boycott campaign. The intention is to disrupt the market share of the boycotted brands long enough for the disruption to compet major stakeholders of the brand to start exhibiting serious concern.

Interestingly, whereas it is tough for many brands to disprove their association with pro-thrael business./ political interests, there are some brands that do not belong on the boycott list but have been put there.

in early 2024, an international fast-food chain (not McDonalds) in Pakistan was shocked to find its name.

in a boycott list that began to circulate on social media. According to the chain, its name was added in the list by a PR firm of a Pakistani tast-food brand. To this day, the chain is trying to clarify this, but to no avail. It has lost a lot of business to the local brand, is

this cheating or a clever strategy? Israel-related brand boycotts have opened up the market for local brands. For example, local cola brands in the Muslimworldhave suddenly witnessed in unprecedented demand. Quality taste are not considerations as such. Because consuming a local cola makes the consumer feel that they are port of a noble cause.

But who are these consumers? This is important to understand especially by brands who believe they are being demonised through false information. To rebound, they

Talse information. To rebound, they need to be talking to the most active participants of the boycott campaign.

According to the American journalist Moore Terence, "Political consumers choose products based on the politics of the product than the product as material object." The is a growing trend across the world, especially among the youth. This is also why, over the years, brands have intensified their claims of being environment friendly, charitable, gender neutral friendly, charitable, gender neutral etc. But how is a brand to address accusations of facilitating a genocide?

Apologising would mean that, indeed, the brand did facilitate the genocide. Saying that the actions of its producers in larsel have nothing to do with the intent of its producers. elsewhere has drawn even more criticism. Remaining quiet hasn't worked either because this boycott campaign has gone on for over a

year now.
Brand boycotts cannot succeed if there are no alternative brands for the boycotters to choose as a replacement. Keeping in mend that major brands often buy-out competitive alternatives, and alternatives often allow this because they're not sure for how long they can sustain the people's interest, brands facing the boycott for over a year, may try to buy-out all major local brands that have risen.

And most local brands will be willing a sell due the kind of money that will be on offer. This is likely to happen if the boycott continues for yet another year. The larsel-related boycott compaign has witnessed moments of luli. And it is in such moments, the buy-outs may take place. Quietly, a



FICTION

A first collection of short stories by a renowned academic fuses the absurd with realism and explores social layers of contemporary society with minimalist prose and an almost cinematic approach

A bag full of surprises



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Reviewed by Navid Shahzad

world renowned British linguist Rope Fowler's view of realism espossed retamble characters positioned within the domain of everyday stransions that lead to demants of everythy stantonis that lead for a planable events but which segmed the need for a writer to provide a "denalled reportage of physical minution of everythy life", opting for a social commentary motival. Burring the toxial commentury requirmment is precisely while De Khalid Artab sersoon to do in his handsorarily produced collection of 19 Urda short stories stilled Park.

As the first vice chancellar of the Covernment College University, Labore, and a distinguished and lightly respected economist and researcher, Dr Aflab enjoys an envisible reputation within academic circles. In the history of the maintain itself, there have been only two principals' vice chancellers who have consciously chosen literature as a medium to address contemporary socio-political issues, with reference to the collective attitudes of society. Professor Ahmsof Shah Bokhari, better known as

Patras Bokhuri, and his faurorism essays bordering on absurdist lineratore made his mark as principal, commencing with his tensor in 1946. While Bokhuri's forte was essays and particularly basecross ones, it is equally interesting to note that, shortly after entressent from service. Dr Affah appears to lieve discovered a second career as a writer of Urda flotten.

Dr Aflab's recently discovered takent may partly be attributed to a special DNA little to the flamed Unda writer Ashiba; Almed, who was his paternal uncle. But the stories are distinctly Aftab's. The man writing Posti is neither vice character for economist but an objective 'entender' skillfully capturing masses of largely non-honevolent, competitive, self-centred characters and events that bender on the aboard. Whether a story concerns itself with an unknown

man numbing birreself on a cold winter movining in his courtyard being reguled with anecdotes about local

for a job, or acting like the preverbed fly on the wall, secondary scenes of a marriage turned betterly cold in the face of the wide's 'post' (bundle) of complain from which the collection itself gets its title pet another instance, narrating the bare-boned story of a weeran returning home to her two children after a prolonged involverious absence, with a young child in tow and an englanation that verges on a Punjabi film plot. Aftab's presence as writer is never intrusive. In crisp, plain Units, which occasionally uses Panjabi

explotives with delightful abandon, his approach to the many characters be introduces his reader to is also at cinemanic in approach, as a few lines suffice to shouls numerful portrain. Like an artist using the immessely challenging medium of charcoal, which is notoriously prove to musilging. Aftab is visibly egulitarian in his writing as he contragorately explores the social layers of contemporary society, wearing stories between the twin domains of the bases and the have note.

Collectively, his world is one in which, regardless of social status, all his characters appear to carry a distinctly personal 'pool', which is increasingly cambersonic and needs siring. If it is not the aperble complaints of a recruingly unloved wife, it is the samblings of a man facing internegation in the local police thans. Each pool, when unknowed. testibes to the after belphesoness and misery of men and women living empty lives in a world oblivious to individual pain.

In this respect, Plott may well be seen as an authology asteropting to maintain a procurious balancing act between realism and absurdient. The neather cannot help but he drawn to the untiking parallel between the story of Albert Canam' Stoyphas. condengmed to posts a large stone uptail only to have it roll down again in an endless cycle of struggle and survival in a ptilies world, and Affab's stones, with one significant difference. The gods who punished Stopphus in Promethoun fadaism have been replaced by Aftab with pygmy-like figures of authority like the local Auventure (policeman) who, in the given context, whelds an authority as potent as that of the goshi of yesterday.

In Western Incomy bissery, the short story made in first appearance in the 19th century. In a world secovering from the myages of global wars, the older meditional genre dictated by Giovanni Boccaccio's tales found itself understandably replaced by a new form. By the 1990s, literature had been impacted by drama, the prove of Kafka and the artistic movements

of Dadaism and Surrealism, giving rise to what the Dasaids philosopher Seven Kierkegaard called the idea of the abourd.

Fully developed into a philosophy by Albert Cass in The Mysh of Stophos, the sensors created by humanity's need for meaning in a post-World War scenario and the universe's inability to provide any solate, birthed the movement called Absurdism. Abund in firms, plot or both, Samuel Beckett with his Wolting for Godor and Engene Losenco with his Chairs became the key figures associated with the

At home, we need not look to Western literaty multitions to elaborate upon the genesis of Absurdams, one can use that, in the Subcontinent, the new occurre is clearly visible in the poetry of the renovemel poet Sirra Assibilitati Khan Chalib. Witnessing the devostation in the afternath of the failed 1857 War of Independence, Chalib's desperation generated a deep becomes for Chalib's desperation generated a deep depression from which he sever recovered, resulting in a permanently destabilised Sfe, while the cone of his poetry appears to have prempted the rise of boardism is the West. Reading through this collection of stories, one can

see that Aftab's namative world owings between the binaries of realism and Absordism. Bke a produkum switching between opposing points, representing need on the case hand and a profligate affluence on the other,

equal measure.
The language remains deceptively employing as almost dry, descriptive tone, creating a challenge for the unwary moder. Instances such as the man summing himself on a cold winter morning in his courryard suffering being reguled with smeckers about local film stars by a poshellied, gressy-hazed man looking for a job, only to offer him one at the end in an unexpected move, abound. They hammer form the idea of low abound and meaningless life can be!

The 'post' itself, in local culture, is a common squitous drawstring bug used for a variety of flangs. In cultural imagination, the word brings up image of the tiny, embroidered bugs used by mistocratic Lucknow men and somem to carry their favourite mix of mouth freshmen, consisting of cardamon, rounted femal words and silvered bend not or gold pieces. However, the post/sellered to in Affab's story is more akin to the rough and ready knotted piece of cloth word to beauth clothing or presonal items of use in the absence of a soliable case or treak.

Aftab's Foth of stories, therefore, is a collection stripped of any romantic or glamorous connotations,

in his characters concern thruselbes with the stained. knowy metaphoric compendants of their lost dreams, aspliy-tiated desires, and angst weighted down by a

perpensal decad of the unknown.

One of the many striking features of the stories is the deliberate and skillful deviation from the accepted. structure of storyeciling, which implies a beginning, a middle and an end. By contrast, many of Affab's stories remain open-miled, in that he offers no explanation for the reacher's inevitable query of 'what near?' we events take place' and lives remain in limbo-

permanently daubed with disappointment.

For example, consider the story of Badurat who comes to Labore to seek his fortune and is robbed of his post's at the clurbur of the city's most respected Suffi-sates, forcing him to losve in as wretched a state as when he had come. The story may easily be interpreted as an Absordions parable, signifying the emptions of man's life on earth as he struggles to survive, only to successib to the inevitability of face and return with hands as empty as those at the time of birth. Aftab deals with his characters with an unconstance

generosity, as he allows them to speak for themselves. As a result, the exchanges between his characters lend themselves well to radio, much in the same win as that master-storyteller Manto's characters do in his admirable collection of radio plays.

administic collection of radio plays.

Needless to say, the extil of the short story-writer demands almost the same strict discipline as that practised by a gristod-writer. Hereity and compactures, combined with the ability to create graphic visual images using a minimum number of words, is a skill that is bosed over yours of practice. Er Affah, however, appears intuitively gifted, as his war readily catches the collespaid idious in Unda and Pasjahl, while the eye captears the linest detail, such as that of the garganisan appearite of Lahaw's deniones in their quest for good food, printy woman cwho may or may not be available; and the rekindled passion of advancing age.

In capturing the visible deterioration of ethical and socies-cultural values in contemporary society. Dr Khulid Afub's collection is a welcome addition to the popular ocuste of the Units short story, especially since it forces an active some of the Absurd and realism with quien finance in language that is reader-friendly. to which the elogant printing on quality guper adds substantially. This is a collection not to be missed in

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FICTION

Set against the backdrop of gruesome murders in the late 1970s in bleak post-industrial Yorkshire, England, a rewarding debut novel shows that sensational crimes are not the only forms of harrowing trauma and violence in society

Through a glass, darkly



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rom 1975 to 1980, a horrendous markener by the name of Peter Sutdiffe terrorised Yorkshire by killing to less than 13 women (some of them prostitutes) and severely inputing everal others.

He was referred to as the Yorkshire Ripper because, like the infarrous Jack the Ripper. Sutcliffe (who was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophonic when linally caught) considered himself to be on a

mission to rid the world of prostitutes.

The author of this interesting debut novel, The List of Suspicious Philoga, Jonnie Godfrey grew up in Yorkshire at that time and following the numberer's arrest, her entire family was horitied to find that Jennie's father, who worked as a mechanic, had actually serviced Sunctiffe's lovey from time to time!

Decades later, this point inspired Godfrey to set this coming-of age novel against the grim and foneboding backdrop of the Yorkshine Ripper's crimes. Although his presence in the novel is relatively passive (in that he is not an actual character, and is generally mentioned on and off as a graceous news item). Setchille still casts an outness shadow over much of the book's plot. The action taken place between 1979 and 1980 — Sutcliffe was finally apprehended and arrested in January, 1981.

The central character is a 12-year-old named Miy eiliort for "Mavis") who is as intrigued by the grisly crimes of the Ripper as most individuals in her small community. Godfrey does a very fine job of portraying a working-class Briton community in a small Yorkshire nown; in spite of their mundanity, her characters are well-sketched and the trapedy and pathon underlying their existence lends considerable

momentum to the nutrative.

Mis's father Assain, and his siner Jean, take care of the child because. for the major part of the novel, her mother Marian is presented as a seriously depressed individual who can barely bring herself to interact

But Austin and Marian are by no means the only miserable couple in the book. The librarian at the school attended by Miv gets regularly battered by his pets regularly battered by her liseband. A Pukintani shopkeeper in the town lan to combat both racions as well as the transm of baving lost his belowed wife. A stressed-out teacher at Miv's school is estranged from bis wife, and even an agod dealer in 'shooly' icheap fabric made from

scraps) is described as still mourning for a spouse he lost decades ago.

The dysfunctionality does not stop at sail parmerships. A couple of
the boys at Mis's school are serious bullies to the point where their sections end up being dangerous and life-threstenings, a depressed young man who is questioned by the police during the limit for the Ripper ends up committing micide, and a young girl is sexually molested by a repressed and twisted man.

The most positive influence in Miv's life is her best friend and fellow schoolsante Sharon, a weest and innocent child who genuinely cares for Mis. Perhaps it is purily due to childhood cariosity and purily to distract herself from the emotional bleakness of her existence that Mivcorreinces. Sharon that they should make a list of people in their town who might potentially be the Yorkshire Ripper!

Burry and Islamous though this scheme might seem to some, I promaily found nothing remotely funny about two school-going girls playing detective on such a dangerous front. Especially when Mrv gets carried away to the point where the makes a trip with Sharon to a red-light area in Leeds known to have been one of the Ripper's human in the past! Fortunately, while the duo are at Leeds, a good-natured and intelligent prostitute named Maggie ensures that the police return both girls to their hometown.

Sharon eventually commons May to abundon the list-project, which the latter formatonely does. However, although Godfrey mover describes any of the actual marders, they continue to take place and are regularly mentioned on the news. Itse what Jennie Godfrey does describe with vivid clarity are other crimes in Mis's town, malt in the racist destruction of a stone by means of aroon, sexual harasument and move, domestic violence,

a death by langing in the local forest, and lazardous substance-above.

In the late 19th and early 20th contrates, West Yorkshine was farmes for its textile snills, but the old mill in Miv's town was shut down long age, and one suspects that when the town lest that industry, it lost south of its positivity.

Mir has several happy memories of her mother but we do not find out until very lase in the novel why Marian found it so difficult to cope with life that she silently retreated into herself for a number of years. Exasperating shough the novel's protagonist might be, one finds it impossible not to feel sorry for her, especially since one gets the sense that Afric would have been a far more well-adjusted child under more

aguine circumnumees. Much of the novel is written in first preson and Godfrey credited with accurately portraying the pre-trem anget of a child whose lively intelligence can find few healthy outlets, if any. The conclusion of the book contains a brilliant plot twin that is as bears warming as it is unexpected. But the book also matains its sense of trapedy until the very end; its most vital lesson being that escaping from the clatches of the Ripper does not equate to escaping from other forms of harrowing

tmarria and violence.
In spite of the limited geographical scope of the book, it underscoves how cortain lumman emotions such as lowe, harned, four and sorrow remain timeless and exist across diverse cultures. Drivets by paternal love, the Pakistani shopkeeper Cruar Bashir struggles against exerciselympte social odds to provide his son litting with sound education and a comfortable existence. Equally driven by paternal love, the librarian's old father protects her from a cruefly absoive once when the situation becomes untenable.

As to whether Mix's mother eventually realises to

daughter's well-being is worth overcoming her own depression is a question that can only be answered by readers perusing the novel for themselves. I can paramete, however, that that will be a literary exercise that is worth their time, as

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NON-FICTION

A veteran journalist's recollections document Pakistan's political and social history, offering insight particularly into some politicians' origins and characters

The great game of Pakistani politics



Sahali Ki Qalamguzisht By Jabbar Mufti Qalam Foundation ISBN: 978-9697462056

Reviewed by Muhammad Suhayb

1980s were a crucial yet turbulent period in Pakintan's history, marked by power struggles, military dominance, and deep ideological divides rather than transparent governance or democratic principles. For my generation,

povernance or democratic principles. For my generation, unraveling the true history of this era often felt like deciphering a puzzle clouded in secrecy and propaganda.

As a journalist, I was particularly intrigued by how politicians of the 1980s managed to rise to prominence despits the stringers or serveillance and political repression of the early 1980s. Many journalists either left the country or withdrew into silence, but a determined few remained in the profession, documenting the truth in a rea of mininformation. an era of mistriformation.

One such individual in Jabbar Mufti from Multan, He is a man well-versed about the inner workings of the leaders who have shaped our history. Drawing from his memories and professional experiences, he has authored an exceptional book titled Sebufi Ki Quinnyacishi [The Pea-Journey of a Kournalist]. True to its name, the 286-page

[The Pro-Journey of a Journalist]. True to its masse, the 286-page book offers per-portraits of promiters political leaders, ranging from Maximan Mandoodi to Immun Klau.

Jabbar Mufti skillfully covers the there eras of martial low-including the first which he experienced growing up, and their perfound impact on Pskistan's political landscape. His firstland accounts and analyses give readers a manused understanding of Pakistan's political evolution. The book's neutral perspective makes it a valuable resource for comprehending the country's complex political history. It also has a section where he has added his lines articles, which shows his command over regional issues.

Here you ever wondered where and why Zallikar Al-liftuits (ZAI) was clarested a sirving Sobri depth Al-Park rother,' with music

was clapping and singing 'Sohni dherri Allah rakhtri' with musi director Suluil Rana and his troupe of young singers in a famou director Subail Rama and his troupe of young suspens in a famous black and white video clip now circulating on social media? When and how did the former foreign minister Shah Mahmood Queyshi, who is now loyal to Imman Khas, rise to prominence? How did a brilliant speaker and writer like Ministan Kansar Stari become an outspoken critic of the Jamanti-Islami in the 1960c? Why did the former president of Fakinian Gen Zinal Hosp oppose the then finance minister Nawar Shoril's appointment as chief minister of Panjab? And what connection did former crickene turned-politician. Immus Ram have with US President Dwight D. Einenbower? The book recorder aussures to all them operations.

Khan have with US President Dwight D. Binenhower? The book provides answers to all these questions.

Before becoming a professional journalist, Mufti had multiple opportunities to meer Manlana Mandoodi, a prominent figure in the early days of Pakistan. The book begins with such meetings in the very first chapter, offering a deep dive into the political and professional aspects of Mandoodi autist. He peases the writings of the manlawa and explains how they managed to sitract youth towards religion.

He also recalls an incident when as a recovery betterned the

He also recalls an incident when, as a pre-teen, he witnessed the escape of a garman who, mornents earlier, had shot at Maulana Maudoodi in a joine in the Old City area of Labore. The second chapter meticolously explores his party Jamant-I dami's involvement in the 1970s electrons and the crucial role played by its affiliated student unions in supporting it. A student leader himself, labbar has a lot to tell regarding the rate and fall of student politics in l'afsistan.

Next, the book explores ZAB's rise, beginning with the 1965 war. The method vividly details his excitement and eagerness to catch a character of librate as be received to the proof.

glimpse of Blutto as he ascended to power. A deducated chapter given a thorough account of the case that led to ZAB's decline as well as the

'duty politics' employed by the military dictator Zinsl Haq.

He also highlights the names of the 'approvers' from the Federal
Security Force (ESF) who were used to target ZAII and were mistreased under the military regime. There is another chapter in which former religious affairs minister Maulana Kassar Nazzi gets special mention. His rise to power, his shifting of loyalties away from the Januari, the death of his son and his political careor under ZAB

This book is tailored for readers who appreciate in-depth profiles of political ligares, akin to the style of veteran journalist turned-TV presenter Subail Warnich. The "Stah Mahmood Qureshi for walld authle Michael for anjude randern they [Shah Mahmood]

Qureshi's father was the wastedian of the Muhan shrine;" way of explaining reflects how journalists who matured in the 1970s possessed as intimate understanding of the politicians who emerged

For readers seeking comprehensive and insightful marratives about Pakistum's political landscape, this book offers a treasure trove of information. The way Multi streates the streets of old Labore, Rawalpindi and Mahan of the '70s, the influence of his late father and the prominent personalities who helped shape his journalistic cureer, truly makes him an impiration for those who are taking up townshim as a current.

Whether it was former premiers such as ZAB, Nawaz Sharif, Yousul have Gilani, or Imran Khan, Jabbir Mufti's excounters with these leaders and his thoughtful analyses provide future history enthaniants with a clearer understanding of the great game of Pakintani politics. It was interesting to read about the humble beginnings of former law



Maulana Maudoodi while replying to students' questions during his last trrip to Islamabed. The author is also standing behind him on the right | Facture from the book

minister Habur Awan and how Mafik Zaheeruddin Habur became Babar Awan. The early life of former Maxlim Leaguers laved Hashmi and Shaikh Rasheed Ahmed is also covered in the book, without dedicating an entire chapter to them.

Jabbar Mufti entered the field of journalisms sometime around the

Jabbar Matti entered the field of pormalisms sensettine around the beginning of the most horrible period in Pakistan's history — the jailing of ZAB and the martial law of Ziaul Hag. Print media was never the same after the military dictator had the reins in his hand. Ziaul Hag was also behind the division of the journalist community, as explained in various chapters, Reading the book at home was more like meeting a westran journalist in a press olah, who not only selfs pass about the history of the press but also the role of 'unusurg' heroes. Maltan was a vibrant hab in the 1990s and Jubbar Matti, who later ascended to the position of the president of his city's press clab, played a record, role in assumine is retained its lively and dynamic

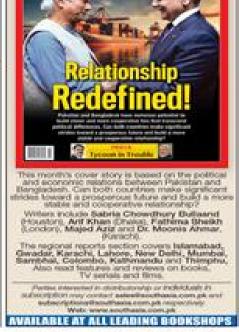
played a pivotal role in ensuring it retained its lively and dynamic character. The way he interacted with leaders, who he had known for long, given one a clear view of how a journalist should behave. Jabbar Mufti witnessed the rise of these leaders, and his vivid descriptions of the era be recounts transport the reader back in time, offering a

compelling glimpse into Pakistan's political history.

His contributions are especially significant given the challenges faced by journalists during politically narbalent times in Pakistan. Sahafi Ki Quianqueishe has documented Pakistan's political and social history, offering a unique perspective rooted in the author experiences in journalism. w

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Shakespeare, Richard III and Trump

By David Sterling Brown

Written around 1592, William Shakespeare's play Richard III follows the reign of England's infamous monarch and charts the path of a charismatic. cuinning figure.

As Shakespeare depicts the king's reign from June 1483 to August 1485, Richard III's kingdom was wrought with chaos, confusion and corruption that fuelled civil conflict in England. As a scholar of Shakespeare, I first thought about

Richard III and his similarities with Donald Trump after the latter's debate with President Joe Biden in June 2024. Those similarities — and Shakespeare's depictions — became even clearer after Trump's election in November 2024.

Shakespeare's play highlights the flawed character of a man who wanted to be in receiver favore, a dectator.

a man who wanted to be, in modern terms, a dictator, someone who could do whatever he pleased without any

in his 1964 essay 'Why I Stopped Hating Shakespeare', writer James Baldwin concluded that Shakespeare found poetry "in the lives of people" by knowing "that whatever was happening to anyone was happening

"If is said that Shakespeare's time was easier than ours, but I doubt it," Baldwin wrote. "No time can be easy if one is living through it."
In Act 2, Scene 3 of Shakespeare's play, a common sitizen says Richard is "full of danger."

"Woe to the land that's govern'd by a child." the citizen further warned.

Beyond hiring murderers to kill his own brother. Shakespeare's Richard was keen on belittling and distancing himself from people whom he viewed as being

distancing himself from people whom he viewed as being not loyal or being in his way — including his wife. Anne. To clear the way for him to marry his brother's daughter — his niece Elizabeth — Richard spread what now would be called take news. In the play, he tells his loyalists "to rumour it abroad that Anne, my wife, is very grievously sick" and "likely to die." Richard then poetically reveals her death: "Anne my wife hath bid this world goodnight."

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Yet, before her death, Anne has a sad realisation: "Never yet one bour in Richard's bed/ Did I enjoy the golden dew of sleep." That sentiment is echoed by fochard's mother, the Duchess of York, who regrets not stranging "damned" Richard while he was in her accursed womb.

As Shakespeare depicts from, Richard III was a self-centred political figure who first appears alone on stage, determined to prove houself a villain, in Richard's stage, determined to prove nimitar a vision, is recreated a opening speech, he even says that, in order to become king, he will manipulate his own brothers George, the Duke of Clarence, and King Edward IV, "in deadly hate, the one against the other."

But as his villainous crimes mount up, Richard shares.

a rare moment of self-awareness: "But I am in/ So far in blood that sin will pluck on sin." While the details of Trump's and Richard's lives differ

in many ways, there are some similarities. Much like Trump during his first term, Shakespeare's Richard did not lead with morals, ethics or integrity. Richard lied compulsively to everyone, as his soldoquies that contain his innermost thoughts make clear.

Like Trump, Richard used empty metoric to persuade people with "sugared words" — he was not interested in speaking or promoting truth. Moreover, Shakespeare's Richard was a seast and misogynist who verbally and physically disrespected women, including his wife and mother.

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In the play, for example, Richard calls Queen Margaret, widow of King Henry VI. a "foul wrinkled witch" and a "hateful withered hag", thus disparaging her older age. He refers to Queen Elizabeth, wife of Edward IV, as a "damned strumpet" or prostitute, which she wasn't. Additionally, in order to cast doubts on his nephews' legitimate claims to the throne. Richard spread false numours about his mother, obtaining that the was unfaithful.

mother, claiming that she was unfaithful.

For his part, Trump has no shortage of disparaging remarks about women. He once called his Democratic presidential rival Heliary Canton. "The devil" and characterised former US House Speaker Nancy Pelos as "crazy".

Trump remarked by proported Vice President Kamala.

Trump repeatedly peppered Vice President Kamala Harris during the presidential campaign with sexist and racist attacks. He initially refused to pronounce her name correctly and openly mocked her racial identity as a Black woman, even questioning her

Like Trump, Richard III used religion to manipulate and confuse public perception of his amoral image. In the play, Richard stages the equivalent of a modern day photo-op, standing between two "churchmen" with a "prayer-book" in his hands. Much like Richard, Trump has courted evangelicals and used organised religion to his political advantage, most publicly by selling a "God Bliess the USA Bible

Trump's 2020 photo-op in front of St John's Church in Washington is another example, it occurred during protests over the murder of George Floyd, an unarmed Black man killed by a white police officer. Police in riot gear used tear gas to force protesters away from the White House: then Trump was escorted to the nearby church along with several administration officials.

As a political leader, Richard III left a legacy in English

history as one of England's worst monarchs. That legacy includes his decisive defeat in the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 that led to his death and to a new era for England under King Henry VII. After worning the throne, the new king offered a

message of hope that suggested England would one day emerge from its time of civil discord. Let them not live to taste this land's increase/ That

would with treason wound this fair land's peace!/ Now crivil wounds are stopped, peace lives again./ That she may long live here, God say amen, w

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DIARY OF A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY



The never-ending wedding season in The Smog has left an exhausted Butterfly seeking inspiration from the industriousness of retired generals

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE FUNNEL

By Moni Mohsin



It's not that I've become a builti rook It's not that I've become a build rooth like Janco or anything. God forbid, or grown old or anything, God forbid, or been not tongue, but it's jost that als so cold and ooper ar miny, and then there's The Stateg. And all the weddings crammed together, like a maffic jam, in these same two, there weeks. And people also doing events in far, far places. farminuse this unit pleasure garden that, in the bag of beyond.

And if you miss even a single function

And if you miss even a single function out of the nine they're laving, then they mind how and they stop inviting you to their bloomers and their parties, and before you know it, you've ended up like a ghost in a movie, where you keep going up to people and standing in front of them and talking shalking. that they just look through you, as if you weren't there. The only people who can see you are seriously weird. Or else, dead themselves. So really, you have no

No, you ship on your face, you put on your jewellery, you throw on your jorus and you squeeze your aching feet into your golden bools, and you get into your car and you go and you go and you go and, after two full hours of going, you still haven't enached the should it place.

And with Janco grambling all the way like a broken record about why people are so inconsiderate, so sellish, so para nakin kya kya. As if I'm a peacemaker in their boarts and I know world wonder his boost.

Meanwhiles, you don't know where you are, because fog is like conton wood-



Blastration by Badia Durren

outside. And the driver is pooring into. Defence the swirling, whirling darkness ahead and suntering under his breaths. It's like being invited to a destination wedding, but destination is not Koh-i-Somoi or Lisben, but Phase Lighty-Nine,

Anyways, in these last two weeks, I've bloground eight weddings now, with at least four functions each. No wonders I'us nearly at the end of my feather.

You know, shoots and ducks

on. They have their muting season in spring, when weather is nice and smog is letle. Only we are stopid enough to have it now. Chato. Not much longer to go now. With only three more abandle to attend. I can see a holb! of light at the end of the funcel. Unless it's a truck laden with sugarcanes heading straight at me, which I can't see because of The

Sensop.

It wouldn't be so had to get to these destinations if Georgie Maps in anharm destinations of the sensor not being Asset. But thanks to the inner net being what it is, that even we don't have. Mulloo was telling me it's all the fault of sharks and tartles togetous. Being plasticarians — that's like being a repetarian, but instead of liking reggies, you like plastics — they've eaten our unter net oables running on the ocean.

But why do sharks have a soft sport for our cables and no other country's? I asked Mulloo. 'But ab, what to say?' she said. 'Our fibres must be like our mangoes — extra juicy. And the sharks around here must also be fussy euters, nas. Aur 8y02'

But a retired general, who is PTA charmann, says inner net blocking is "legal grey area." I don't know what that uscans, but I'm so happy to know that a retired general is also doing the looking

retired general is also doing the looking after of our cables.

Valsay, have you noticed how handworking generals are? They never rotize. Even when they are aged and they say they are retired, they keep on working, like busy bees. If not chairmanning Wapda or PIA, then building loosing societies and designing golf courses and running shared halls and selling meat and lettiliser and even knitweat. So hardworking and talend also at unolitating, washards have I am, after just nine weddings in three weeks, ready to

weddings in three weeks, ready to embrace permanent retirement. Stume Job Dog. W.



AUNTIE

'My Parents Favour My Siblings Over Me

Hi Aartie,
I'm a 22-year-old university student and the second of four sisters. I'm writing because I've been deeply affected by the way my parents treat me, compared to my eldest sister. She is clearly their favourite, receiving all their love, attention and even financial support. Meanwhile, the rest of us are often overlooked, especially me.
I've noticed that when my younger sisters share something, my parents at least listen, but when I try to speak, they ignore me entirely. This favouritism has made me feel so allienabed that I've become rucke

feel so allienated that I've become rude and short-tempered at home. My parents now use my behaviour as a justification for their treatment, saying I'm not as calm and respectful as my elder sister, which is why

they favour her. What they don't realise is that their neglect and unfairness are the reasons I've become this way. It's a vicious cycle, one that leaves me feeling helpless and misunderstood. I've tried talking to them, but like many brown parents, they become emotional and avoid taking responsibility for their actions. How do I bridge this gap and make them see the distance between us? Disturbed Daughter

Dear Disturbed Daughter. It breaks one's heart to feel overlooked by your own parents. Whether favouritism is intentional or not, it can deeply wound your self-worth. It's

clear from your letter that there is an imbalance.
In your case, there is a victous cycle. The lack of attention from your parents has led to feelings of frustration, which is resulting in your ruckness. Unfortunately, their reaction only reinforces the dynamic, which leaves you more furt. This is a difficult space to be in, but change is possible if you approach things with patience and

understanding.

The first thing to do is to acknowledge your feelings and allow yourself to grieve the installance in your family. It's natural to want your parents to treat you the same way they treat your elder auter, but it's important to accept that their

behaviour reflects their perspective and not your worth. This can help ease some of the pein. When trying to bridge the gisp with your parents, you should pick the time wisely, instead of confronting them in the heat of the moment. choose a calm time to have a conversation.
Instead of blaming them, tell them how you feel.
So say something like, "I feel hurt when I am not heard", instead of "You never laten to me."

Also, try to understand their point of view.

While their favouritum is not justified, they may

have reasons for their behaviour. Maybe they rely on your elder sister in ways they don't with you, or they might have preconceived notions about roles within the family. You don't have to agree with it, but just knowing their perspective.

can help you approach them with empathy.
In the mountaine, focus on building your sense
of self-worth outside of your Tamily. Strengthen
your relationships with your siblings and with
friends. Get involved in activities that bring you

Aust remember that change takes time. Your parents may not immediately take responsibility for their actions, but by consistently telling them your feelings, you can begin to build trust. At the same time, be prepared for the possibility that they may never change, so learn to find per within yourself. #

Disciplener: If you or someone you know is in order and/or feeling suicklef, please go to your nearest. emergency room and seek medical help immediately Auntie will not reply privately to any query. Please send concise queries to:

► GARDENING



By Dr Khwaja

Ali Shahid shaped hollyhocks blooming on a wall is a visual toust. But being aesthetically enclashing is just one of the many aspects of this tall and elegant flowering plant. Hollyhocks are also widely used

For their medicinal and herbal benefits, both in man and animals. As discussed in last week's cohumn one of the stories about how the plant came to be known as hollyhock is that it was used on the hind-legs, or the looks, of the liceses participating in the crusades to reduce pain and inflammation. Although there isn't any significant empirical evidence to prove the predicinal uses of the hollybock flower, it continues to be extensively used as an application to reduce the severity in different minor allocats. low-level pain and to facilitate the healing of wounds.

heating of wounds.

Among other things, the flower is used for skin and demissiological issues, such as treating bed sores, and the resultant alcers and different forms of aveilings. The hollyback has also been used for mild forms of early gingivitis, bad breath and even to prevent breathing discolers. Its ton and infusion is also considered beneficial for digestive tract health and stomach alones. The roots of the hollybooks are

also considered healthy.

There are also certain legends surrounding the plant. One such belief estails that the hellybooks are planted outside the entrance of the house to prevent any evil spirits from entering. prevent any evit sparts from entering. Historically, the plant was also considered to bring with it improved fertility and good former for the dwellers. It is understandable, then, that the flower made its way into witchcraft.

and spiritual practices as well.

The previous column described how to move that months of this haddy book plant when the temperature is in the range of 18 to 23 degrees Cebius. In favourable conditions, good quality seeds are likely to germinate within 10 days to two weeks of sowing the seeds.

Within one to two weeks of germination, true leaves begin to appear on the needlings. Once the plans grows six to seven true leaves, it is time to begin transplanting it, provided the needs were grown in a seedling tray or any other makeshift arrangement, such as small containers.

The tall and elegant flowering plant requires six hours of sunlight daily between dawn and the afternoon

THE HOLLYHOCKS' GUIDE TO THE GALAXY



Transplanted hollyhock plants should be exposed to six hours of direct sunlight daily (Frotos by the writer



Hollyhock plants produce better results when grown in the ground or raised beds

During this phase of the plant life cycle, it is important to may vigilant against any insect or pest attacks. Any indication of such attacks should be dealt with an early as possible. The pest or insect can be removed transally or with the help of a toothpick, especially from the underside of the leaves.

Whether you prepare a wall of adjacets plants in the yard, place a large por with one plant each on either side of your house entrance or simply make a colourful corner with a hollyhook plant with blooming flowers, the minimum space required by each plant is of at least one to two feet on either side.

This will also allow better accurion between the leaves and reduce chances of any probable pest attacks as well. The hollybook plant grows better when it is planted in a container

asuring 16 inches, both in width and depth. However, the plant can survive

in 12-inch pote as well.
It is always been to grow hollyhocks in the ground or in mixed beds. When planted in the ground, one can also reduce the distance between each plant accound three to six inches.

Ideally, at this stage, the plant requires direct sunlight exposure of at least six licers. Therefore, it is important to keep the sanlight position consideration when transplanting the hellybook supling to its permanent location. It is also suggested that the six-hour period of sunlight should stretch from dawn to afternoon and not from afternoon to evening. The latter phase of sunlight is considered relatively harsh.

Watering should be simed in such

mapper that the soil remains moist till the next scheduled watering. The gardener must bear in mind that the plant is neither overwatered nor panelsed. The growth and muturity phase of the hollyhook plant is relatively longer than other common seatonal flowering plants, and one needs to remain patient to enjoy the fraits of their labour.

The next column will elaborate on the flowering phase of the hollybooks, its fertiliser pseuirements and other interesting aspects of this Bowering

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Expression of Interest (EOI)

Prequalification of Consultancy Services for Architectural Services for 6 proposed Centers of Excellence in Pakistan

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mentioned below. The CoEs will create the environment for students and teachers to acquire and deliver competency based technical and vocational training respectively for different

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rehabilitation and subsequent supervision of the construction process until project completion. Two of the six institutes will be identified in 2025. Currently, four institutes have been identified and are the subject of this EOI:

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be responsible for the project services of planning and supervision of the construction process for the respective institute(s). Starting date for performance of the architectural services is planned for G2 2025. GIZ reserves the right to award separate contracts for each

(a) An official letter expressing your interest with a clear indication if the firm will bid on one or more of the (03) three currently identified lots, and which lots will be bid upon.

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giz-pakistan-procurement@giz.de with tender number 63469763. The document will be shared to the requesting companies on 16.01.2025.
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Name of the company and office addresses (office branch addresses in the locate

of CoE combinetion sites are an advantage; email address of company and of focal person; telephone number (landine and mobile); company sit ucture including legal form, year of formation, proprietor's name, name, and contact data of focal person. Registration of the company with Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP), architects have a valid PCATP licence. Evidence of local and national Sales Tax on Services registration (GST, National Tax Nazional).

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