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Asset Declaration Scheme deadline extended

Hafeez Shaikh says current account deficit lowered from \$20b to \$13.5b | External front matter of great concern
| Benami Commission to come into action after deadline expires | Shabbar says 80,000 new people became filers under ADS

FAWAD YOUSAFZAI
ISLAMABAD



The PTI-led government on Sunday extended deadline for its Asset Declaration Scheme for three days to July 3.

In view of overwhelming interest by people in the Asset Declaration Scheme it has been decided that the deadline for the scheme will be extended for three days till July 3, said Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh during a press conference here.

Flanked by Minister of State for Revenue Hammad Azhar, Hafeez Shaikh said in case some people are still in process or are facing difficulties wrapping it up, the government is giving last opportunity to them to take advantage of the scheme.

He warned that after expiry of the new deadline, the Benami commission, that they were currently establishing to pursue Benami properties, will come into action.

Minister of State for Revenue Hammad Azhar on the occasion said that thousands of people had availed benefits of the scheme so far. "We will public details of the scheme in a few days," he maintained.

Regarding government's budget strategy, Hafeez Shaikh said it was part of the agenda to make all things transparent.

The government budget strategy is based on five points that include managing external front, strict austerity, social welfare, helping industrialists and mobilising reserves.

The PTI government inherited an economic crisis and it was still trying to get out of, he said. Due to current account deficit and foreign loans, the external front was a matter of great concern, he added.

"Soon after coming into power the government took immediate steps to curb external threats. We tried bringing down the current account deficit. We imposed tariffs on imports of luxury products & finished products; to squeeze imports."

Shaikh said, "The current account deficit was \$20 billion when this government came into power, but it has now gone down to \$13.5 billion". The deficit will be further lowered to \$7 billion.

Meanwhile, the government also managed to acquire \$9.2 billion in loans with friendly countries, including deferred payment facilities with Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, while the government is in talks with Qatar over similar arrangements.

Regarding IMF, he said things were also on the right track with them and if everything stayed on course, they will give Pakistan \$6 billion package.

He said the Asian Development Bank had also committed some loan. In order to repay debts taken by previous governments and make payments to provinces, the government needed to resort to austerity.

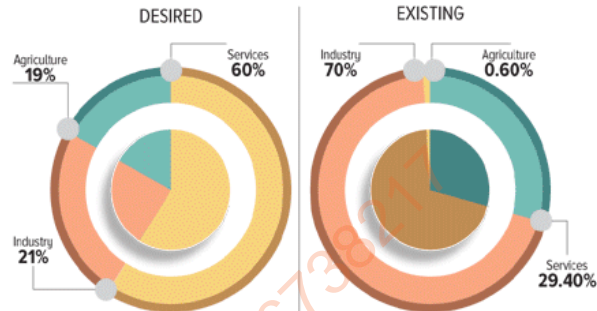
APP adds: Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh was also flanked by Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan and Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) Chairman Shabbar Zaidi.

"The Asset Declaration Schemes has been witnessing a lot of interest at the last minute... so it is extended till the office hours of July 3," the advisor said. Shaikh said under the Benami law, there were heavy penalties and severe punishment for those holding Benami properties.

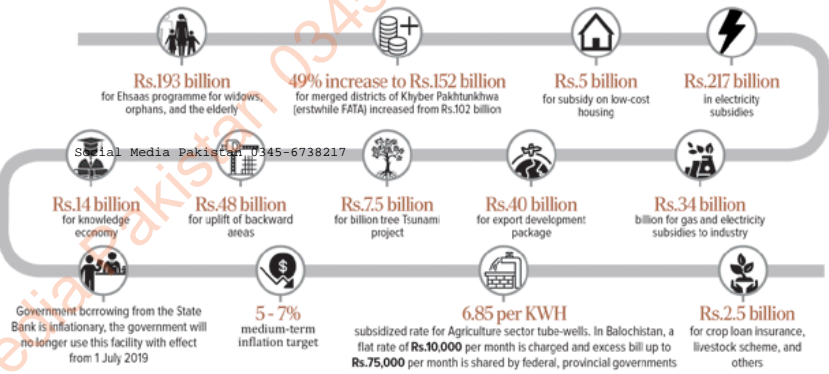
"Since the Assets Declaration Scheme is in its last stage, so I appeal

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Significant hike in gas prices from today

| CONSUMER | OLD PRICE (RS) Per MMBTU | NEW PRICE Per MMBTU |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 50 (Cubic meters) | 121 | No Change |
| 100 | 127 | 300 |
| 200 | 264 | 553 |
| 300 | 275 | 738 |
| 400 | 780 | 1107 |

FAWAD YOUSAFZAI
ISLAMABAD

The government has revised the billing mechanism for the domestic gas consumers as Ogra has notified up to 190 percent increase in gas prices for domestic consumers.

The billing mechanism for the domestic gas consumers will be revised so the benefit of the previous/preceding slab is available to residential consumers, said Ogra notification issued here. Last winter the government has abolished one slab benefit to the



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LAHORE: Activists of Jamaat-i-Islami Zone 168 stage a protest demonstration against gas suspension and inflation on Sunday. Staff photo by Mohsin Raza

No change in POL rates for July

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ISLAMABAD

Rejecting Ogra's summary for revision of oil prices, the government has decided to keep the prices of petroleum products unchanged for the month of July 2019.

As per the notification issued by the Finance Division, the existing prices of June 2019 will remain unchanged for the next month. The price of petrol will stay at

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Selena calls migrant camps inhumane



Selena Gomez is weighing in on the controversial migrant detention camps being operated at the United States' southern border, calling the conditions and the treatment of children "absolutely inhumane."

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England rout India to stay alive in World Cup

A brilliant 111 from Jonny Bairstow and a brisk half-century from Ben Stokes was ably supplemented by the bowlers as England secured a 31-run win over India in their ICC Men's Cricket World Cup clash at Edgbaston. A quartet of convincing victories had put England into a position where qualification for the semi-finals felt like a formality.



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NASA selects new teams to study Moon

The US space agency NASA has selected eight new research teams to collaborate on research about the Moon, near Earth asteroids, and the Martian moons Phobos and Deimos and their near space environments. The Solar System Exploration Research Virtual...



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Govt notifies 33-member National Youth Council

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Imran Khan has formally approved the launch of 33-member National Youth Council (NYC) for uplift of youth of the country. As per decision, the programme Patron in chief will be Prime Minister Imran Khan while Chairman will be PMYA's Adviser (Prime Minister Youth Affairs) Usman Dar, an official told APP. He said that it is a remarkable initiative to ensure active participation of young professionals in national development. He said that it would be a devised scheme to economically empower the youth who had deprived of better livelihood and income opportunities. He told that prominent figures from various fields including Education, Sports, Religion, Economy and Arts will part of NYC. He said that Ghazi from operation Zarb-e-Azb Major Tanveer Shafi, Cricketer Hassan Ali, Sana Meer, Actor Hamza Ali Abbasi, Mahira Khan, Samina Baig and Muniba Muzari will be part of the programme. Youth Ministers from all provinces will be also part of NYC and National heroes and youth icons will also join in programme. He said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government has been focusing to bring institutional change to achieve socio-economic empowerment of youth which comprises major chunk of the nation's population, adding the youth must fully avail this programme.

Six die as car falls into ditch

PESHAWAR (Our Staff Reporter): At least six persons of a family lost their lives and four people including women sustained injuries when a vehicle of wedding guests fell into a ditch in district Mansehra late Saturday night. A jeep carrying wedding guests was coming back to Gali Miran area when it went out of driver's control and fell into a deep ravine in Garhi Habibullah area. As the incident happened at night time, the rescue teams faced difficulties in rescue operation. However, after hectic efforts four dead bodies identified as Ali Asghar, Muhammad Shakeel, Muhammad Asif and Muhammad Liaquat were recovered. Police said two of the injured persons succumbed to their injuries at the hospital after which the death toll mounted to six. The four injured persons were shifted to King Abdullah Hospital in Mansehra, where they were under treatment. Later, the dead bodies were dispatched to their home town. Such traffic accidents regularly happen in the country mainly due to poor condition of roads and reckless driving by untrained drivers.

Three fishermen drown in Pasni

GWADAR (INP): Three fishermen drowned while fishing in sea in Pasni area of Gwadar on Sunday. Body of one fisherman was recovered while search for two others was underway. According to details, a man along with his son and nephew was fishing in sea when a high tide swept away all three of them. Body of one fisherman was recovered near Badok while search for bodies of his son and nephew was in progress. Police said that fishing has been banned in the sea in coastal belt of Gwadar due to rough condition of the sea but some fishermen violate the ban which leads to such mishaps.



CHINIOT: Solar panels installed for running a tube well.--APP

Possible no-trust move against Sanjrani

Imran eyeing support from Opp to guard Senate chairman

MAQBOOL MALIK
ISLAMABAD

In the game of numbers, Prime Minister Imran Khan after succeeding in his strategy to get first budget passed from the National Assembly is now eyeing support from Opposition benches in the Senate to counter the possible no-confidence motion against Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani.

The most obvious target is the main opposition party - the PML-N - which is the largest opposition party in the National Assembly as well as the Punjab Assembly.

There are already claims that some MPs from the Punjab Assembly have had a huddle with the Prime Minister at his Bani Gala House who are under-

stood to have expressed their solidarity to Imran Khan.

Prime Minister's Special Assistant Naeemul Haque also confirmed that some PML-N parliamentarians met the prime minister at his Bani Gala House. A PML-N spokesperson expressed party's ignorance - neither rejecting nor denying the PTI's claim.

PTI's insiders say some PML-N MNAs and senators are also in contact with the PTI leadership and are expected to meet the Prime Minister soon.

These developments cropping up after the Multi-Party Conference (MPC) hosted by JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman here last week unanimously decided to remove the incumbent Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani from Balochistan Awami Party (BAP).

“Some PML-N MNAs and senators are also in contact with the PTI leadership”

one of the coalition partners in the PTI-led ruling coalition.

Opposition leaders believed that removal of Sanjrani would deal a strategic blow to Prime Minister Imran Khan and his party-led ruling alliance.

Opposition leaders are of the view that after opposition-dominated Upper House removes Sadiq Sanjrani through a no-confidence motion, the PTI-led ruling coalition would not be able to get any piece of legislation passed.

The combined opposition parties in the Senate have 66 members in the House of 104, yet the PTI-led ruling alliance and members from the erstwhile FATA seems confident to counter the no-confidence motion being planned by the combined opposition parties against the Senate Chairman.

The PTI which has 156 seats in the National Assembly cannot get any legislation passed on its own and 27 votes of its allies giving the PTI-led coalition a clear margin of 11 votes in the passage of the budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 that does make simple majority in the National Assembly.

On the other hand, opposition parties in the Senate seem quite sure that they have no problem in number game in making their no-confidence motion against Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani successful.

However, in view of the PTI-claimed support from the PML-N, political observers seem cautious while making their assessment of the final show down in the Senate.

Nine more MNAs ready to leave PML-N: Sh Rashid

FAIZAN ALI WARRAICH
LAHORE

Federal Minister for Railways Sheikh Rashid Ahmed claimed Sunday that nine more members of National Assembly (MNAs) were all set to part ways with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N).

Talking to media after visiting Gujranwala Expo 2019 at Expo Centre Johar Town, Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said, "Prime Minister Imran Khan's politics will actually start from tomorrow (Monday)," he said. Rashid said according to his political wisdom Senate chairman will not be changed. He reiterated that Pakistan Army was standing by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf-led federal government.

"I am not in favour of any deal but there may be relaxation for the arrested people in order to get money from them," he said while referring to any possible deal or no deal with PML-N and PPP leaders in jail. Sheikh Rashid also chaired a meeting of Pakistan Railways high-ups to review detailed verdict of the Supreme Court on Royal Palm Golf and Country Club case.

It is pertinent to mention that Supreme Court on Friday had declared null and void the lease of Royal Palm Golf and Country Club and ordered to hand it over to the Pakistan Railways.

The three-member bench had issued the verdict at the Supreme Court Lahore Registry.

Sh Rashid said a nine-member committee had been constituted

to announce an international tender for Royal Palm Golf and Country Club within 90 days. "The committee will take control of the RPGCC within seven days," the minister said.

"Prime Minister Imran Khan will inaugurate Sir Syed Ahmed Khan Express Train on July 3 and with that the target for 24 passenger trains will be achieved. No more passenger train will be inaugurated," Rashid said.

Rashid said up-gradation of the track will be main focus after achieving the passenger train target. He said that six more freight trains will be included in the PR fleet.

"I have asked my ministry to shift the freight train department from Lahore to Karachi because real work load of freight trains is in Karachi," he said. He vowed to disappoint his critics by presenting deficit-free budget of Pakistan Railways on July 2 at Rawalpindi Railway Station.

He asked all land grabbers of Pakistan Railways land to vacate the PR property in 60 days otherwise they will have to face dire consequences. He said both parties will provide details for audit of the Royal Palm Golf and Country Club accounts from the Auditor General of Pakistan.

Railways minister gave 90 days relaxation to all defaulters of Pakistan Railways and also warned officers to make recovery of the PR dues otherwise they would be de-seated immediately.



“I am not in favour of any deal but there may be relaxation for arrested people”

Maryam asks senior leaders to stop defections

SHAFQAT ALI
ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) Vice President Maryam Nawaz has asked senior party leaders to ensure there is no defection in the PML-N as the opposition prepares to confront the government.

Close aides of Sharif family told The Nation that Maryam Nawaz was annoyed over the recent meeting of some disgruntled PML-N lawmakers with Prime Minister Imran Khan.

"She has asked the senior leaders to stop the defections as this would affect the opposition's plan to challenge the government in and outside the parliament," said a PML-N leader.

Another PML-N leader said the party would protest if the government tried to "break" the opposition parties by offering the members official posts.

Last night, at least 15 lawmakers of the National and Punjab Assemblies from the PML-N called on Prime Minister Imran Khan at his private Bani Gala residence amid speculation of a forward bloc within the party.

The PM and the PML-N lawmakers reportedly discussed political issues. Punjab Chief Minister Usman Buzdar was also present in the meeting. The disgruntled PML-N lawmakers reportedly expressed confidence in Prime Minister Imran and Chief Minister Buzdar.

Yesterday, Federal Minister for Science and Technology Fawad Chaudhry said that PML-N leaders

were leaving party due to Shehbaz Sharif-Maryam Nawaz politicking.

He said Maryam Nawaz "usurped" the leadership of Shehbaz Sharif and got her own father Nawaz Sharif dethroned and jailed. Chaudhry claimed that the opposition did not have the numbers to replace Senate chairman Sadiq Sanjrani and advised it to drop this idea. He said next groups to meet PM Imran Khan will be from National Assembly and Senate.

"Decisions are made on local political facts and PML-N and Pakistan People's Party have lost their worth among people, therefore, the politicians will also make their decisions accordingly," he said.

Later yesterday, Railways Sheikh Rashid Ahmed claimed that nine more Members National Assembly were ready to leave the PML-N.

He stressed that Senate chairman will not be changed. "Pakistan Army is standing with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf-led federal government," he contended. He alleged Maryam Nawaz has taken control of PML-N which was creating a divide within the party.

PML-N supreme Nawaz Sharif, a three-time former premier, is currently incarcerated at the Kot Lakhpat Jail in Lahore. He was sentenced to seven years in the Al Azizia Steel Mills reference in December. He has approached the courts seeking a suspension of sentence on medical grounds. Sharif says he was too sick to be in jail and his life was in danger because he does not have access to medical care.

“These (defections) would affect the opposition's plan to challenge the government in and outside the parliament”



HYDERABAD: Workers of Peoples Youth hold a sit-in protest against arrest of Asif Ali Zardari and Faryal Talpur outside HPC.—INP

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PM to visit US, meet with Trump in July

ISLAMABAD (AP): A Pakistani top official says the country's Prime Minister Imran Khan will travel to the US to meet with President Donald Trump in late July.

Science and Technology Minister Fawad Chaudhry said Sunday this would be the first high-level engagement between the two countries while peace talks between the US and Afghanistan's Taliban are entering a critical phase.

He said the US appreciated Pakistan's role in helping push forward the talks.

Last week Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi had said Khan will visit Washington to discuss important regional issues with Trump.

Bilateral relations have been strained since Trump's criticism of Pakistan's role in Afghanistan, and suspension of US military and other aid.

NAB asks affectees to file compensation claims

ISLAMABAD (APP): The National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Lahore has asked the persons cheated by Chinar Bagh Cooperative Housing Society to file their compensation claims for getting back their looted money by August 7, 2019.

According to an announcement of NAB, Lahore, the bureau was conducting investigations against the developers of Greater Lahore, (Chinar Bagh) Cooperative Housing Society, Lahore, officials of Cooperative Department and others on devouring people's hard earned money on false promises of giving them plots in the Society.

The applications of compensation claims could be submitted to Director General, NAB, Lahore.

Further details could be sought from investigative officer, Wing-1, NAB Complex, Thokar Niaz Baig, Lahore, Phone 042-99232646.

The applicants should also annex supporting documents along with the application including a copy of Computerised National Identity Card (CNIC), original documents, payment receipts, proof of efforts made anywhere including court for recovery of the looted money, should be submitted during office hours.

No claim would be entertained after August 7 and compensation claims would only be accepted after necessary scrutiny.

Transgender shot dead in Nowshera

NOWSHERA (APP): A transgender Aftab alias Maya Khan was shot dead by unknown assailants in Nour Gul Babar area, police said on Sunday.

The body of the transgender was shifted to the District Headquarters Hospital for postmortem. Doctors at the hospital said Aftab was shot at from close range. According to Pakhtunkhwa Civil Society Coordinator Taimoor Kamal, the deceased Aftab was handed over to his family by Hashtnaghi Police without his consent a month ago. He, however, fled from home and was again handed over to the family by the police on Saturday.

Meanwhile, transgender persons in Peshawar gathered outside the Hashtnaghi Police Station and staged a demonstration.

Taliban pushing to 'rewrite' draft agreement for US exit

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The Taliban are pushing to "rewrite" a draft agreement under which the US would withdraw from Afghanistan in exchange for pledges that Taliban leaders would help to combat terrorism, an American news agency reported Sunday.

"We are working to rewrite the draft agreement and incorporate it in clauses that have been agreed upon," Taliban spokesman Suhail Shaheen told the AP during peace talks in Qatar with US envoy Zalmay Khalilzad. Shaheen said the talks are "not finished yet."

The seventh and latest round of peace talks between the US and Taliban is "critical," said Shaheen and added both sides are looking for "tangible results" as they try to hammer out the fine print of agreements.

The agreements are also expected to provide guarantees that Afghanistan will not again harbor terrorists to carry out attacks worldwide.

The agreement would pave the way for withdrawal of US and NATO troops from Afghanistan and fulfill one of President Trump's longtime goals.

In 2013 he tweeted, "Let's get out of Afghanistan. Our troops are being killed

Militia spokesman says the talks are "not finished yet"

by the Afghans we train and we waste billions there. Nonsense! Rebuild the USA." The Trump administration in December planned to begin withdrawing forces from the country over the next few months, but the proposal was met with resistance from Republicans on Capitol Hill.

The Senate voted in January for a "sense of the Senate" resolution warning against the "precipitous withdrawal" of US troops from Afghanistan and Syria.

Trump temporarily backed off his plan to withdraw US forces after hearing feedback from senior military leaders. "The consequences of a rapid exit are both predictable and unacceptable," he said in an Aug. 21, 2017, address to the nation in which he promised to make decisions based on conditions on the ground. "I concluded that the security threats we

face in Afghanistan and the broader region are significant." Media Pakistan Yet he also acknowledged: "My original instinct was to pull out — and, historically, I like following my instincts."

The talks in Qatar are expected to continue next week and the administration hopes to have a deal in place by Sept 1, shortly before Afghan President Ashraf Ghani faces re-election on Sept 28.

Ghani travelled Thursday to neighbouring Pakistan in order to hasten a peace deal with insurgents. He met with Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan to open what he called "a new chapter of friendship" and stressed the importance of normalizing relations with Pakistan.

"Getting a comprehensive peace agreement with the Taliban before Sept 1 would be nothing short of a miracle," said Michael Kugelman, deputy director of the Asia Program at the US-based Wilson's Center. "That said, I could certainly envision a more limited deal being in place by Sept 1 on a US troop withdrawal, given that there's already been ample progress on this issue."

GHANI SLAMS TALIBAN ATTACK THAT KILLED EIGHT CIVILIANS
President Ashraf Ghani in a statement on Sunday condemned the Taliban's

bombings in the southern province of Kandahar, which killed at least 11 people, eight of them employees of the provincial office of the Independent Election Commission.

The attack was carried out by four attackers who drove explosive-laden Humvees, targeting the district governor's compound in Maroof district of Kandahar province, the provincial police chief Gen Tadeen Khan said.

Khan said the attack was carried out at early 2 am on Sunday. It was followed by few hours of clashes between other attackers and the security forces, he added.

Hours after the attack, the provincial police spokesman Jamal Barikzai said that the attack left 11 dead and 27 others wounded. He said that 17 Taliban fighters were killed in the attack.

Ghani said in the statement that attacking a civilian institution which is working for institutionalizing democracy in the country, is an inhuman and unforgivable act. However, he did not mention the Taliban in his statement.

"Terrorists are targeting civilians and public institutions to hide their defeat on the battlefields," Ghani said, adding "but they should know that they will not reach their notorious

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Prince William, Kate to visit Pakistan soon

SHAFQAT ALI
ISLAMABAD

British Prince William and his wife Kate Middleton will undertake a royal visit to Pakistan in the autumn at the request of Britain's Foreign Office.

"The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will undertake an official visit to Pakistan this autumn, at the request of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office," Kensington Palace tweeted.

The Royal Family's first tour to Pakistan comes more than 13 years after the last royal visit, when the Prince of Wales and Duchess of Cornwall travelled to the country in 2006. The future heir to the throne follows the footsteps of both his parents.

Senior officials at the foreign ministry told The Nation that the prince and the princess would be provided foolproof security. "The dates (for the visit) are being finalised. We will soon know the exact schedule," said one official.

Queen Elizabeth visited Pakistan



in 1961 and 1997 and Princess Diana travelled to Pakistan on a solo trip in 1991. Diana, Princess of Wales, also made the journey several times

through her charity work.

The Queen last travelled to Pakistan in 1997, and called on Pakistan and India to settle their differ-

ences, in an address to parliament in Islamabad.

When Charles and Camilla travelled to Pakistan, their visit was seen as one of the most perilous royal foreign tours for some time.

The trip will mark Kate and William's first visit to Pakistan, which is a member of the Commonwealth.

William and Kate, who have not been on tour together for 18 months as the Duchess looked after their third baby Prince Louis, will visit Pakistan as they take on a heavyweight role in Britain's overseas diplomacy.

The tour, which the three Cambridge children - Prince George, 5, Princess Charlotte, 4, and Prince Louis, 1 - will not be part of, will see them navigate significant security concerns to celebrate the country's ties with the UK.

Pakistan's high commissioner in London welcomed the announcement. "The upcoming Royal Visit is a reflection of the importance the United Kingdom attaches to its relations with Pakistan," said Mohammed Nafees Zakaria. "The two countries

enjoy historical links which both sides wish to strengthen further," he added.

British High Commissioner to Pakistan Thomas Drew tweeted: "I'm delighted that The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will visit Pakistan this autumn. They will receive a very warm welcome."

Schedule being worked out as Pakistan assures foolproof security

Pakistan has close political, economic and cultural ties with the UK and a strong more than one million British-Pakistanis community help to keep the two sides close to each other.

Prince William had shown interest in visiting Pakistan several months ago but had never given any time frame.

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Authority under Benami Transactions Act notified

ISLAMABAD (APP): The federal government has established the Adjudicating Authority under Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act-2017, according to a press statement issued by the Federal Board of Revenue here.

Jamil Ahmed, a retired Pakistan Administrative Officer has been appointed as Chairman of the Adjudicating Authority whereas Muhammad Tanvir Akhtar, a retired Inland Revenue Officer and Khaqan Murtaza, an officer of Pakistan Administrative Officer were appointed as members Adjudicating Authority, according to the notification. The Adjudicating Authority will start functioning w.e.f. 1st July, 2019.

In another notification issued by the FBR, Inland Revenue Officers have been posted in the Benami Zones established under Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act-2017. Benami Zones have already started to implement Benami Act-2017.

Chairman says NAB committed to corruption-free Pakistan

OUR STAFF REPORTER
ISLAMABAD

Chairman National Accountability Bureau Justice (Retd) Javed Iqbal said that NAB is committed to work transparently, fairly, professionally and on merit for a hundred per cent corruption-free Pakistan in accordance with law.

He said that corruption is a major hurdle in the way of progress and prosperity of the country depriving a deserving person of its due right on merit. He said that overall performance of NAB remained excellent as compared to other Anti-Corruption Organisations.

He said that the figures of complaints, inquiries and investigations are almost double as compared to the same period of 2018 to 2019 which shows trust enhanced upon NAB due to its 'ACCOUNTABILITY FOR ALL' policy across the board.

The Chairman said that NAB has introduced a new system of Combine Investigation Team (CIT) in order to benefit from the experience and collective wisdom of senior supervisory officers, a system of CIT comprising Director, Additional Director, Investigation Officer and a Senior Legal Counsel has been put in place. This will not only lend quality to the work but also ensure that no single individual can influence the proceedings of NAB. He said that NAB has devised monitoring and evaluation System to track implementation and outputs systematically

Javed says corruption is major hurdle in way of progress

and measure the effectiveness of performance which helps in enhancing the operational, monitoring and evaluation capabilities of NAB.

He said that Monitoring and Evaluation System provide the necessary data to guide strategic planning and helps improving performance and achieving results to improve current and future management of outputs, outcomes and impact. He said that Monitoring and Evaluation System (MES) is an important management tool to track progress and it facilitates in decision-making as well as establishes links between the past, present and future actions.

He said that Pakistan is considered as role model for SAARC Countries in eradication of Corruption due to NAB's efforts and Pakistan is the only country who's Corruption Perception Index (CPI) according

to Transparency International Report has been decreased from 175 to 116. Pakistan is the first Chairman of SAARC Anti Corruption Forum which is great achievement for Pakistan. Today, NAB is the only organisation of Pakistan who has established more than 50 thousands Character Building Societies of students throughout the country in order to aware our youth which is our future about the ill effects of corruption at an early age.

Justice Javed Iqbal further said that NAB devised for evaluation of the annual performance of all NAB regional Bureaus which resulted in yielding excellent dividends. The performance of NAB's regional bureaus is being judged under the grading system on annual and mid-term basis.

The NAB bureaus are not only being informed about their strengths but also being informed about their deficiencies so that they could overcome their deficiencies, otherwise their evaluation graded low and they received displeasure from the competent authority.

This system has proved very successful and all Regional Bureaus of NAB work now more diligently and on merit in order to compete with other Regional Bureaus.

This is very healthy competition between the Regional Bureaus of NAB and even the number one region at the end of the year received trophy from President of Pakistan at the eve of World Anti Corruption Day.

Multan more suitable for sectt, says Qureshi

APP
MULTAN

Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi on Sunday said Multan was more suitable for setting up South Punjab sub civil secretariat.

The PTI government would make the South Punjab province during its ongoing tenure and it was consulting other political parties in that regard, he said after inaugurating a filtration plant at UC-20 Mushtaq Colony. Qureshi said some elements wanted to create division on the issue of secretariat. Some friends desired that it should be made in Bahawalpur. Since Multan was more suitable in terms of merit, statics and location, he would try to convince the friends for establishment of the sub secretariat there, he added.

The minister said the country had been facing challenges for the last 40 years and it was very difficult to overcome them in a year.

He said when the PTI came to power, the national exchequer was almost empty, with foreign exchange enough for only two weeks. Similarly, different state institutions, including WAPDA, Sui Gas companies, PIA and Pakistan Steel, were running in huge losses, he added.

Qureshi said no person would get an NRO (National Reconciliation Ordinance) irrespective of his political affiliations as Prime Minister Imran Khan had a clear stance in that regard.

Tackling rights abuses

Pakistan urges global community not to be selective

APP
UNITED NATIONS

A senior Pakistani diplomat has called for the international community to act in a "consistent and uniform" manner to all transgressions, not selectively, as she highlighted the gross violations particularly in occupied territories that continue to be the subject of repeated UN Security Council resolutions.

"We should not allow human suffering to be selectively prioritised for political convenience or to serve narrow interests," Ambassador Maleeha Lodhi said while speaking in the UN General Assembly debate on Responsibility to Protect and prevent crimes against humanity, in which she also cautioned against becoming oblivious to the suffering of those who have been displaced and marginalised.

Agreed at a summit of world leaders in 2005, the concept of 'Responsibility to Protect', also known as 'R2P', holds States responsible for shielding their own populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and related crimes against humanity and requires the international community to step in if this obligation is not met.

Focusing on the role played by hate speech to incite violence, the Pakistani envoy said that Islamophobia has become the most prevalent contemporary expression of this vile narrative. "We know only too well from our neighbourhood how the abiding lure of communal politics has become the most assured pathway to political power," she told the 193-member Assembly.

Concerted efforts were required to reverse the tide of hate and bigotry that threatens to undermine social cohesion and peaceful coexistence within societies, Lodhi said.

While stressing that the notion of the Responsibility to Protect stands on more tenuous ground today than ever before, she said that decisions taken by the international community, have in this regard, continue to betray the test of the highest standards of objectivity and impartiality.

"At its core," the Pakistani envoy said, "the responsibility to protect, is not a licence to intervene in external situations, but, is instead, a universal principle of 'non-indifference', in keeping with historical context and cultural norms of respective settings."

"It is predicated on the express recognition that the responsibility for the

protection of civilians lies first, and foremost, with member States."

In this regard, she called for recommitment to the UN Charter, based on the inherent dignity and worth of the individual, and the provision of fundamental human rights, including the right of peoples to self-determination.

The best way to achieve that objective was through operationalising the principle of 'Right to Development' — encompassing the right to food, shelter, fair terms of trade, debt relief and adequate access to finance and technology, she said.

"After all," Maleeha said that "in a world beset by socio-economic inequalities, many situations leading to turmoil and conflict are the result of underdevelopment and poverty.

A prevention-centric focus must be prioritised as the cornerstone of any protection-oriented approach, as it costs far more to pick up the pieces after a crisis than it does to prevent one.

Set against the over-arching principle of State sovereignty, the responsibility to protect cannot become a basis to contravene the principles of non-interference and non-intervention or question the national sovereignty or territorial integrity of States." Opening the debate on behalf of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, his Chief de Cabinet Maria Luiza Viotti, said that civilians continue to be targeted deliberately and systematically in acts that could amount to genocide, while stressing that none of these crimes are inevitable or could ever be justified.

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Relatives of 16 years old boy Ali Hassan, who was allegedly kidnapped three months ago, staged a protest and kept traffic blocked on Gojra-Toba Bypass for half an hour on Saturday night against Gojra City police's failure to recover the boy.

The protesters were led by Aslam who told The Nation that Ali Hassan was abducted from Azafi Abadi of Chak 372/JB, but police were not cooperating with them in recovery of the boy.

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- Tender No. 72-8/2019-20/Adm
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NATIONAL



HYDERABAD: Visitors take keen interest in mango stalls during Mango Festival at Expo Centre.-INP

Significant hike in gas prices from today

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consumers which has resulted in exorbitant gas prices.

The new prices will be applicable from today (Monday). Interestingly the sixth slab of domestic consumers will still pay the highest rates for gas above all the other sectors including power, fertilizer, cement, captive power and tandoor roti consumers.

As per the notification issued by OGRA consumer prices have been determined at the average price of Rs738 per MMBTU. For the first category using up to 50 cubic meter gas the price has been kept unchanged and they will continue to pay Rs121 per MMBTU.

The Petroleum Division in its summary had recommended an increase of 52 percent from this category from Rs121 per MMBTU to Rs184 per MMBTU. However ECC didn't allow any change in the price for first slab.

For the second slab of up to 100 cubic meters the price of gas has been increased from Rs127 per MMBTU to Rs300 per MMBTU or 136.220 percent increase.

The petroleum division in its summary had proposed to increase gas price for second slab of up to 100 cubic meters from Rs127 per MMBTU to Rs369 per MMBTU or 190.55 percent.

For third slab of up to 200 cubic meters, a hike of 109.47 percent has been proposed in gas price from current Rs 264 per MMBTU to Rs553 per MMBTU. The new price has been determined on 75 percent of the average price of Rs738 and it will increase the consumers bill by Rs1704 per month from the current monthly bill of Rs 2305 to Rs4009 per month.

For fourth slab of up to 300 cubic meters, the proposed increase is 168.36 percent from Rs275 per MMBTU to Rs738 per MMBTU. The new price has been determined on 100 percent of the average price of Rs738 and it will increase the consumers bill by Rs4406 per month from current monthly bill of Rs3589 to Rs7995 per month.

For fifth slab of up to 400 cubic meters, the government increase is 41 percent from Rs780 per MMBTU to Rs1107 per MMBTU. The new determination was made on the basis of 150 percent of the average price of Rs738 per MMBTU. However, after making some adjustments in services, the bill of the category will increase by Rs865 per month from the current Rs13,508 to Rs14,373 per month.

There is no change in the prices for the consumers in sixth slab using above 400 cubic meters gas. The minimum charges for this category are Rs 172.50 per month.

For commercial users including cafes, bakeries, milk shops, tea stalls, canteens, barber shops, laundries etc all off takes are Rs 1283 per MMBTU and the minimum charges for this category is 5880.10 per month.

For roti tandoors there are five slabs same as domestic consumers and charging the same rates i.e. Rs 121 MMBTU for first slab and Rs 1283 per MMBTU for the fifth slab. Rates for ice factories are Rs 1283 per MMBTU and the minimum charges for this category is 5880.10 per month.

For the registered manufacturers or exporters of five zero rated sectors flat rate of Rs 786 per MMBTU is fixed with minimum charges of Rs 20232.

For CNG stations flat rate of Rs 1283 per MMBTU is fixed with minimum monthly charges of Rs 33045.60.

For cement flat rate of Rs 1277 per MMBTU is fixed with minimum monthly charges of Rs 32877 per month.

For fertilizer sector feed the rate is fixed at Rs 300 per MMBTU while for the electricity generation the rate is fixed at Rs 1021 per MMBTU.



LAHORE: Vice Chairperson Overseas Pakistanis Commission Ch Saleem Akhtar shakes hands with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani during a reception at Governor's House the other day.

No change in POL rates for July

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Rs112.68 per litre, high speed diesel (HSD) Rs126.82 per litre, kerosene oil price Rs98.46 per litre and light diesel oil (LDO) Rs88.62

The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Ogra) had proposed last week an increase of Rs2.30 per litre in the price of HSD and a decrease of Rs0.77 per litre or 0.70 percent in the price of petrol.

The Ogra had proposed a decrease of Rs 2.94 per liter or 3 percent in super kerosene oil and increase of Rs 0.26 per litre or 0.30 percent in the price of LDO.

In case the government would have approved the recommendation of OGRA, the prices of petrol would be reduced from current Rs112.68 per litre to Rs 111.91 per litre.

Kerosene oil price would have come down from Rs98.46 per litre to Rs95.52 per litre.

The price of high speed diesel would have gone up to Rs129.12 per litre from current price of Rs126.82 per litre.

In case of approval of Ogra's recommendations LDO price would also have gone up from current Rs88.62 to Rs88.8 per litre.

Fake bank accounts case

IHC rejects bail pleas of Hussain Lawai, Taha Raza

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SHAHID RAO ISLAMABAD

Says prima facie accused had a link with the case

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has turned down bail pleas of former chairman Pakistan Stock Exchange Hussain Lawai and senior vice-president of Summit Bank Taha Raza in fake bank accounts case.

A two-member bench of IHC comprising Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani conducted hearing of the bail applications and rejected the same after hearing arguments of all the sides.

The bench remarked that the applications were not on merit even on medical grounds. The bench said that prima facie the accused had a link with the case as they had been serving on important posts.

The judgment stated that corruption had taken root in society like cancer. It added that if effective measures are not taken to curb it then the consequences will be devastating for the country.

The bench further said that massive organised corruption has shattered

the economy of the state. It is the fundamental duty of the courts to stop the menace of corruption, the verdict maintained.

Lawai moved the court through his counsel Syed Hamid Ali Shah Advocate and cited state, chairman National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Prosecutor General NAB as respondents.

In his petition, he stated that the case against him is false, frivolous and politically motivated. "The investigating agency being motivated by malice, initiated the process of inquiry/ investigation without any reasonable or probable cause," added the petitioner.

The petitioner maintained that the accounts opened, maintained and operated in other banks in the identical manner remained subject matter of the investigation and enquiry, no other banker similarly placed and was implicated in the FIR.

He continued that other co-accused in the case including Shaheed Ali, Zain Malik, Ali Malik Majeed and others filed the application under section 91 Cr.P.C for furnishing the surety bonds and under-

took to appear before the court and the same was permitted.

Lawai contended that the inquiry and investigation of this case has not been conducted in a just, fair and impartial manner. "The arrest of the petitioner was carried out despite the absence of sufficient grounds to proceed against him. This by itself speaks volumes about the malicious conduct of the investigating agency," he added.

According to the petition, "The petitioner has no nexus with the process of accounts opening, deposits, transfers, withdrawals of funds or any other transactions of cash handling in respect of alleged fake account(s). The petitioner was unaware of any transaction in the said accounts and by virtue of his position in the bank and job assignment, he had no involvement in the routine business of the branches."

The petitioner further said that he is not, therefore, privy and party to any of the alleged offences and cannot be treated as an abettor or facilitator for the acts which were discernibly performed at the branch level.

Asset Declaration Scheme deadline extended

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to the citizens, whether they are inside Pakistan or abroad, to take advantage of it," he said. It was an easy way to bring the taxable hidden income into tax net, he added.

He said Pakistan would also get \$3.4 billion from the Asian Development Bank (ADB), \$2.1 billion of which was expected during the upcoming fiscal year (2019-20) while the country was also hopeful for assistance from the World Bank.

He said since the external loans were provided on low interest rates comparatively, so they were cost-effective and did not create much trouble in repayments.

He clarified that government had to meet some compulsory expenditures as it had to spend Rs 2.9 trillion on debt repayment while 52 per cent of revenues would be transferred to the provinces under the Constitution while it was also bound to spend for the vulnerable segments.

However, the government still reduced the expenditures by Rs 50 billion and did not increase salaries of government employees (1-16 grade) beyond 10 percent, and that of 17-20 grade employees by 5 percent. Moreover, the allowances of cabinet members had been cut by 10 percent, while the budget for PM House was also reduced.

He said funding for social protection programmes had been almost doubled from Rs100 billion to Rs191 billion.

The adviser said in order to protect common

people, the government had allocated Rs216 billion for providing subsidy to the consumers utilizing up to 300 electricity units while the neglected areas like the erstwhile FATA had been given special heed in the budget with allocation of Rs152 billion for their uplift.

Despite financial difficulties, he said, the Public Sector Development Programme allocations had been enhanced from Rs575 to Rs925 billion and again the projects of neglected areas had been prioritised.

He said the industries would be provided subsidised gas to help industrial growth that would help generate jobs. In addition, the import of around 1650 tariff lines had been zero-rated to make the country's products compatible in international market, he added.

He, however, clarified that there would be no tax on export-oriented products. If the same products were sold in local market, tax would be implemented.

The adviser said it was matter of satisfaction that process of democracy was moving ahead. Some 225 National Assembly members had delivered speeches during the budget session and the opposition was given more time as compared to the treasury benches.

He said the finance bill was given proper consideration by the Senate, and its finance committee.

Shaikh said the supplementary grants had been reduced to Rs220 billion from Rs600 billion last year, where the excess budget of seven years was also cleared.

Replying to a question, Hammad Azhar said during the year 2019-20, the government would have to pay Rs 2.9 trillion on account of debt servicing while during the previous fiscal year (2018-19), it had retired principal external debt of \$10 billion along with interest.

To a question, Hammad Azhar said the government was transferring burden of taxes to the services sector as well. "Until now, the industrial sector was the major contributor of tax revenues, but henceforth, a large number of untaxed people belonging to services sector, including doctors, lawyers, information technology professionals and others will be brought into the tax net," he added.

FBR Chairman Shabbir Zaidi said without broadening the tax net, the revenues could not be improved.

"Capacity extension depends upon availability of data and not the existing tax filers," he added.

He said under the Assets Declaration Scheme, about 80,000 new people had become taxfilers.

Hammad Azhar said the scheme was a great success as it was attracting huge number of people to declare their assets and each hour, thousands in numbers were entering into the tax net. A huge quantity of hidden assets had been declared so far.

He said majority of the new tax filers were small businessmen, shopkeepers, jewelers, and others, who were doing businesses worth billions of rupees but were untaxed.

Shabbir Zaidi said the Benami Commission

would be operational from July 1 and would be fully mandated to take actions against the Benami property holders. He urged the people to take advantage to the scheme to avoid any legal prosecution.

To a question with respect to reforms in the FBR, Zaidi said major reshuffling in the bureau was avoided due to the budget and then Assets Declaration Scheme. However, work on the reforms would be initiated in next week.

He said by next week, the process of sales tax registration would be made quite easy and a person would not need help of any expert to fill in the registration form.

Moreover, by August, filing of tax return would also be made easy to facilitate the filers, he added.

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan termed the Financial Bill for 2019-20 the first public welfare budget in the country's history.

Speaking at the news conference, he said government had got approved its economic reforms agenda from the parliament in accordance with the vision of Prime Minister Imran Khan.

She commended the economic team on presenting a people-friendly budget, which, she said, was a true reflection of the mandate given by the people to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Inqaf.

Firdous said Prime Minister Imran Khan was determined to make Pakistan a developed country and the budget would convert that (vision) into reality.

OPINION

Use of Cyber War as a Force Multiplier in US-Iran escalation

INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

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US-Iran relations have escalated since the withdrawal of the United States of America from the Iran nuclear deal. This resulted in harsh sanctions exacerbating the sharp decline of Iran's economy. The US government has prohibited trade with many Iranian business sectors including carpets, pistachios, aviation and gold. The cyber attacks are the latest episode in the 'Ghost Wars' as both Iran and US are heavily engaged in targeting each other's cyberspace. On the upside, even if the current US campaign fails to dislodge the Tehran government, it could cause significant long-term damage to Iran's economic, military and scientific infrastructure, setting back the country's military ambitions in the region. This outcome is probably most feasible to US allies in the Middle East, who aren't worried about the prospect of the United States committing to an open-ended military conflict with Iran.

The Trump administration appears ready to decertify Iranian compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), despite a lack of evidence of Iranian violations. For critics of the JCPOA, this represents a move in the right direction; the goal of U.S. policy should be the end of the Islamic Republic and the overthrow of the existing regime in Tehran. Instead of an invasion, the United States would likely induce regime collapse through a policy of military and economic strangulation, led by air strikes, sea-launched cruise missile strikes and the vigorous employment of special cyber operations forces.

The recent cyber attacks led by US Cyber Command (USCYBERCOM) in coordination with US Central Command (CENTCOM) against Iranian defence and ballistic missile control systems can be linked to the White House announcement and the issuance of FY19 Cyber Strategy in which USA claimed to go offensive in cyberwarfare earlier this year. According to DHS and NSA, there is a sudden influx in digital traffic from Iran to USA suggesting attacks on

US core critical infrastructures.

On 22nd June US CYBERCOM Mission Command was tasked to go offensive in Iranian cyberspace. These short yet effective cyberattacks codenamed 'Operation Hellfire' were aimed to cripple Iranian computers which are designated to control air defence systems and ballistic missile launch pads. As per various sources, the cyber attacks have disabled the weapons and missile system of Iran. However, some other sources suggest that it was intended to disable the systems offline for a period of time. For the US to launch an aggressive attack on Iran, it relies heavily on its naval presence - USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group and a Bomber Task Force to the Central Command are already strategically deployed in the Gulf of Oman for quick responsiveness, also the US will rely on its Gulf Allies to provide air bases for operations alongside naval deployment. To carry out successive air strikes, the first logical step was to take down the Iranian air defence systems and ballistic missile control. Other military officials suggest this was just as an act of power to show Iran that their defence networks can easily be penetrated. Earlier this year in a similar operation, servers belonging to Internet Research Agency (IRA) - St. Petersburg Russia were also jammed and brought offline in a Cyber Command operation called Synthetic Theology.

Whatever the case may be, Iran has had a contentious cyber history with the US. In the past, Iran has also been engaged in hacking US government companies, banks, energy sector, dams and agencies. The Iranian state-backed actors involved in cyber attacks dubbed 'Refined Kitten' has been continuously targeting US defence and energy sector for years. The Department of Homeland Security has also stated that Iran has increased digital espionage activities against the two countries. Cybersecurity firms like FireEye and CrowdStrike said that Iranian state backed APT (Advanced Persistent Threat) Groups have launched massive cyber attacks against US critical infrastructure including oil and gas. These APTs have been using spear-phishing emails to lure Federal and State employees to gain access into the US systems. According to sources, CrowdStrike has also shared images of spear-phishing emails. One such email appeared to come from the Executive Office of the President and seemed to be trying to hire people for an Economic advisory position. Another email was more generic

in nature and appeared to have Microsoft Outlook's global address signature. The most recent explosion and massive fire on 21st June 2019 rocked a refinery complex in South Philadelphia, one of the largest on the East coast. This is one such example in which Iran has used 'destructive-wiper' attacks. These cyber attacks appear to have started shortly after the Trump administration-imposed sanctions on the Iranian petrochemical sector.

Development in cyber weaponry takes years to create a new weapon. The cyber attack of Stuxnet on the Iranian nuclear system damaged more than 70% of nuclear centrifuges earlier in 2009. The attack was launched by the joint US-Israeli forces in an operation called 'Operation Olympic Games' against Iran nuclear facilities at Natanz. The Stuxnet is also considered as the world's first known 'digital weapon' which was an experiment to test the US cyber warfare capabilities. US military strategists came up with a blueprint with selective indicators targeting Iran's core critical infrastructure in a vicious plan called 'Nitro Zeus'. The early stages of the Nitro Zeus are to target Iran's existing military infrastructure, including air bases, naval bases and ballistic missile installations. These attacks would do significant damage, notwithstanding existing Iranian air defences, which would also come under attack. Iran's naval and air forces would suffer terribly, and widespread strikes would also exact a toll on Iran's ground and missile forces.

The action by US Cyber Command shows the increasingly mature cyber warfare capabilities and the aggressive cyber strategy under the leadership of President Trump. Over the last year, the Trump administration has focused on continuously engaging with adversaries in cyberspace and underpinning its offensive operations. In the Cyber Strategy, Trump vows its people to preserve peace and security by strengthening the ability of the United States - in concert with its allies and partners - to deter and if necessary, punish those who use cyber tools for malicious purposes.

As nations enhance their abilities to be engaged in cyberspace offensively, their ability to pick and initiate a war physically is drastically reduced. Cyberwar is not a magic nuke one can fly over and drop one day. It takes decades of planning and preparation. With so much technological advancement in the last few decades, cyber wars are now one of the most difficult wars to defend against.

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The top opinions on Twitter

- Imran Khan** @ImranKhanPTI
Congratulations to the Pakistan team for keeping their nerve under pressure and in the end winning against Afghanistan. I also especially want to congratulate Afghanistan for the grit and determination with which they played against Pakistan today & against India earlier.
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I think it would be wise if they show a disclaimer before any Pakistan match from now on, advising viewers that watching the following telecast could have serious effects on your health, because that was a #HeartStopper #CWC19 #PAKvAFG #Rollercoaster
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After seeing how Afghanistan fans kept misbehaving with Pakistan's supporters throughout the day at Headingley, fans celebrating this win with high emotions here.

VIEWPOINT

Will Pakistan qualify for the semi-finals in the cricket world cup 2019?



Do you think the Pakistani fans reaction towards Afghanistan's cricket team was problematic?

To participate in today's poll, log on to www.nation.com.pk

Past in Perspective



Bradlaugh Hall was built in Lahore in 1900 under the auspices of the Indian National Congress and played a central role in the independence movement of Indian Sub-continent. The hall was a hub of many cultural, political activities throughout the earlier decades of twentieth century. Most important of these was perhaps the revolutionary activities of Ghaddar Party which used the Hall as a base to help facilitate the labor and peasant's movements. Bhagat Singh studied in this building when it was temporarily converted into a College to educate Indians as a part of Gandhi's non-cooperation movement. Bhagat Singh joined other young anti colonial revolutionaries to form 'Naujawan Bharat Sabha' here in 1926. Sabha helped spread the ideas of freedom, equality, and economic emancipation among the youth. These revolutionary ideas sparked the anti-colonial, freedom movement of the sub-continent resulting in the independence of the sub-continent in 1947. Despite such a central role played by the hall in the freedom movement, it has not been preserved, renovated after the partition and is in a dilapidated condition today.

We have been infused with an 'anti-Hindu' history through our curriculums which justifies a violent treatment of Hindus in our country or the hatred against India. It is the places like Bradlaugh Hall and the histories attached with them which need to be preserved in order to offer an alternative to the National history and curb the violent political, social realities this National history has given rise to.

Letters to the Editor

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Sindh government takes a positive step for college education

To raise the quality of education, the Sindh government has taken the initiative at the level of college education. Previously, the Principals and the Regional Directors were appointed on the basis of seniority, bribery and nepotism. Now the Sindh Minister of education, Sardar Ali Shah, has introduced a new policy. The Principals and Regional Directors are appointed on the basis of merit now, through the conduction of interviews. This positive step will help bring improvement to college education. The Principals will now utilize the budget on development works and think about the future of children. This will help bring a change in education.

SHAFIQUE HUSSAIN WASSAN,
Khairpur Mirs.

Waiting for justice

Through this column I wish to draw the attention of NAB Chief, Justice (Retd) Javed Iqbal towards an old but not forgotten case of forex companies which were once doing flourishing business and paying handsome profit to the investors.

The then Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani suddenly put on halt all such companies and their owners were arrested and tried in NAB Courts. In 2010 NAB started the process of paying back the affected after due investigation and recovering the capital amount from the culprits. We, the affected of M/s Nexus Capital Management, were paid half the amount in two instalments, and the rest of

the amount has not been paid so far. I sincerely hope the NAB Chief would look into the matter and provide relief to the affected, many of whom have perished and the rest are waiting for justice to be served.

MICHAEL KAROLUS,
Lahore.

Karachi to Quetta highway

I would like to turn the government's attention to a crucial issue which has caused the death of many people. The single highway from Karachi to Quetta has increasingly led to the death of many people. Multiple accidents are reported within a single month. The single highway is the main reason behind these accidents. Overloaded buses cannot turn in high-speed when another bus is about to cross them. According to social media, this single highway from Karachi to Quetta road is so narrow that two buses cannot cross each other. The provincial government of Balochistan is requested to make this highway two ways in order to provide pleasant visits to the citizens.

AM BALOCH,
Kech.

BBC documentary

A story published in BBC on June 2, titled 'Uncovering Pakistan's secret human rights abuses, looks into Pakistan's long battle with the militants due to the past-9/11 "war on terror"'. It carries the accounts of locals as well as of Manzoor Pashteen, the leader of Pash-tun Tahaffuz Movement (PTM). The government formally lodged a protest

with the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) for publishing such baseless and one-sided stories and also handed over a 19-pages dossier to BBC.

The Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) in its statement said that the story "carries conjecturing and implicates Pakistan Army without any proof", and is "in violation of journalistic ethics". The report has been funded by India. The whole movement of PTM is financially dependent on India to work against Pakistan's interests.

The Indian government, on the other hand, has been suppressing innocent Kashmiris for four decades by illegal use of force and by putting them into jails and interrogation centers under draconian laws. Whenever someone demands a Plebiscite, he is jailed. The Indian forces, stationed in Kashmir, have been given a freehand to kill whosoever they choose to, but the world community is silent on this situation.

AFIA AMBREEN,
Rawalpindi.

Say no to contaminated milk

Milk is the primary source of nutrition for people. It is an essential part of our daily diet. From using it as an inseparable ingredient in our delicious Asian desserts or just drinking it and complimenting it with one's favourite flavour in the morning, our lifestyle is wholly surrounded by milk and other dairy products. But these days, there is no food on earth which could be called "natural", "organic" or "chemical free". These are just marketing strategies to attract consumers to buy their designated products. In this manner, early

this year one of the most prestigious organisations of recent times such as Punjab Food Authority (PFA) keeping health and safety of food as their core motives has disposed of 4,195 litres contaminated milk. It continues to do grand operation against adulterators to make Punjab free of adulteration. Adding chemicals, powder, urea, caustic soda and Banaspiti ghee in it was producing adulterated milk. With that, it has also taken the initiative towards the eradication of adulterated milk and milk adulteration mafias who for a few pennies risking their fellow people's lives. As an informed Pakistani, I ask everybody to put their health as their priority and be careful before drinking milk, because if there is life then there is the world.

MALEHA AHMED PAI,
Lahore.

Cervical cancer

Cervical cancer is cancer arising from the cervix. Human papillomavirus infection (HPV) causes more than 90% of cases. The one with HPV infections does not develop cervical cancer. The risk criteria may broaden with smoking, a weak immune system, birth control pills, starting sex at a young age, etc. Cervical Cancer is cancer arising from the cervix. Human papillomavirus infection (HPV) causes more than 90% of cases. The one with HPV infections does not develop cervical cancer. The risk criteria may broaden with smoking, a weak immune system, birth control pills, starting sex at a young age, etc.

KASHIF HUSSAIN,
Karachi.

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RCCI award ceremony on 8th in Malaysia

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI) would organize its 32nd Achievement Award ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 8-9. Prime Minister of Malaysia Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be the chief guest on the occasion.

This was informed by RCCI President Malik Shahid Saleem, in a statement issued here on Sunday.

A business opportunity conference (BOC) will also be held on the side lines of the event and local chambers are showing interest in meeting with the Pakistani businessmen.

He said that the basic purpose of organizing an awards ceremony and BOC was to improve bilateral trade and attract foreign direct investment (FDI) in the country. The RCCI is aiming to promote the private sector and to reinforce foreign business ties and confidence of Pakistani businessmen, he added. RCCI president said that RCCI has been working to promote the soft and true image of Pakistan in the world.

RCCI president told that more than 450 participants representing different sectors including Tourism, Pharmaceutical, Chemical, Plastic, Textile, Surgical goods, furniture, food and constructions will be participating in the event.

60 get loans under Ehsas Programme

RAJANPUR (APP): Over 60 poor women got interest-free loans to start their small business under Ehsas Programme here on Sunday.

The cheques were distributed at the office of the National Rural Support Programme. The amount of cheques was from Rs 25,000 to Rs 40,000 under the Prime Minister Ehsas Programme.

The women will start their business in different trades, including beauty parlour and tailoring.

The loan holders would return the amount in 12 instalments. The women who got loans belonged to Rohjan, Umakot, Hajipur and Shikarpur.

PMYA to launch SME lending facility soon

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Youth Affairs (PMYA) Programme has planned to launch "SME-lending facility" with the allocation of Rs450 million to offer subsidized business loans to young entrepreneurs.

According to an official, "It has been for the first time in the history, clean lending facility will be offered to borrowers up to Rs500,000, whereas subsidized loans will also be offered from Rs0.5 to 1 million."

He said that PMYA would provide subsidy to the borrowers by sharing half of their interest rate.

He said that the programme was meant to uplift youth and maintain sustainable national economic growth which was only possible if we could manage our young labour on modern trends in line with the latest developments.

He said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government was focusing to bring institutional change to achieve socio-economic empowerment of youth which comprises major chunk of the nation's population.

FAWAD YOUSAFZAI ISLAMABAD

Following the increase in gas prices and change in sales tax formula for CNG sector, the All Pakistan CNG Association (APCA) has announced an increase of Rs22 per kg in gas rate from today (Monday).

Due to increase in gas prices the CNG stations in Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and revised tax formula, the prices of the commodity will be increased by Rs 22 per kg, said central leader of Pakistan CNG Association, Ghyas Paracha in an interaction with media.

Meanwhile, the All Pakistan CNG Association (APCA) on Sunday rejected a 31 percent hike in the tariff of gas which will translate into an in-

31pc increase in tariff unacceptable, says CNG Association

crease of Rs21 to Rs22 in the price of CNG in the provinces of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan.

The association said a notification for a 31 percent hike in the tariff of gas has been issued.

The province of Punjab will remain immune from the upward revision in the tariff of natural gas as the CNG stations in that province are using imported RLNG, it said.

According to the notification, the price of natural gas for the CNG sec-

tor has been increased from Rs980 per mmbtu to Rs1283 per mmbtu, the highest during the last decade, said Ghyas Abdullah Paracha, central leader of APCNGA.

He said that the formula for sales tax has also been changed which will increase the cost of economical fuel from Rs2.25 to 2.74 in different provinces.

Ghyas Paracha said that new gas prices are unacceptable therefore the government should resolve this issue through consultations with the APCNGA and other stakeholders.

The decision will reduce the demand for gas, increase demand for petrol and add to oil import bill as well as environmental pollution, he said, adding that increased import of petrol will require foreign exchange

which is not in line with the decision to save US dollars.

The decision is detrimental to the survival of Rs450 billion CNG industry which is providing jobs to million while it will increase transportation costs and fares and threaten budgets of poor rickshaw and taxi drivers.

Closure of the CNG industry will not only hit investments and jobs but also revenues of the government therefore it should be reviewed, he warned.

The leader of the CNG sector said that poor must be shielded, GIDC tariff should be abolished and electricity tariff should be brought down.

The government can avoid closure of CNG industry and massive unemployment by accepting the APCNGA formula which will also help it save one billion dollars per annum, he said.

Price of gas for sector increased from Rs980 per mmbtu to Rs1,283 per mmbtu



LAHORE: Visitors taking interest in home products during Gujranwala Expo 2019.—APP

Fish exports shrink 4.11 to \$406m

APP ISLAMABAD

The exports of fish and its preparations decreased by 4.11 percent during the fiscal year 2018-19 as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

The seafood exports during July-May (2018-19) were recorded at \$406.565 million against the exports of \$423.977 million in July-May (2017-18), showing negative growth 4.11 percent, according to Pakistan Bureau of statistics (PBS).

In terms of quantity, Pakistan exported 179,743 metric tons seafood during the period under review against the exports of 184,107 metric tons last year, showing decrease of 2.37 percent.

On year-on-year basis, the fish exports from the country increased by 10.78 percent by going up from \$52.429 million during May 2018 to \$58.081 million in May 2019.

On month-on-month basis, the seafood exports increased by 6.4 percent in May 2019 when compared to the exports of \$54.589 million in April 2019, the PBS data revealed.

Meanwhile, the overall food exports from the country witnessed decrease of 4.61 percent by going down to \$4272.750 million during the first 11 months of the ongoing fiscal year compared to the exports of \$4479.357 million during the corresponding period of fiscal year 2017-18.

It is pertinent to mention here that the country's merchandise trade deficit plunged by 13.62 percent during the first eleven months of the current fiscal year compared to the corresponding period of last year.

The trade deficit contracted by 13.62 percent to \$29.207 billion during July-May (2018-19) against the deficit of \$33.812 billion recorded during July-May (2017-18).

The exports during the period under review witnessed nominal decrease of 0.3% by falling from \$21.330 billion during last year to \$21.267 billion during the ongoing fiscal year.

On the other hand, the imports declined by 8.47 percent to \$50.474 billion during the period under review from \$55.142 billion last year, the data revealed.

On year-on-year basis, the exports declined by 1.72 percent, from \$2.139 billion in May 2018 to \$2.102 billion in May 2019 while the imports declined by 12.8 percent from \$5.782 billion in May 2018 to \$5.042 billion in May 2019, the data revealed.

Investments to grow 15.8pc of GDP in FY 2020

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The investment to GDP ratio has been targeted by the government to grow at 15.8 percent during the upcoming fiscal year 2019-20 in order to achieve sustained and inclusive growth, official sources said. Among the total investments, the fixed investment is expected to grow to 14.2 percent of GDP during the year while the National Savings as percentage of GDP are targeted at 12.8 percent, official data revealed.

The focus is to replace consumption led growth by investment led growth, it said adding that monetary policy contraction was aimed to contain the twin deficits by curtailing the aggregate demand with smoothen consumption as the high interest rate would create incentives for savings and enhance resource availability for growth.

It said that numerous measures to improve ease of doing business, such as tax holiday to special economic zones, withdrawal on constructing taxes on banking transactions,

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were expected to boost capital formation and attract both domestic and foreign investment.

Meanwhile, the service sector is set to grow at 4.8 in 2019-20, the data revealed, the document said adding the wholesale and retail trade along with transport, storage and communication, two biggest sub-sectors of the services, were set to grow at 3.9 and 3.5 percent respectively. Finance and Insurance has potential to grow in 2019-20 by 6.5 percent while the general government services, other private services, and housing services are expected to grow at 5.7 percent, 7.1 percent and 4 percent respectively.

Likewise, the industrial sector is targeted

to grow by 2.3 percent during 2019-20 while manufacturing sector is targeted to grow by 2.5 percent with Large-Scale Manufacturing (LSM) growth rate of 1.3 percent, Small Scale and Household Manufacturing 8.2 percent, Construction and Electricity Generation and Gas Distribution by 1.5pc each. Mining and Quarrying sector is projected to grow by 2.0pc.

Industry is expected to pick up pace in 2019-20 with the implementation of envisaged policy measures. The private sector investment in industrial sector is expected to rise in 2019-20, which would be encouraged to take lead in spurring economic activity while public sector provides the necessary policy and regulatory support.

Similarly, construction in housing sector as envisaged in the government's housing scheme and allied infrastructure projects are expected to reinvigorate production in cement, iron and steel.

Overall, it is expected that improved business conditions and consistent policies would contribute towards achieving the target of industrial sector growth for 2019-20.

Social Media an effective tool to promote tourism

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With fast changing modes of communications and publicity, nowadays social media has become an effective tool for tour operators to attract maximum number of both local and foreign tourists for scenic destinations located in different parts of the country especially northern areas. The dream of the present government to make Pakistan a tourism brand internationally is not far from becoming true as tourism industry has embraced digitalization to ensure increased connectivity between service providers and clients. The tour operators working across the country have termed the social networking sites a resourceful tool for sensitizing the travelers about world class tourist sites awaiting explorers.

The social media offering low-cost adver-

tisement facility has transformed the tourism sector and discouraged the traditional ways of business promotion. Head of Adventure Island Club Jawad Ali Shah has told APP.

"Now, there is no need to make brochures, cloth banners and arrange sessions to attract potential clients. This is the possible fastest and cost-effective way to reach maximum people," he maintained. He said Facebook was charging minimum Rs 100 per day for placing an ad on it. The number of viewers of that ad could be doubled by paying more for an advertisement. The Facebook usually charged Rs 5,000 for an ad which was viewed by 100,000 people, he added. Apart from advertisement, the social media was also facilitating the tour operators to gather interested tourists on a single platform to plan different trips in groups, Jawad said. He said a record breaking number of tourists visited Pakistan in 2016 compared to the

last decade (2005-2015) due to use of social media tool among tourist operators.

Secretary Alpine Club of Pakistan Karar Haideri said the social media played pivotal role in elevating tourism industry. It helped tourist promoters and tourists in getting updated about weather and road condition of any tourism destination. Besides, he said it educated tourists about the locals' behavior, tradition, norms and cleanliness rules. The social media was also helpful in holding accountable the non-professional and seasonal businessmen, who were violating terms and conditions of tour package by not providing agreed facilities.

He said around one million tourists were visiting tourist spots across the country annually since 2016 after the digitization was embraced by this sector. Karar said social media had also some repercussions as mushroom growth of non-professional tour operators

online was ruining the business of professional entrepreneurs. He underlined the need for tightening noose around such elements as they were bringing bad name to the industry.

The secretary said he was associated with this business for the last 30 years and informed that his club charged \$500 for an affluence tour while the club tourist operators asked for \$200 Dollars for a sub-standard tour.

Sharing the example of Nepal, one of the most attractive destinations for adventure tourism, he said the country had managed to lure millions of tourists through a comprehensive marketing strategy.

The official sources in Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation (PTDC) said the government had allocated Rs 160 million in the Public Sector Development Programme for 2019-20 to promote tourism and market tourist resorts at national and international level.

BUSINESS

An overview of Pakistan's economy

MAHAM FATIAMA

Pakistan is facing a financial crisis since its independence in 1947. There are many reasons but political crisis has always been a major one.

Currently, we are facing trade deficit and that is because of wrong financial policies of the past governments. That is also because certain experiments were done with the economy in the past which didn't prove fruitful. For example, before 1970s Pakistan's private sector was booming and companies were making profit hence making jobs vacancies. But, during the regime of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Pakistani companies were nationalized and they came under the direct control of the government of Pakistan. Therefore many of the companies and businessmen shifted to other lands in the search of a level playing field.

This cause flees of capital from the market and the stock exchange shares were dropped. Consequently, Pakistan went under a serious threat of unemployment and poverty. No proper scheme of poverty alleviation was introduced in that era. Then, in the regime of General Zia Ul Haq, semi-Islamic fi-

ncial system was introduced which could also not deliver because the world financial powers did not accept him as the president of Pakistan. Then, governments of Nawaz Sharif and Benazir Bhutto started a race of lending money from international institutions like IMF and World Bank. This situation increased the overall loan over Pakistan. After the Nuclear explosions in 1998 Pakistan had to face economic sanctions from the USA. This drastically affected Pakistani exports and the cycle of the economy. This was the advent of a new crisis. Then General Pervez Musharraf seized the power and he again had to lend money from the IMF. The present PTI government is facing decades long problem of trade deficit and imbalance of payments. For bailout package the present government has to borrow from IMF.

There are some measures which could help to rebuild Pakistan's economy. For example, the government should set free the currency rate and it would not be controlled by State Bank of Pakistan. Similarly new indirect taxes should be levied on goods and all the subsidies should be waived off.

This all would be a hard task for the government but they will have to do to get the first installment from IMF to run the financial system of the country. At present Pakistan is the 23rd largest in the world in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP), and 40th largest in terms of nominal gross domestic product. Pakistan has a population of over 207 million (the world's 6th-largest), giving it a nominal GDP per capita of \$1,641 in 2019, which ranks 147th in the world and giving it a PPP GDP per capita of \$5,709 in 2018, which ranks 130th in the world for 2018. According to Jim O'Neill's research paper, Pakistan is listed as the next eleven emerging economies in the 21st century. This is because of the country's potential to grow in different sectors of the economy if she takes precautionary measures.

The industrial sector of the country contributes to 20 percent of GDP. In 2018 it recorded a growth of 5.80% as compared to the growth of 5.43% last year. Manufacturing is the most vibrant sector of the industrial sector having 64.8% contribution in the industrial sector and in GDP it accounts for 13.6%.



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Major sectors in industries include cement, fertilizer, edible oil, sugar, steel, tobacco, chemicals, machinery, food processing, and medical instruments, primarily surgical. Pakistan is the largest producer and exporter of surgical instruments in the world. In Pakistan, SMEs have a significant contribution to the total GDP. Small and medium enterprises contribute to the 90 percent of all the enterprises in Pakistan and employ almost 80 percent of the total non-agriculture labor which is huge. So, the industrial sector is truly progressing despite the country's economy in pressure.

The Information Communication sector is also growing and IT exports are increasing every year. The total number of IT companies increased to 1306 and the total estimated size of IT industry is \$2.8 billion. Pakistani textiles industry accounts for 70 percent of exports of the country. But the industry is not growing in accordance with the international standards and not using or adopting the latest technology. Infect they are using conventional technology which is the greatest drawback of the industry. Due to such low capacity, the country mostly exports

raw material, raw cotton, yarn to the world and despite the fact that country has great potential in this area, Pakistan is not earning a handsome amount by exporting textile goods to the world. Such a lack of modern technology has caused textile imports from China which is causing flee of capital.

The Pakistani defense industry was established in 1951 to tackle the challenges at its borders. Now Pakistan is developing latest tanks, jets, and guns which can be exported globally but due to issues of national security Pakistan is not exporting any item at a larger scale. This all has made the defense sector a white elephant but the nation has to bear it due to a danger on its eastern border.

Pakistan International Airlines, Pakistan Railways, and Pakistan Steel had been in a great depression and in spite of making profits, these organizations have become white elephant over the budget and many times these organization survived by bailout packages. The national health system is subsidized by the government of center and provinces. There is not a custom of national health insurance in the country which is causing

a bottleneck towards making health systems and hospitals independent of governmental funds to run their system.

Therefore, by viewing the entire system it can be said that the system is mismanaged. It needs a strong political will and the homework to tackle issues of the economy. The country is rich in natural resources, minerals and there is a very high potential in the tourism sector of the country. If the government would take a look into the possibilities of growth of Pakistan economy then the situation can be better. Pakistan has the potential to grow but needs to change its way of governance. The country has to develop strong trade ties with countries in her region and rest of the world to boost up exports and get subsidies in imports; it would be equally beneficial for Pakistan's foreign reserves and tackling trade deficit. Pakistan, on the other hand, must also change its system of governance and political culture as well. The country also needs to balance the power in the center and the role of its military in political issues must be limited if the country wants to look forward and change its luck.

FPCCI calls for new policies to generate revenue

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Senior Vice President of Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) Dr Mirza Ikhtiar Baig has called for envisaging policies to generate revenue which may help increase production activities, reduction in unemployment and increase in the exports. He was addressing as chief guest on the first day of two-day Pakistan Business Research Conference on "Business Challenges and Opportunities in Pakistan" at Muhammad Ali Jinnah University (MAJU) Karachi, said a statement on Sunday.

Director, Higher Education Commission, Sindh Hakim Ali Talpur, Dean, ZABIST, Karachi Dr. Aamir Feroz Shaikh, Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences, MAJU Dr. Kamran Azim, Associate Dean, Business Administration & Social Sciences Faculty, MAJU Dr. Shujaat Mubarak and Conference Secretary, Gulam Muhammad also addressed on the first day of the event. Ikhtiar Baig said that universities should come forward to conduct research work on the issues faced by our industry presently to help us enhance production activities for national development and prosperity.

He was of the view that improvement in value added products and development of vendor sector has become vital for boosting our exports.

A panel discussion was also held on unemployment problem among the youth of the country.

President, Baluchistan Economics Forum, Sardar Shoukat Husain Popalzai, Chairman, Pakistan and Turkey Business Association, Farooq Afzal, Chairman, Pakistan and Malaysia Friendship Association, Shahid Javid Qureshi and Dr. Muhammad Naqib of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University participated in the panel discussion program.

They said that it was the responsibility of our Universities to produce such a talented youths with the capability to run our industrial sector on modern pattern using latest technology confidently. The experts also suggested to the students that on completion of their education focus on self-employment rather than wasting their time for searching a lucrative job.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) on Sunday Chinese styled reforms in insurance sector could prove to be a quantum leap in the economic mobility of Pakistan.

PCJCCI President Shah Faisal Afridi chaired a think-tank meeting, which proposed to introduce Chinese contemporary ideas in insurance sector.

On this occasion, Afridi said that according to financial statistics, the phenomenal growth of Pakistani life insurance companies was being maintained

at 54 per cent and 71 per cent in terms of net premiums and assets. Pakistan insurance industry's growth is abysmally low, he said and observed that Pakistani insurance sector had great potential especially in the wake of forthcoming 2nd phase of CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) labour and projects.

PCJCCI Senior Vice President Ahmed Hasnain stressed the need of investment in Islamic Insurance and said that the concept of Islamic insurance should be flourished to cover up a vast room available in the area of Islamic insurance. There was an urgent need on the part of government and concerned authorities to take effective measures to boost up Islamic Insurance business to cater to the needs of people, he asserted.

PCJCCI General Secretary Salahuddin Hanif observed that the policy environment for Chinese companies in the insurance business in Pakistan was very conducive, as the government of Pakistan was eager to overcome the inefficiencies and flaws of the sector. He said that by attracting investment of Chinese insurance companies, Pakistan would be able to boost a dependable economic activity in insurance sector.

PCJCCI decided to extend the fullest support to the Chinese companies in introducing the Pakistan insurance policies for managing and indemnifying financial risks.



PCJCCI stresses reforms on China's pattern in Pakistan's insurance sector

Din Group to invest \$70m in Industrial City



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Din Group of Industry, a leading group in textile sector, committed to investing \$70 million in Alama Iqbal Industrial City as an agreement has been signed with Faisalabad Industrial Estate Development and Management Company (FIEDMC) in this regard.

Shedding light on the agreement, FIEDMC Chairman Mian Kashif Ashfaq said Din Group of Industries is the biggest name in textile sector and products manufactured by this group are popular

across the globe. He said Din Group would set up a new unit in Alama Iqbal Industrial City on a land consist of 125 acres. He said as per government policy, Din Group would also be entitled for tax holiday and one time import of machinery without paying any levy.

Mian Kashif said this kind of exemption in tax would help the local industries to generate economic activities and give impetus to exports of the country. He further said this would also create employment opportunities which is also the need of the hour. Din Group of Industries Chief

Executive SM Tanveer said it was honour for them to set up a new unit in Alama Iqbal Industrial City and facilities like SEZs are not available other than this Industrial city across the country. He further said Alama Iqbal Industrial City is located at prime location where access to motorway and railway is easiest one besides availability of trained and skilled labour. M Tanveer further said promotion of Industries and increase in exports are both imperative for the development and prosperity of the country. He said we should focus on our industry to reduce trade deficit and take measures to boost our exports to meet the economic challenges.

FIEDMC Operating Officer Aamer Saleemi on this occasion said FIEDMC is fulfilling its promises providing all available facilities before time, that is the reason, industrialists and investors across the world trust the FIEDMC management. He said this trust is our success in real term.

Male champions of change for a diverse workplace culture!

QAISER MAQSOOD

Empowerment, equality, diversity and inclusiveness in today's world, have become important discussion points concerning women in both the professional and personal domain.

The role and the contribution that women have in all aspects of our society cannot be underestimated nor can it be ignored. Various studies have shown the benefits to individuals, families, businesses, communities and economies when women are able to enter and advance equally in the workforce.

Quantifiable data has shown that organizations, where women are given equal opportunities to learn and grow and be productive employees, have better financial and operating performance, higher market presence and brand image.

In Pakistan as well, in line with the global understanding of the role and importance of women, and the shift towards empowerment and diversity,

many organizations have now taken a key role embracing this change. One organization at the forefront is Telenor Pakistan. Telenor Pakistan has over the years partnered with various organizations and agencies, in their quest to promote, empower and nurture diversity at workplace.

Recently, Telenor Pakistan joined as a founding member of Male Champions of Change Pakistan - an innovative strategy to advance gender equality and more women into leadership positions by creating the workplace conditions and cultures that enable women to thrive.

"We strongly believe that empowering women and closing gender gap in the workplace are key to achieving sustainable development. Corporations world over are realizing the immense potential of a balanced workforce and the value they bring to the workplace. Increasing female representation,

especially in ICT, would provide them, their families, and the society with better economic opportunities while accelerating the growth of the digital economy. Being one of MCC's founding members in Pakistan, I am confident that through this platform we can bring the much needed change in our country too and give women an opportunity to become active contributors to the economy as they are to the society," said Irfan Wahab Khan, Head of Emerging Asia Cluster and CEO Telenor Pakistan.

The heart of The Male Champions of Change strategy involves men of power and influence forming a high-profile coalition to achieve change on gender equality issues in organizations and communities. Male Champions of Change Pakistan, or MCC Pakistan, is the first global franchise of MCC Australia. Male Champions of Change (MCC) works with leaders to redefine men's



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role in taking action on gender inequality.

MCC Pakistan was established by internationally renowned gender equality leader Fiza Farhan. It activates peer groups of influential male leaders, supports them to step up beside women, and drives the adoption of actions across private sector and government to achieve change.

MCC began in 2010 with 8 Australian leaders and has since grown to a coalition that now includes 200+ leaders across Australia and internationally. Cross-sector MCC groups of business, government, academic and military leaders are joined by sector specific groups in areas including architecture, sports, property, STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math's), consulting services, fire and emergency, health and global tech. MCC Pakistan is the first venture of the MCC Institute outside of Australia. A Global Tech MCC Group has

also recently been established. Since its launch in Pakistan in August 2018, MCC Pakistan has welcomed 10 MCCs from various sectors and fields. These are CEOs and sector leaders who hold both position of power and influence to bring about change in the society. These include leaders from EY Ford Rhodes, Telenor Pakistan, Serena Hotels, Pepsi Co., Shell Pakistan, Netsol Technologies Inc., Pakistan Micro Finance Investment Company, Ubank, FINCA and Lahore Qalandars

MCC Pakistan aims to expand and work to not only focus on women in the professional front, and the social factors effecting the women in the society of Pakistan. There has been great desire by the organizations to become part of this initiative and play a vital role in not only making MCC Pakistan successful but also getting the maximum benefits for the organization from being part of this project. For a

lot of the organizations, MCC strategy is simply good business that not only aligns to their performance goals, but also helps them in their change management activities.

"It is a pleasure for me to bring to Pakistan, the most unique and impactful Male Champions of Change strategy from Australia that encourages men of power to step up besides women for creating a more gender neutral world and has been endorsed as the most effective strategy for achieving tangible results for gender equality by the UN Secretary General's High Level Panel on Women Empowerment. I am thrilled by the response of the Pakistani CEO's who have shown great commitment to leading gender equality within not only their organizations but the entire sector they represent," said Fiza Farhan, Global Strategic Development Advisor and Convener of MCC in Pakistan.

SPORTS

Quick Read

Rohail, Amir, Naseem shine as Pakistan U19 take 4-0 lead

LAHORE (Staff Reporter): Captain's knock from Rohail Nazir and brilliant bowling display from Amir Ali and Naseem Shah helped Pakistan U19 beat South Africa U19 by 88 runs in the fourth 50-over match to take an unassailable 4-0 lead at the Pietermaritzburg Oval in Pietermaritzburg on Sunday.

Amir Ali and Naseem Shah took four wickets a piece for 44 and 52, respectively, as the hosts were bowled out for 253 in 43.3 overs. Johathan Bird scored run a ball 75 with 10 fours and two sixes. Ruan Terblanche (53) and Bryce Parsons (39) were the other notable run-getters.

Earlier, after electing to bat, the tourists scored 341 for eight in 50 overs. Rohail Nazir top-scored with a 91-ball 89 and hit 11 fours while Mohammad Harris contributed a quick-fire 62 off 41 balls that included eight boundaries and a six. Haider Ali (59) and Fahad Munir (56) contributed 65 runs for the second wicket.

For the home side, Imraan Philander was the pick of the bowler with three wickets for 52 runs. The fifth match of the series will be played on 2 July at the same venue. Fourth 50-over match. Pietermaritzburg, Pakistan U19 beat South Africa U19 by 88 runs.

SCORES IN BRIEF:
PAKISTAN U19: 341-8, 50 overs (Rohail Nazir 89, Mohammad Harris 62, Haider Ali 59, Fahad Munir 56; Imraan Philander 3-52, Achille Cloete 2-53)
SOUTH AFRICA U19: 253 all out, 43.3 overs (Johathan Bird 75, Ruan Terblanche 53, Bryce Parsons 39; Amir Ali 4-44, Naseem Shah 4-52).

Hamza grabs Asian Jr Individual Squash U-15 title

ISLAMABAD (Staff Reporter): Future squash star Muhammad Hamza Khan clinched the 26th Asian Junior Individual Squash Championship 2019 U-15 title after defeating Malaysian Joachim Chuah Han Wen 3-1 in the final in Macau on Sunday.

It was very disappointing day for Pakistani players, who couldn't deliver despite getting training in Egypt. Besides Hamza, Harris Qasim and Hamza Sharif claimed bronze medals. The PSF has to wake up and replace reputed coaches with flop ones, who can't help Pakistani players win major titles.

Pak juniors to play in int'l events in July

ISLAMABAD (Staff Reporter): Pakistan Squash Federation (PSF) is sending a group of junior players for participation in international junior tournaments being held in July, starting from Borneo Junior Open.

The tournament will be played in Malaysia from July 2 to 6. Naveed Rehman will play in U-19 category, Waleed Khalil and Ashab Irfan in U-17 while M Hanif and Humam Ahmed in U-15 categories. PSF Game Development Officer Sq Ldr Aamir Iqbal will accompany the players as manager. After playing the tournament, they will further proceed to Penang on July 7 for playing Penang Junior Open. In addition to these five players, Anas Ali Shah (U-15), Saheer Khan (U-13) and Abdullah Nawaz (U-13) will also join the team along with coach Muhammad Yasin during Penang Junior in Malaysia.



VALENCIENNES:

Netherlands' Stefanie Van Der Gragt, left, scores her side's second goal during the Women's World Cup quarterfinal against Italy. The Netherlands beat Italy 2-0 to set up semifinal date with Sweden.

Peru oust Uruguay as Suarez misses penalty

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Luis Suarez broke down in tears after his shootout miss saw Uruguay dumped out of the Copa America by unfancied Peru on Saturday, the 15 times champions losing 5-4 on penalties after having three goals ruled out in a scoreless draw.

Suarez spurned the first penalty of the shootout, his effort bouncing off the chest of Peru goalkeeper Pedro Gallese, to complete a frustrating evening for Uruguay's all-time top scorer, who also had a goal ruled out for offside. Every other player converted their spot kicks and Edison Flores sealed Peru's place in the last four by blasting past Fernando Muslera.

Suarez, who rushed back to full fitness after undergoing knee surgery in May in order to make it for the Copa, covered his face with his shirt and was consoled by team mates after the shootout defeat. "Luis was very sad, he ended up missing in a decisive moment but that's football and life," Edison Cavani told reporters. "Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose. We have won the Copa before but today we have to accept that we are out."

Peru will face neighbours Chile in the last four, with tournament hosts Brazil meeting arch rivals Argentina in the other semi-final clash. "I am very proud. I am speechless," said striker Paolo Guerrero after scoring in the shootout. "People said before Uruguay were the favourites but being



Uruguay's Luis Suarez looks dejected as the teammate consoles him.

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favourites means nothing in football, especially in South America."

Uruguay dominated the play during the game but Cavani, Giorgian de Arrascaeta and then Suarez all had goals chalked off for offside which were each verified by VAR checks. They became the third team in this tournament to lose a quarter-final

tie on penalties after a goalless draw after Paraguay were beaten by Brazil and Chile beat Colombia on spot-kicks. There is no extra time in Copa America quarter-finals in the event of a draw, although 30 minutes will be added on in the semi-finals and final if necessary. Uruguay defender Diego Godin lamented his side's inability to convert their chances. "We were just missing a goal, we kept looking for it but it didn't come and if we had scored it would have been a different game," he said. "We played well, but unfortunately we've been knocked out. We couldn't score and they struck their penalties better than we did."

Verstappen wins Austrian GP

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SPIELBERG

Max Verstappen won the Austrian Grand Prix for a second straight year on Sunday as Red Bull ended Mercedes' unbeaten streak this season.

The Dutchman recovered from a poor start to work his way up to the front of the pack from eighth place, and overtook leader Charles Leclerc in a Ferrari with just two laps to go. However, stewards were investigating Verstappen's move to pass Leclerc as both cars touched.

Starting from pole position for the second time in his career, Leclerc almost led the race from start to finish but ended up just missing his first career win. Leclerc and Verstappen started the race 1-2 and, at an average age of 21 years, 265 days, they made for the youngest front row ever in an F1 race. Mercedes driver Valtteri Bottas completed the podium, ahead of Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and championship leader Lewis Hamilton, who started fourth and lost time to replace the front wing of his Mercedes after 31 laps and finished fifth.

Hamilton posted the second-fastest time in Saturday's qualifying but was given a three-place grid penalty for impeding Alfa Romeo's Kimi Raikkonen. He started fourth as fifth-ranked Kevin Magnussen also lost five places for changing the gearbox in his Haas. Verstappen seemed to lose hope of a repeat of last year's triumph when his Red Bull barely moved as the lights at the start switched to green. He immediately lost six places and complained over the team radio about "clipping"

hinting at a lack of power likely due to a hydraulic issue.

Verstappen needed until the 10th lap to get back to fifth, after both Mercedes cars and the Ferraris. Battling for victory with Leclerc at the end, Verstappen had the advantage of fresher and thus quicker tires. In what was widely regarded as a risky strategy, Ferrari started on the soft tires while Red Bull and Mercedes opted for the medium compound. While the tires helped Leclerc hold on to his lead at the start, they were affected more by the heat than the medium ones on the Red Bull cars.



Red Bull's Max Verstappen celebrates on the podium.

Pakistan needs better planning, teamwork ahead

MOHSIN ALI
ISLAMABAD

“Sarfraz needs to understand the importance of not allowing weak opponents chances to score big runs on the board

Test-discard wicketkeeper batsman Kamran Akmal has said that the prayers of nations and immature captaincy by Afghanistan skipper Gulbadin Naib kept Pakistan hopes alive in the ICC World Cup 2019, as green caps edged minnows Afghanistan in a thriller.

Talking to The Nation, Kamran said: "Gulbadin simply missed the trick as his spinners Rashid Khan, Mohammad Nabi and Mujeeb Ur Rahman were bowling exceptionally and almost took Afghans at the brink, but reasons best known to the Afghan skipper, he replaced them and brought in himself to bowl. The move badly failed and gifted Pakistan victory."



experienced approach cost them the match, otherwise they were on course for a historic victory, first against Indians and last night against Pakistan," he added.

He said after getting three wickets, Pakistan should have attacked Afghans for stopping them to play complete 50 overs, as run-rate might come into account any moment. "Pakistan missed it against the Kiwis, where they could have won at least 5 overs before, if not 8 to 10 overs, but some sloppy

running between the wickets took the match into last over and same happened against Afghanistan.

"Fortune is playing crucial role in Pakistan hopes alive in the world cup. If we look at the team's performances, it can be easily claimed that they don't deserve to win matches. Despite making a lot of mistakes, luck has been favouring them time and gain. But how long they will rely on luck, instead every individual should play sensibly and play his significant role in the team's triumphs," he added.

He said: "If Afghan skipper utilised his options accordingly, Pakistan would have bowled out much earlier. It was worst decision to replace Rashid and Mujeeb and Nabi, when they were bowling exceptionally and taking wickets. Irresponsible strokes and needless run out could also cost Pakistan

team dearly if Imad didn't play a match-winning knock. Imad also remained lucky to first survive LBW call and then a simple catch was dropped by Asghar, which was turning point of the match.

"I must give credit to brace Wahab Riaz, who had fractured finger and was unable to hold the bat conformably, but he played one of the best knocks of his life and hit Afghan bowlers out of the park and showed other batsmen how to play against top guns," he asserted.

The cricketer said Sarfraz needs to understand the importance of not allowing weak opponents chances to score big runs on the board. Pakistani top order needs to play sensibly and provide the team depth, which is badly missing. For how long one or two batsmen will help the team win matches and why the team management is paying heed towards

ensuring the players to perform.

"Pakistani bowling was known for getting wickets, but now after taking 4 or 5 wickets, they still allow teams to score big totals, which is disastrous and can dent Pakistan team's chances of winning major tournaments or even bilateral series. They have to overcome their mistakes quickly, if they really want to dominate world cricket," Kamran concluded.

Sharing his views, Chaudhry Ajmal Sabir, Islamabad Region Manager in 2005, renowned cricket promoter and father of young star Ali Imran, said: "I detected Imad in 2005, when I was manager of Islamabad team, which played against Karachi Region U-19, where the likes of Sarfraz Ahmed were playing. Imad scored 63 runs and grabbed 6 wickets in the match. I was sure he is future of Pakistan cricket and he proved it."



BIRMINGHAM: Chris Woakes takes a spectacular catch to dismiss Rishabh Pant during a crucial match of World Cup against India.

England rout India to stay alive in World Cup

Social Media Pakistan 0345-6738217

AGENCIES BIRMINGHAM

A brilliant 111 from Jonny Bairstow and a brisk half-century from Ben Stokes was ably supplemented by the bowlers as England sealed a 31-run win over India in their ICC Men's Cricket World Cup clash at Edgbaston. A quartet of convincing victories had put England into a position where qualification for the semi-finals felt like a formality. Nine days and two defeats later and the mindset in the England camp had changed somewhat.

Suddenly, the hosts and pre-tournament favourites were in real danger of facing a group stage exit. After four years of dominance in ODI cricket, that would represent somewhat of an aberration. Going into today's game at Edgbaston – where Indian supporters significantly outnumbered England fans – England needed a win and they claimed one.

POINTS TABLE

| Pos | TEAM | M | W | L | N/R | PT | NRR |
|-----|--------------|---|---|---|-----|----|--------|
| 1 | Australia | 8 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 14 | +1.000 |
| 2 | India | 7 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 | +0.854 |
| 3 | New Zealand | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11 | +0.572 |
| 4 | England | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 10 | +1.000 |
| 5 | Pakistan | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9 | -0.792 |
| 6 | Bangladesh | 7 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | -0.133 |
| 7 | Sri Lanka | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 6 | -1.186 |
| 8 | South Africa | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5 | -0.080 |
| 9 | West Indies | 7 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 3 | -0.320 |
| 10 | Afghanistan | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | -1.418 |

With Jason Roy fit, Eoin Morgan won the toss and batted first. Roy, raring to go, started the match in emphatic fashion – confidently dispatching the in-form Mohammad Shami to the fence twice in the opening over. Roy's return seemed to inject a new lease of life into his regular partner Jonny Bairstow. Reunited after more than two weeks apart, the pair played with uncharacter-

istic caution against the dangerous new ball pair of Shami and Jasprit Bumrah. They bided their time and in what was clearly a premeditated plan, they went after India's spinners. Roy eventually fell for 66 – he was caught superbly by substitute fielder Ravi Jadeja – while Bairstow built on his good start to record his first World Cup century. Ben Stokes then continued his fine World Cup

SCORECARD

| England: | | INDIA: | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| J Roy c sub b Kuldeep Yadav | 66 | K Rahul c & b Woakes | 0 |
| J Bairstow c Pant b M Shami | 111 | R Sharma c Buttler b Woakes | 102 |
| J Root c Pandya b M Shami | 44 | V Kohli c sub b Plunkett | 66 |
| E Morgan c Jadeja b M Shami | 1 | R Pant c Woakes b Plunkett | 32 |
| B Stokes c sub b Bumrah | 79 | H Pandya c sub b Plunkett | 45 |
| J Buttler c & b M Shami | 20 | MS Dhoni not out | 42 |
| C Woakes c Sharma b M Shami | 7 | C Joshi not out | 12 |
| L Plunkett not out | 1 | EXTRAS: (lb 1, w 6) | 12 |
| J Archer not out | 0 | TOTAL: (5 wks, 50 overs) | 306 |
| EXTRAS: (b 2, lb 2, w 4) | 8 | FOW: 1-8, 2-146, 3-198, 4-226, 5-267 | 2 |
| TOTAL: (7 wks, 50 overs) | 337 | BOWLING: C Woakes 10-3-58-2, J Archer 10-0-45-0, L Plunkett 10-0-55-3, M Wood 10-0-73-0, A Rashid 6-0-40-0, B Stokes 4-0-34-0 | 1 |
| BOWLING: Mohammed Shami 10-1-69-5, J Bairstow 10-1-44-1, VS Chahal 10-0-88-0, HH Pandya 10-0-60-0, Kuldeep Yadav 10-0-72-1 | | TOSS: England | |
| | | UMPIRES: Aleem Dar, Kumar Dharmasena | |
| | | TV UMPIRES: Ruchira Palliguguruge | |

form to help England post a more than competitive total of 337/7. Mohammad Shami ended with figures of 5/69 from his 10 overs.

England nearly started their defence perfectly. Jofra Archer induced an edge from Rohit Sharma which

travelled at a catchable height to Joe Root at second slip. Root couldn't quite hold on to it and Rohit was given an early life. Chris Woakes managed to pick up the early wicket of KL Rahul but India looked good with both Rohit and Virat Kohli at the crease.

Today's fixture



Sri Lanka vs West Indies

MATCH STARTS AT 2:30 PM

| SRI LANKA: | WEST INDIES: |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Dimuth Karunaratne (c) | Jason Holder (c) |
| Avishka Fernando | Chris Gayle |
| Suranga Lakmal | Kemar Roach |
| Lasith Malinga | Darren Bravo |
| Angelo Mathews | Sunil Ambris |
| Jeevan Mendis | Shai Hope |
| Kusal Mendis (wk) | Sheldon Cottrell |
| Kusal Perera (wk) | Evin Lewis |
| Thiriso Perera | Shannon Gabriel |
| Dhananjaya de Silva | Carlos Brathwaite |
| Milinda Siriwardena | Ashley Nurse |
| Lahiru Thirimanne | Shimron Hetmyer |
| Isuru Udana | Fabian Allen |
| Jeffrey Vandersay | Oshane Thomas |
| Kasun Ranjitha | Nicholas Pooran |

ODIs head to head

| MATCHES | SRI LANKA WON | INDIES WON | TIED | NR |
|---------|---------------|------------|------|----|
| 56 | 25 | 28 | 0 | 3 |

World Cup head to head

| MATCHES | SRI LANKA WON | INDIES WON | TIED | NR |
|---------|---------------|------------|------|----|
| 08 | 03 | 04 | 0 | 1 |

Most Runs & Wickets Sri Lanka



191 9

Most Runs & Wickets West Indies



200 11

Final minutes of Pak v Afg match career's 'most testing moment'

LEEDS (AGENCIES): Pakistan bowling coach Azhar Mahmood said Sunday the final few minutes during match against Afghanistan were the "most testing moment" of his career. Mahmood, who has played 21 Tests and 143 ODIs, said he never had jitters quite like those that he experienced at Headingley. "Throughout my whole career, I think this was the most testing moment for me in a dressing room," he said. "It was very nervy. Afghanistan wanted to win and we didn't want to lose to them in a crucial game so it was quite nerve-wrecking because you can't control anything when you are in the coaching staff. When you have to bat next, you are ready for that. But sitting in the dugout, it's definitely very nerve-wrecking," he added. Mahmood also showered praise on Shaheen Afridi saying he was improving but still needed to work on some areas. "Since he joined the team, he's the guy who has been taking wickets. Sometimes, he needs to control his emotions and, when he bowls, the delivery stride is the main concern when he lands on the crease."



Pakistan not thinking about parallels with 1992

LEEDS (AGENCIES): Wahab Riaz revealed the Pakistan camp are focusing on the here and now as eerie parallels with their 1992 triumph continue to resonate at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019. Wahab, who took 2/29 and was unbeaten on 15 in his side's three-wicket victory over Afghanistan, says the relentless mentality of his team is behind their remarkable resurgence. "We don't really talk about 1992 that much," he said. "The first thing is in this team, everybody has the same purpose. That's where we started off and where we remain. The turnaround is due to the motivation and the ambition of the team to win this World Cup. Everybody wants that. Obviously, this will be the last World Cup for Shaohab Malik and this is the time we are needed the most. We need to give everything. Everybody is giving their 100 per cent and that's the reason for the turnaround in our results and performances." Wahab, Mohammad Amir and Shaheen Shah Afridi are the most prolific pace trio at the World Cup so far, taking seven wickets against Afghanistan to add to their enviable haul. "It's very pleasing the way we are bowling as a team, particularly the way Shaheen has improved."



Under-criticism Imad happy for contributing to Pakistan's win

LEEDS (AGENCIES): All-rounder Imad Wasim said Sunday he was happy to have contributed to the Pakistani cricket team's success after his match-winning 49-off 54 against Afghanistan at Headingley a day prior. Under criticism for not doing enough, Wasim on Saturday stood strong till the end and smashed five boundaries to help Pakistan sail to the victory shore as the team struggled to chase a 228-run target. The cricketer said he was not under pressure and was now happy to have done something to make his team win. "I wasn't nervous, it wasn't like that," Wasim said. "We have very good players and I know if one of us stayed in, we'd get to the target." He noted, before praising teammate Wahab Riaz who, too, determinedly stood with him despite a fractured finger. "His finger was injured but he stood there and gave his best, which shows his determination." The all-rounder said of his fast-bowler peer. "He was under criticism previously but, in this tournament, he has been outstanding." Wasim also credited Afghanistan for making it a tight struggle while chasing a small target. "People usually consider them minor but they are not. They are a very good team. Credit must go to Afghanistan," Wasim added.



Support of Pakistan fans a rare thing: Virat Kohli

NEW DELHI (AGENCIES): In the sporting world, the India-Pakistan rivalry needs no explanation. And when the two arch-rivals clash on cricket field, it not only ignites emotions and feelings but also attracts eyeballs globally. And in rarest turn of events, the Indian team for a change has Pakistani fans to back them in their World Cup match against England at Edgbaston in Birmingham on Sunday. It left Indian skipper Virat Kohli amused, saying it is a rare thing. "To be honest I haven't seen what's been happening outside. But I do believe the Pakistani fans will be supporting us, which is a rare thing," Kohli said after the toss. The Pakistani fans have kept the rivalry aside and want India to uproot England from the event as it would help the Sarfaraz Ahmed-led side enter the semi-finals smoothly. Former Pakistan pacer Shaohab Akhtar also appealed India to help Pakistan in making to the semis. "Now India will have to help Pakistan! How? If they win their one match against England, then England is knocked out of the tournament and Pakistan will qualify for the semi-finals with 11 points." Shaohab said. "I feel that Pakistan has made a good comeback - but now, India: wake up! Now you'll have to help us."





Quick Read

Tourists stuck in Patriata cable cars rescued: ISPR

MURREE (INP): Pakistan Army has rescued all the tourists who were stuck in the air after a cable car wire detached from the pulley due to typhoon in Murree, the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) said on Sunday.

A popular visiting spot in Murree, the elevated cable cars met with a malfunction resulting in hundreds of tourists getting stuck in the air precariously.

The rescue operation to retrieve and rescue all chairlift riders was completed by the Army contingent along with the civil administration, and all the tourists were safely evacuated.

"Army engineers repaired the cable tower to rescue the tourists," the Army's military wing said.

The Patriata chairlifts in Murree are a main tourist attraction, it is the highest point in the area and the hills stand 7,500 feet above sea level.

In 2017, at least 10 people were killed and two injured when a chairlift cable broke and it plunged into a ravine.

The accident occurred some 30 kilometres north of Islamabad in the Charra Pani village in Murree.

FO concerned over anti-Pak banners in UK

ISLAMABAD (OUR STAFF REPORTER): Pakistan said Sunday that the flying of anti-Pakistan banners, unruly conduct of certain group of spectators toward Pakistan team players, and scuffles during the Pakistan-Afghanistan World Cup cricket match are a matter of deep concern.

"Use of sports venues for such malicious propaganda is unacceptable. We expect all relevant authorities, both sports and law enforcement, to thoroughly investigate the matter and bring those responsible to account. The matter is also being taken up through diplomatic channels," said a foreign ministry statement.

PPP rejects increase in power, gas prices

ISLAMABAD (OUR STAFF REPORTER): Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, the spokesman to the Chairman PPP Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, has said that PPP rejects the increase in the prices of gas and electricity.

In a statement, he said that the government wants to run the country by price hike, which is anti-people. The people are being crushed under the increasing prices of goods ever since this government came into power.

Senator Khokhar said that the government's incompetency is at its peak as the people who created a havoc over price hike while standing on containers are nowhere to be seen.

The government wants to reduce the deficit by robbing the people of this country, he said. He added that the people are sick and tired of the PTI government and if they decide to protest on the roads, then no one can stop them. He said that Chairman Bilawal is determined towards acquiring justice for the people. PPP has already begun its mass contact campaign, he concluded.



LAHORE: Members of Youth Forum for Kashmir hold a protest demonstration against extension of President's Rule in Indian-held Kashmir.-APP

Disgruntled PML-N MPAs say they are not leaving party

MUBASHIR HASSAN
LAHORE

The PML-N leadership sprang into action on Sunday following Saturday's meeting of its 15 Punjab legislators with Prime Minister Imran Khan at his Bani Gala residence.

PML-N's Punjab President Rana Sanaullah contacted all the suspected MPAs of his party on Saturday to seek their point of view on the development.

While most of them confirmed their meeting with Prime Minister Imran Khan, a few, however, denied being part of the suspected group.

According to PML-N sources, three party MPAs including Ashraf Ansari, Mahmoodul Haq and Awais Shoaib denied having met the Prime Minister.

However, three others including Nishat Doha Ghayasuddin and Jalil Sharquri admitted they had visited Khan's residence to apprise him of the problems faced by the people in their respective constituencies.

The Nation talked to some of the disgruntled PML-N members to ascertain the factual position.

While two of them confirmed the reports of their meeting with the Prime Minister,

one of the suspected members denied them.

Talking to Special Media Pakistan 0346-9733221 (today) at Model Town, Nishat Ahmad Doha said that he would not conceal his meeting with the Prime Minister. "Yes, it is true. A group of PML-N legislators met with the Prime Minister to seek development funds for their constituencies."

Doha further stated that the meeting with the Prime Minister lasted for over two hours. He said that some MPAs were now in a denial mode about that meeting but he knew they were part of it.

He said that it could be confirmed by checking the occupancy list of Punjab House Islamabad where we were provided rooms for stay.

Doha said that Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar had taken them to Bani Gala to see the Prime Minister.

"As we shared with him problems of our constituencies, he (the CM) said that they would be resolved soon if they meet Imran Khan along with him," he further told this scribe.

He also said that he had no intention to leave the party. "It is another matter if the party leadership disowns me," he said,

Any legislator can meet the PM," says Punjab Governor

adding he had not been invited to attend a party meeting scheduled for 9:30 AM (today) at Model Town.

Ghayasuddin, a PML-N member from Narowal, also confirmed his meeting with the Prime Minister.

He told The Nation that he had no intention to quit the party. He also said that he met the Prime Minister to discuss problems of his constituency.

Ghayasuddin said that he was coming to Lahore on Monday (today) to attend a party meeting and might talk to the media there.

He seemed extremely annoyed with party's Punjab President Rana Sanaullah.

He specifically mentioned his name dropping hints that he intended to expose the reality of party's Punjab President.

Another suspected PML-N lawmaker Faisal Khan Niazi said that he was not part of the suspected party members. "My only sin has been that I am a Niazi," he added.

A former PML-N legislator Younis Ansari on Sunday claimed that he was leading the PML-N group which called on the Prime Minister.

Talking to a news channel, he also confirmed that his brother Ashraf Ansari was included in that group.

Also, the PML-N has called an internal meeting at party's Model

Town office to discuss the emerging situation.

The rebel group has also been asked to attend this meeting to explain their version of the story.

Secretary Information Punjab, Azma Zahid Bokhari told The Nation that the alleged meeting of PML-N members with the Prime

Minister was only a feeler put out by the government.

Denying reports of cracks in the PML-N, she said that all MPAs who allegedly met the Prime Minister were standing with the party.

Meanwhile, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar on Sunday said that no member of the Parliament from the Opposition parties needed to tender resignation for a meeting with Prime Minister.

"There is no bar on the Opposition members to see the PM if they develop differences with their respective party leadership and their policies," he said while

talking to the media at Expo Centre after visiting Gujranwala Expo 2019 held there.

He, however, said that if a member of the Parliament joined another party without tendering resignation, then he could be disqualified under the Constitution. "But, there is no bar in the Constitution in meeting with anyone," he stated.

The Governor declined to offer any comment when asked about formation of a forward bloc in the PML-N.

"PML-N leaders know how many members of the Parliament have differences with them over their policies," he said, adding, that difference of opinion was the beauty of political parties.

"If PML-N MPAs are not satisfied with the party policies and think that Imran Khan can pull the country out of crisis, then there is no harm if they meet the Prime Minister," he said.

Ch Sarwar believed that despite multiple problems in the country, the people had faith in the leadership of Imran Khan and they were not ready to come on roads on the call of Opposition parties.

"It is because they know it well that the Prime Minister will pull the country out of crisis and put it on track of progress," he added.

N-League springs into action, calls meeting for soul-searching

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Man kills 10 for honour in Multan

OUR STAFF REPORTER
MULTAN

A man allegedly burnt alive six people including his wife, mother-in-law, sister-in-law and his own daughter, besides shooting dead another four in the name of honour here in Hassanabad area on Sunday, police confirmed.

CPO Multan Imran Mahmood confirmed the incident and said that alleged killer Ajmal and his father Zafar were arrested and the weapon was also recovered from him. The identification of the deceased was being done by police as some bodies became unrecognisable after being burnt.

"The accused committed this crime with the help of his father

Burns alive six including his wife, in-laws; shoots dead four others

and brother. Police responded quickly and arrested the accused and his father. Now we're conducting raids to arrest his brother," he added. The CPO confirmed that the accused shot dead four persons. He revealed that the accused suspected the character of his wife Kiran. "He works in Saudi Arabia and had just returned," he further disclosed. He came to his in laws' house and killed the

entire family.

The accused opened fire on the family after exchanging hot words with his father-in-law. Police sources said that the accused locked up six persons including his wife, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter and two others in a room and set it on fire. "He hurled gun on people who wanted to rescue the persons trapped in burning room, preventing them from helping them," sources added. Two injured namely Ali Raza and Saim were shifted to Nishtar Hospital in critical condition.

Rescue 1122 personnel rushed to the spot and put out the fire. Heavy police contingents cordoned off the area. Investigations were underway till filing of this report.

No justification of mid-term polls: Qureshi

APP
MULTAN

Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi said on Sunday that the demand of mid-term elections was unjustified.

Talking to the media in Jahanian, he said that general elections held in the recent past, hardly one year ago, and there was no justification for demand of mid-term elections.

Similarly, the incumbent government proved its clear majority during the approval of budget in the assembly.

Qureshi said the country was facing internal and external challenges. Talks were in progress with Afghanistan and similarly, matters were also under process with India, he added.

Earlier, Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi at-

tended a Qul ceremony of brother of Chaudhry Arshid Aaraan in Chak Number 113/10-R.

Makhdoom Mureed Hussain Qureshi and other notables were also present on the occasion.

FIRDOUS CONDEMNS

Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Information and Broadcasting Dr Firdous Ashiq Awan on Sunday said that it was strange that those supporting completion of full term during their own rule were now talking about mid-term elections.

In a tweet, she said those playing on "the pitch of power" for long time would have to develop the habit of living without official resources.

She said that Opposition parties found it difficult to remain out of power even for 10 months, but they would have to remain without it for four more years.



KARACHI: A man on his way in search of water in Shanti Nagar area.—Online

Quick Read

Snatched phones given back to owners

KARACHI (Staff Reporter): Karachi Commissioner Iftikhar Shallwani on Sunday returned back 50 mobiles to their owners at simple ceremony held at his office on Sunday.

CPLC Deputy Chief Shoukat Ali informed that the 50 mobile phones were snatched during two years from 2016 to 2018 and were recovered through the cooperation of mobile market businessmen.

It is pertinent to mention here that the CPLC authorities have been utilising the technology to trace out the snatched mobile phones and recently 60 mobile phones were returned to the owners. They included 50 handed over to their owners by Karachi Police the other day while 10 mobile were also given by CPLC recently.

The CPLC official said that Commissioner Karachi has resolved issues with the help of CPLC and police and provided relief to the general public especially mobile being returned to their owners.

Commissioner Karachi Iftikhar Shallwani appreciated the efforts of CPLC and congratulated the owners for acquiring their phones and other things as the authorities are taking steps to ensure the safety of the lives and properties of people.

Owners of the mobiles also thanked the Commissioner Karachi, provincial government, police and CPLC for returning back of their valuable items and mobiles. They hoped that the authorities will continue their efforts to provide peaceful environment and relief to them.

Two bodies found

KARACHI (INP): Bodies of two persons brutally murdered were found on Sunday morning from two different spots of the Metropolis.

As per police, one of the body which was found from Orangi Town area of Karachi had the head severed and hands and legs all tied up.

Police claimed that the body was of a man named Sher Zaman.

The other body was discovered from Bakra Perri Malir area. Police said that the victim was subjected to severe torture before being murdered.

As per the latest reports, only one of the bodies got identified, however, police have launched investigation into the matter.

Siraj grills govt over flawed policies

Says JI will continue struggle for Islamic system in country



We have waited for six months and now a year of incompetence of this government is coming to an end

OUR STAFF REPORTER KARACHI

Jamaat-i-Islami (JI) chief Sirajul Haq on Sunday said that incompetency of the ruling party led to the miseries faced by masses and the prime minister despite his tall claims was continuously lying to the nation over issues.

He, however, said that his party would not become part of any politics being played by the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and would remain within masses as a third option in the country.

"The incumbent government is on ventilator and the masses have no hopes of improvement from them," he said adding that JI will continue struggle for an Islamic system in the country.

He was addressing to a rally organised by Karachi chapter of the party from Sohrab Goth to Mausoleum of Qaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah against hike in inflation, IMF budget passed by National Assembly and water scarcity, dilapidated transport system, lack of infrastructure and other issues of the Karachi.

The rally that was named 'Karachi Awami March' was led by the party chief Sirajul Haq and was addressed at various points between Sohrab Goth and Mazar-e-Quaid by party leaders including Sindh chapter chief Muhammad Hussain Mehanti, provincial assembly lawmaker Syed Abdul Raheed, Karachi chapter chief Naemur Rehman and others.

The rally passed a resolution demanding that giving due rights and share to the city and immediate reso-



Ji chief Senator Sirajul Haq addresses party workers during Awami March.—Online

lution of the issues faced by its millions of inhabitants.

While applauding the enthusiasm of the participants, Siraj said that the Karachi had given its verdict against the failed policies of the government through their large turnout in the rally. "The incumbent government has no economic vision," he said.

While pointing out unfulfilled promises of the incumbent government, Haq said that they fooled nation over promise to bring back Aafia Siddiqui, promising millions of housing units but not implementing it and lashing out at India while in opposition and now favouring them at international forums. "Unless Kashmir issue is resolved, there could be a friendship possible from India," he said categorically and also emphasised that without interest free system, the country could not move forward.

He said that Karachi march was the

first move against the government and it would continue. "We have no personal issues with NAB and the incumbent rulers but have come out for the rights of masses," he said.

Criticising its long-time political foe in the city, MQM-P, the JI chief said

Government is on ventilator

that they were enjoying ministries in the federal cabinet and also had a mayor in the city for over three years but still raises hue and cry over unresolved issues of the city.

"Instead of raising Karachi issues in federal cabinet and pursuing them, they are bent upon utilising their po-

litical position to gain another ministry in the cabinet," he said and asked as to why federal funded projects including K-IV bulk water supply project, green line bus project are yet to be completed.

Grilling the federal budget, he said that the budget was formulated on the directions of IMF and now masses have to bear the brunt of the hike in fuel, gas, electricity prices due to these policies.

"We are a sovereign nation and will not accept IMF dictated policies," he said and further demanded the apex court of the country to take notice of unprecedented rise in sugar prices and unearth hands involved in it.

He said that the prime minister promised to bring reforms and changes within 100 days of his tenure. "We waited for six months and now a year of incompetence of this government is coming to an end," he said.

Haq said that federal, provincial and local governments in the city are blaming each other for the miseries of the Karachiites but none of them is ready to accept responsibility of the city. The JI gathering also demanded for immediate funds for K-IV project and its completion on urgent basis along with announcement of 1000 bus fleet for the city to resolve transport woes and 100,000 employments for the youth of the city.

It further called for withdrawing excessive taxes from the city and also strict action against FBR officials harassing the business community. The gathering also called for ban to entry of trailers in the city and immediate release of dues to the retired employees of the Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM).

Call for declaring rabies emergency in Sindh

OUR STAFF REPORTER KARACHI

Expressing grave concern over rising number of dog bite cases in Sindh including the megacity Karachi, Pasban Democratic Party (PDP) here Sunday demanded of the Sindh government to declare a rabies emergency in the province immediately.

Pasban Democratic Party Sindh leaders Sultan Khaskheili and Hakim Palari in a joint statement said so far more than 70000 people have already been reported bitten by stray dogs in Sindh this year and many deaths are also reported due

to dearth of vaccine and lack of medical facilities in remote areas.

They said even in Karachi about a dozen people have already died of rabies this year so far and dozens of dog bite cases are reported in major hospitals of the megacity every day. PDP leaders said the government does not seem concerned about this grim scenario.

They said we demand of the provincial government of Sindh to declare a rabies emergency in Sindh province and ensure smooth availability of dog bite vaccine in all government hospitals. They said Pakistan still imports rabies vaccine from India and other countries.

They said why vaccine-making facility in government or private sector is yet to be established in Pakistan.

The Sindh Pasban leaders said the ruling parties at Center and provincial level are not concerned about the growing dog bite cases. They asked if our lawmakers would open their eyes when someday stray dogs would enter the assemblies and bite legislators.

They, however, appealed to citizens to take precautionary measures against stray dogs in their localities, as children and elderly people are at greater risk of being bitten by stray dogs.



KARACHI: Awami Jamhoori Party activists protest for deporting Afghan refugees to their homeland immediately.—Online

Karachi

Quick Read

Police arrest five wanted absconders

KANDHKOT (Staff Reporter): Police claimed to have arrested five absconders from katcha area who were wanted in various crime cases at different police stations of the district here on Sunday.

Ghotki SSP Dr Farrukh Ali lanjar expressed these views while addressing a press conference and said that a special police force led by Wasti Jeevan Shah Station House Officer Ghulam Mustafa Mirani and his team on a tip-off raided hideout at katcha area of Nawazoo Damdama near Bacha Band and apprehended five absconders including Jhangal, Bahazar, Khudai, Doosat Ali, Aadiyo and Mohammad Hayaat.

He said that culprits were wanted to police in various crime cases by many police stations.

Badin growers advised to cultivate rice

BADIN (Staff Reporter): The district administration of Badin, SIDA and irrigation departments on Sunday advised the growers of tail-ends to commence the rice cultivation with initially seeding of paddy crops in the district.

Deputy Commissioner Dr Hafeez Ahmed Syal along with SIDA officials while holding an important press conference advised the growers to start rice cultivation instantly as within seven days water rotation would end in the district. Dr Syal said that due to sincere efforts of Sindh govt the water shortage in the Kotri Barrage was reduced to 23 percent which earlier was 50pc. He said that Phuleli Canal's water flow was maintained at 12,000 cusec level recently and none perennial canals including Mirwah and Manak canal maintained an additional water flow which ultimately provided benefit to local growers.

He also informed that water rotation in Golarchi taluka canals would be ending till end of the upcoming week. Water rotation in the Akram Wah system would continue till overall improvement of water system in the province, he added.



KARACHI: A view of massive traffic jam at Hassan Square-INP

PTI to move ECP against CM over Ghotki visit

“Murad and a team of his ministers have met Jam Saifullah Dharejo and sought help in by-election, which is breach of ECP code of conduct,” says Haleem

OUR STAFF REPORTER
KARACHI

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Pakistan leader in Sindh Assembly Haleem Adil Sheikh has claimed that Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and a team of his ministers have met Jam Saifullah Dharejo and sought help in by-election, which is the breach of code of conduct, and we will go to the election commission of Pakistan against them.

In a statement issued on Sunday, he claimed Murad Ali Shah and some of his ministers called on Jam Saifullah Dharejo at his residence to seek help for Ghotki elections. He said in last election Dharejo was a candidate of JUI-F for MNA seat. He said in Ghotki an election campaign had already been under way and as per the code of conduct of the election commission of Pakistan no one from the government can take part in the election campaign.

Haleem Adil accused Sindh chief minister of openly violating the code of conduct of the ECP. He said the Prime Minister Imran Khan had called on Jam Dharejo for offering condolence, but the Sindh chief minister and his team called on Dharejo to seek his help in election. He said we will go to the ECP against Murad Shah and his ministers for violating the code of conduct.

He claimed that Bilawal Zardari infected whole Sindh with HIV/AIDS. He said God forbid if this party is given the rule it would make the whole Pakistan an AIDS-affected country. He alleged

the government of PPP has become a curse for the people of Sindh. He said we do not want to learn from the experience of the PPP, as Prime Minister Imran Khan has already been running the country in a better manner. He said 'political thieves and dacoits' who are being brought on production orders cannot do anything for the nation and country. He said the accountability of the corrupt politician would continue and no one can be spared.

NA-205 by-election to be held on 18th

PM TO STEER COUNTRY OUT OF CRISIS

PTI leader Hunaid Lakhani organised a workers meeting of PTI Karachi workers in which MNAs and MPAs of PTI Karachi participated with their local party workers in large number.

Addressing the workers, Hunaid Lakhani emphasized on organization of the party and workers' role in party's success in the last elections.

"It's the struggle of our leader and our party workers that we managed to form the federal government. It is due to the massive mandate of

Karachites that PTI has been able to form government. We must support our government in tough situation, we all are hopeful that Imran Khan will take the country out of the crisis and will fulfill the dream of an Islamic welfare state"

He emphasized on the need of inculcation of social work culture in the workers.

"Party offices in every UC of the city must be opened and workers must remain in touch with the citizens so that they can spread out the message of the government to the locals. The gap among party leaders and workers must be bridged"

"There is no room for any discrimination in PTI, all decisions are based on merit and we are a national party"

Nusrat Wahid MNA said that it is the achievement of all of us that we managed to pass the national budget despite strong opposition.

She criticized the Nawaz regime for current inflation and Rupees devaluation, she said that all the crisis faced by the government will be resolved soon. We need our people especially Karachi citizens to trust and have faith in us.

Ramzan Ghanchi, MPA said that I am still sitting in my party office till late hours for the resolution of the grievances of my people. We are here to serve our constituency people.

MPAs Bilal Ghaffar, Ramzan Ghanchi, Ali Aziz, Rabiatun Khan, Adil Ahmed MNA Faheem Khan and other local leaders were also there. All of them appreciated the holding of workers meeting by Leader PTI Hunaid Lakhani.



KARACHI: A view of construction work of Green Line Bus Service in Numaish area.—Online

Mirpurkhas faces severe loadshedding

OUR STAFF REPORTER
MIRPURKHAS

Citizens of Mirpurkhas district are facing severe problems as Hyderabad Electric Supply Company Mirpurkhas division has increased the span of loadshedding in their locality.

Civil society, social and religious organizations alleged that Hesco had increased the loadshedding time till 12 hours intermittently even in severe hot weather which rendered consumers suffer hardships.

They added that due to increased loadshedding, indoor patients in civil and other government hospitals were facing troublesome situations. Furthermore, acute water shortage also disturbed the supply to the citizens of Mirpurkhas and other towns including Mirwah Gorchani, Diger, Tando Jan Muhammad, Jhaddo, Naolot, Kot Ghulam Muhammad, Sindhri, Jhilori, Phuladyoom, Khaan etc. They alleged that Hesco officers were failed to control the power stealing as they had decided to cover growing line losses by increasing the tenure of loadshedding.

The adviser said that if it had left to the incumbent incompetent government they would even enforce tax on breathing.

OUR STAFF REPORTER
KARACHI

Adviser to Sindh Chief Minister on Information & Archives, Law and Anti-Corruption Barrister Murtaza Wahab in a statement on Sunday said that the country is at the edge of devastation owing to absurd rulers.

The adviser said that if it had left to the incumbent incompetent government they would even enforce tax on breathing.

The adviser said that steep rise in gas and electricity tariff was unjustified and the steps taken by the incompetent PTI government had dented the foreign

investment badly.

It seemed as if the whole team of the Prime Minister Imran Khan had doctorate in incompetency, he added.

Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that the rulers were behaving like step mother to the people of Sindh. Barrister Murtaza Wahab said that the failed government had given nothing to the people of the country except inflation and unemployment. The adviser said that a chaotic situation was prevailing in the country as people could not even arrange for their day's meal easily. He demanded that the decision to raise the gas price should immediately be taken back.

Barrister Murtaza Wahab while slamming Prime Minister Imran Khan said that he was a friend of stockholders while adversary of the poor. His dual standard was extremely destructive for the country, he added.

Meanwhile, Barrister Murtaza Wahab commended the efforts of an Anti-Corruption Establishment's team led by Deputy Director Anti-Corruption West for arresting a suspect allegedly involved in issuing fake appointment letters to job seekers.

The accused was said to be an employee of Sindh Labor Department working as a Junior Clerk.

Country on the edge of devastation due to absurd rulers: Wahab

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NAB establishes 3,000 CBS in educational institutions

ISLAMABAD (APP): National Accountability Bureau, Rawalpindi has established 3,000 character building societies in educational institutions to channelize creative energy of youth towards fight against corruption.

According to NAB spokesman, the anti corruption watchdog (Rawalpindi) organized seminars, declamation contests, essay writing competition, posters and painting competition in various universities, colleges and schools of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Jhelum, Chawwal and Attock to enhance awareness against corruption, besides motivating the youth against the menace.

An anti-corruption awareness lecture was held at Police College, Sihala. 350 trainee sub-inspectors of FIA and police attended the session. A detailed lecture regarding NAB ordinance 1999, vision, mission, operational methodology, ambit of NAB, causes of corruption and its ill effects and its impact on economic development was delivered. Participants were advised to be faithful committed, honest and self accountable.

The lecture was followed by concluding remarks of Abaidullah Azim, Director A&P NAB Rawalpindi. He said that honest people lead to honest societies. He elaborated the vision, operations and achievements of NAB. He also highlighted the section 33c of NAO 1999 which empowers NAB to create awareness against the menace of corruption and educate the society.

He also advised all trainees to be committed to their jobs being responsible citizens of Pakistan. He said that there was an emergent need to be very truthful in daily life and wished them good wishes for their career.

AIOU to receive tutors' registration applications till July 5

ISLAMABAD (NNI): Allama Iqbal Open University announced that it will receive applications for appointment of part-time tutors till July 5.

The eligible persons have been asked to get them enrolled by the stipulated date through the prescribed E-registration process, says a press statement issued here Sunday. The re-registration is required both by previous and fresh ones. The qualification and experience, set for the tutors will be strictly followed, as per the directives of Vice Chancellor Dr Zia-Ul-Qayyum. The University through its digital transformation process has created an online portal for the e-registration of the part-time tutors.

BDA to continue protests till CDA issues transparent construction bylaws

ONLINE ISLAMABAD

The Builders and Developers Association has finalised a course of action to stop CDA from taking destructive actions against the real estate development sector.

The steering committee of BDA has decided to further its protest and take the matter to Islamabad High Court in order to safeguard public investments. A total of 26 private commercial properties, worth billions in investments, on the G.T. Road are at risk due to the absence of CDA bylaws, they added.

The steering committee of BDA has disclosed that CDA is withholding construction bylaws for G.T. Road. Whereas project drawings were submitted over a year ago, still CDA is unwilling to regularize commercial development on G.T. Road. The Committee said that CDA was carrying out illegal operations against legally developed commercial projects on private lands. These projects are sources of commercial activity in the newly emerging commercial hub of Islamabad-Rawalpindi and promise to generate thousands of jobs and contribute to economic development.



ISLAMABAD: Youngsters kayaking in Rawal Lake on Sunday.-APP

Police, admin move on reports regarding fraudsters cheating public of money

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TAHIR NIAZ ISLAMABAD

Police and Islamabad Capital Territory district administration sprung into action amidst reports of online fraudsters having become active in cheating public of their money.

In most of the complaints received to the district administration and the police, the victims are bank account holders, traders, and known businessmen who fell into the trap of the cheats. The cheats made phone calls posing themselves as bank officials and the victims shared their bank account details. Then they were deprived of their amount parked in the accounts. The fraudsters are adopting several methods. In some cases, the cheat would make a call to anybody's mobile phone and introduce himself as official of the FBR/tax department and seek illegal favour as asking for money for a patent which is harder to decline on moral grounds even and seeking money against providing employment.

However, the police have taken notice of the reports. According to Islamabad police, some cheats are active in making money by giving job hopes to simpletons in the "Anti-Crime Intelligence Service". The police said that there are no jobs in

the hands of the cheats and if anyone wanted employment, he must approach the police department directly. The police said that office of AIG/Establishment of Islamabad police can be visited for the possible job opportunities.

In the meantime, ICT administration warned through its social media pages that fake people pretending to be officers of FBR/FIA are calling from private cell numbers and asking for illegal favours. According to the officials, they have received complaints that cheats have been active in the city. According to one Raheel Yousuf who received such a call on Saturday, fraudsters have been calling people on their cell numbers pretending officials of State Bank of Pakistan. "I received a call from a person who introduced himself as Kamran from the SBP. When I asked about his whereabouts, he dropped the call," he said. Another resident of Islamabad, Ehamar Saghri said that it's happening in the capital. They target jewelers, restaurant owners etc pretending as FBR/tax department and make calls for financial assistance for patients, he added.

According to Syed Mudassar, a resident of the capital, he received a call on his landline number from

cell number and the caller introduced himself as Kamran, an official of SBP. He asked for details of the bank accounts which he refused to share. Then the caller threatened to block his bank account and dropped the line, according to Syed Mudassar. The ICT administration has asked general public not to respond such calls as it added that all the correspondence with government departments is done through written letters with office numbers properly written on it.

Meanwhile, 10 officials of Islamabad police have attended one-week-long training aimed at improving their investigation skills following directions of the Chief Justice to all police heads for joint training of police with prosecutors and judges. Chief Justice Supreme Court Justice Asif Saeed Khan Khosa in the meeting on Police Reforms Implementation Committee had directed all IGPs to coordinate with federal and provincial judicial academies for joint training of police with prosecutors and judges. According to IGP Islamabad Amir Zulfiqar Khan constituted a team of officers headed by AIG Establishment Kamran Adil to enter into Focus Group Discussion (FDG) with the Federal Judicial Academy (FJA), according to a press release.

Majority of victims are bank account holders, traders and known businessmen

Call for resolution of domestic workers' issues

APP ISLAMABAD

Representatives of civil society demanded of the quarters concerned to set up a regulatory body to manage the issues of domestic workers. Presently there is no such mechanism to address their issues, who do different works as housemaid, they said. A recent survey revealed that they faced a plenty of challenges while performing their duties but remained silent on all hardships to support their family members. They said that these domestic workers worked against very low salaries and providing a range of services including sweeping washrooms, washing clothes, cooking and taking care of children.

The domestic workers have to continue their work for long hours but in response they face challenges like low wages, rude behavior, receiving late salaries and sometime they faced allegations of theft and even faced imprisonment on wrong charges, they said.

Rukayya Bibi, who works for a family as maidservant since 2015 at Sector F-6, said, "My entire family members have been serving this family for long time but I still failed to win their trust as daily we have to face a new allegation or threat from them." She added, "We have no option but to face these allegations but remained focus to our work as if we leave this job how we can earn for our small kids and other family members." Sarayya Batool, another domestic worker, said, "I have been working as housemaid for the last 15 years but during the entire period my problems were multiplied rather decreasing as winning the hearts of house owners was really a tough task."

Asifa Gulraiz, a maidservant at Sector G-9 said, "No one cares about us and about our needs as struggle and hard work without any relief has become a routine in our life."

FBISE gets feedback from 70,000 users about SSC exams

APP ISLAMABAD

Around 70,000 students and parents have given their online feedback so far about the services being provided by the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education and its affiliated schools and colleges in Secondary Schools Certificate (SSC) Examination 2019.

Some 40,000 students and 30,000 parents through the online feedback service of the board had given their suggestions regarding facilities, education standard at schools and the board's examination system, FBISE Chairman Dr Ikram Ali Malik said.

He said that for feedback about: management commitment, teaching quality, infra-structure, academic environment, basic amenities and monitoring mechanism in schools affiliated with board, a questionnaire was sent to the students and their parents at their email addresses and cell numbers mentioned in the admission forms.

The feedback, he said, would help ensure transparency in the examination system, improve the quality of education and provide co-curricular activities in the schools and colleges affiliated with the board.

It will identify strengths and weaknesses of the educational institutions to help improve their academic environment, and overall education system, he added.



RAWALPINDI: Buyers doing shopping at local Sunday bazaar.-INP

WORLD

Quick Read

Troops deploy as Sudan braces for mass protest



KHARTOUM (Agencies): Troops deployed Sunday in Sudan's capital ahead of a planned mass protest against the country's ruling generals, amid international calls for restraint to prevent a new crackdown on demonstrators.

The planned "million-man" march is seen as a test for protest organisers whose movement has been hit by a deadly June 3 raid on a Khartoum sit-in and a subsequent internet blackout that has curbed their ability to mobilise support. Dozens of demonstrators were killed and hundreds wounded when armed men in military fatigues stormed the sit-in outside army headquarters, shooting and beating protesters who had camped there since April 6.

The new protest, expected to start at mid-day, comes at a time when Ethiopia and the African Union (AU) are jointly mediating between the protesters and generals.

The European Union, several Western nations and rights groups have called on the generals to avoid any violence.

On Sunday, the feared paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) deployed in pick-up trucks mounted with machine-guns in several squares in Khartoum, an AFP correspondent who toured parts of the capital said. Morning traffic was lighter than usual for a Sunday, the first day of the week. Shops stayed shut in areas where protesters were expected.

"I didn't open my shop as I am worried for the safety of my property, but I'll stay here and monitor the situation," said Ahmed Mohamed. On Saturday, RSF chief General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo warned that no "vandalism" would be tolerated during Sunday's protest.



TURKEY: Tourists take photos from their hotel terrace as hot air balloons glide over the historical Cappadocia region. -GN

Japan's Abe offers Saudi Crown Prince help in reducing oil dependency

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OSAKA AGENCIES

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Sunday praised Saudi Arabia's efforts to reduce its dependence on oil and promised Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman that Japan will help the kingdom with a sweeping reform plan.

"Saudi Arabia's 'Vision 2030' is an unprecedented major reform aimed at shifting away from dependence on oil and at diversifying industry, under your majesty's initiative," Abe told the crown prince at the beginning of a bilateral meeting after a summit of Group of 20 leaders in the city of Osaka.

"Japan will continue its utmost efforts by government and the private sector to help achieve its success," Abe said.

"Saudi intends to do their utmost to continue our old, but fresh, powerful partnership with Japan," said the crown prince through an interpreter to Abe.



Riyadh announced the reform plan in 2016, with goals ranging from overhauling its state-owned Public Investment Fund to increasing visits of Muslim pilgrims and encouraging

more Saudis to play sports. Despite last October's murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi at the hands of Saudi agents, big investors are pushing ahead with deals and

pouring money back into its stock market as well as Vision 2030 projects that aim to diversify the economy of the world's top oil exporter and create jobs.

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Vietnam, EU sign landmark free trade deal



AGENCIES HANOI

The European Union signed a landmark free trade deal with Vietnam on Sunday, the first of its kind with a developing country in Asia, paving the way for tariff reductions on 99% of goods between the trading bloc and Southeast Asian country.

European Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström, Romania's Business, Trade and Entrepreneurship Minister Stefan Radu Oprea and Vietnam's Industry and Trade Minister Tran Tuan Anh exchange documents while attending the signing ceremony of EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement at the Government Office in Hanoi, Viet-

nam June 30, 2019.

It still needs the approval of the European Parliament, which is not a given as some lawmakers are concerned about Vietnam's human rights record.

The European Union has described the EU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement (EVFTA) as "the most ambitious free trade deal ever concluded with a developing country".

The two sides announced the deal in a statement.

It was signed in Hanoi between European Union Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström and Vietnam's Minister of Industry and Trade Tran Tuan Anh, three-and-a-half years after negotiations ended in December 2015.

It will eliminate 99% of tariffs, although some will be cut over a 10-year period and other goods, notably agricultural products, will be limited by quotas.

Vietnam, which has one of the region's fastest-growing economies, backed by robust exports and foreign investment, has already signed about a dozen free

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trade pacts, including an 11-country deal that will slash tariffs across much of the Asia-Pacific, known as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP).

The agreement with the EU is also expected to open up public procurement and services markets, such as for the postal, banking and maritime sectors.

The EU is Vietnam's second-largest export market after the United States, with main exports including garment and footwear products.

In 2018, Vietnam exported \$42.5 billion worth of goods and services to the EU, while the value of imports from the region reached \$13.8 billion, official data shows.

The Vietnamese government said on Sunday that EVFTA would boost EU exports to Vietnam by 15.28% and those from Vietnam to the EU by 20.0% by 2020.

The agreement will boost Vietnam's gross domestic product by 2.18%-3.25% annually by 2023 and by 4.57%-5.30% annually between 2024-2028, the government said.

Algeria arrests prominent war veteran



AGENCIES ALGIERS

Algerian authorities have arrested a well-known veteran of the war of independence against France, his grandson and media outlets said Sunday, after he reportedly criticised military chief Ahmed Gaid Salah.

Lakhdar Bouregaa, who is in his 80s, was arrested at his home in the upscale Hydra neighbourhood overlooking Algiers on Saturday and taken to an intelligence services base, grandson Imad Bouregaa said.

He told the Dzid news website that his grandfather's arrest was linked to comments he made about Gaid Salah, Algeria's strongman since the ouster in April of veteran president Abdelaziz Bouteflika. "My grandfather said that Gaid Salah wanted to impose his own candidate in presidential elections" to replace Bouteflika, he said.

Bouteflika resigned after weeks of protests against his rule, only hours after close ally Gaid Salah demanded impeachment proceedings against him.

Quick Read

Tensions high as Albania heads into disputed local polls



TIRANA (Agencies): Albania will on Sunday hold bitterly disputed municipal polls that have snowballed into a democratic crisis, with the opposition boycotting the vote and refusing to recognise its results.

The tense election run-up has seen bouts of violence as opposition supporters attacked polling stations around the country in a bid to destroy ballot materials, setting fire to two schools in the process.

Turmoil erupted in February when opposition politicians, from the right to the centre-left, walked out of parliament to launch street protests against Socialist Prime Minister Edi Rama.

They accuse him of crime links and manipulating elections, which he denies. The dispute deepened when President Ilir Meta stepped in this month.

Guinea-Bissau president not allowed to take part in govt



Abuja (Agencies): Guinea-Bissau's President Jose Mario Vaz will remain in office until November elections but no longer take part in government affairs, the African 15-nation bloc ECOWAS said on Saturday.

Vaz, in power since 2014, earlier this month set the date for the next presidential election for November 24.

He also appointed a prime minister, ending a political deadlock in the tiny West African country that has dragged on since the firing of a former premier in 2015.

ECOWAS, which stands for the Economic Community of West African States, has acted as a mediator in the country's political crisis. Vaz's term in office expired on June 23 but parliament voted for him to remain "interim president".

He will, however, not be involved in the workings of the country, according to a statement following an ECOWAS meeting in the Nigerian capital Abuja. "The president will stay in office until the next presidential elections but will leave the whole management of government affairs to the newly formed government," it said.



CHINA:
A child plays with a gun during an open day at Stonecutters Island naval base—GN

Trump steps into N Korea in historic meeting

“ Both countries agreed to set up teams to resume stalled nuclear talks

BBC WASHINGTON

Donald Trump has become the first sitting US president to set foot in North Korea, after meeting Kim Jong-un in the area dividing the two Koreas.

Mr Trump and the North Korean leader, Pakkejan handshakes before talking for nearly an hour in the heavily fortified demilitarised zone (DMZ).

Both countries agreed to set up teams to resume stalled nuclear talks.

Their last summit broke down in February with no progress on denuclearisation in North Korea. Critics have dismissed the occasion - the two leaders' third face-to-face encounter in just over a year - as a political theatre and say North Korea still needs to show that it is serious in getting rid of its nuclear weapons.

What happened at the DMZ?

In a meeting apparently arranged after Mr Trump invited Mr Kim on Twitter on Saturday, they shook hands across the demarcation line between the Koreas before Mr Trump briefly crossed into North Korea, a symbolic milestone. "Good to see you again. I never expected to meet you at this place," a smiley Mr Kim told Mr Trump through an interpreter in an encounter broadcast live on international television. "Big moment," Trump said, "tremendous progress."

Looking relaxed, Mr Kim crossed into South Korea and alongside Trump said: "I believe this is an expression of his willingness to eliminate all the unfortunate past and open a new future."

Trump-Kim meeting as it happened

In pictures: Smiles and handshakes at DMZ. The encounter had initially been billed as a short greeting but Trump and Mr Kim ended up talking for almost an hour in a building known as the Freedom House, on the South Korean side.

For a brief moment, Mr Trump and Mr Kim were joined by South Korea's President Moon Jae-in, an unprecedented three-way gathering.

Speaking next to Mr Trump in a rare statement to the press, Mr Kim said the meeting was a symbol of their "excellent" relationship.

Who is sending aid to North Korea?

North Korea's sidelined human rights crisis. Calling their friendship "particularly great", Mr Trump - who once referred to Mr Kim as "little rocket man" - said it was a "great day for the world" and that he was "proud to step over the line" between the Kore-



as. North Korean media have yet to mention the talks - including in the 20:00 (11:00 GMT) Korean Central TV bulletin - although typically they wait until the next day to report on the news.

Have other US presidents visited?

A number have been to the armistice line that has divided the peninsula since the Korean War ended in 1953, largely to show support for the South.

Both Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton have been to North Korea, flying into the capital, Pyongyang, but only after they left office.

Barack Obama wore a bomber jacket and binoculars for his visit to the armistice line. Mr Trump changed the optics, opting for a business suit.

A made-for-TV moment, but to what end?

Donald Trump once told his West Wing staff to treat each day in the White House like an episode of reality TV, but he prefers to choreograph his own presidency. The meeting with Mr Kim was classic Trumpian stage management, a diplomatic production that began with an impromptu tweet early morning at the G20 that led to a meeting that ordinarily would have taken months to organise.

The setting in the demilitarised zone could hardly have been loaded with more meaning, and Mr Trump was more than happy to perform one of the most memorable "made-for-television" moments of his

presidency, stepping over the 38th parallel into what has long been enemy territory, a threshold no sitting US president has never crossed.

The images were mesmerising, but to what end? Donald Trump's unorthodox diplomacy has certainly reduced tensions on the Korean peninsula, but it has not stopped North Korea from continuing to expand its nuclear arsenal.

This relationship has produced smiles and handshakes but not the denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula. Donald Trump's visit to North Korea lasted just over a minute - more than enough time, his critics will say, to legitimise a totalitarian regime with one of the worst human rights records on the planet.

What to make of the meeting?

Negotiators from the two countries will meet in the next weeks to resume discussions about North Korea's nuclear programme, Mr Trump told reporters, saying he was "not looking for speed [but] looking to get it right." Mr Trump also addressed US troops at the Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek.

Sanctions on North Korea, he added, would remain in place though he appeared to leave open the possibility of easing them as part of the talks. Mr Trump also said he had invited Mr Kim to visit Washington.

But analysts have questioned whether the meeting will result in any substantive progress.

Turkey vows 'heavy' retaliation to Libya attacks



AGENCIES ISTANBUL

Turkey says it will "retaliate in the most effective and strong way" to any threats from the Libyan warlord's Khalifa Haftar's army.

The warning came after Gen Haftar's Libyan National Army said it would strike Turkish vessels in Libyan waters and view Turkish businesses as targets. The LNA controls most of the east and south of Libya and started an offensive against the internationally recognised government in April. Turkey supports the Libyan government.

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said that his country supplies weapons and drones to

Tripoli's Government of National Accord (GNA), led by Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj. He said Turkish backing helped "rebalance" the fight against Gen Haftar, who has backing from UAE and Egypt.

Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar warned that LNA forces would pay a "very heavy price" for any attacks on Turkish interests.

On Thursday, the GNA reclaimed the strategic town of Gharyan, a main supply base for Gen Haftar's forces in their offensive on Tripoli.

Profile: Libya's military strongman Khalifa Haftar.

Why is Libya so lawless? Libya has been torn by violence and division since long-time ruler Muammar Gaddafi was deposed and

“ Minister warns LNA forces would pay a 'very heavy price' for any attacks on Turkish interests

killed in 2011. Ankara will retaliate against any assault on Libyan strongman Khalifa Haftar's forces, which he had ordered to attack Turkish ships and interests in the country, Turkey's defense minister said Sunday.

"There will be a very heavy price for hostile attitudes or attacks, we will retaliate in the most effective and strong way," Hulusi Akar told Turkish state news agency Anadolu.

He said Turkey's efforts in Libya sought to "contribute to peace and stability in the region."

"It should be known that we have taken all kinds of measures to deal with any threat or antagonistic action against Turkey," Akar added. Haftar ordered his self-styled Lib-

yan National Army (LNA) to target Turkish ships and companies, ban flights and arrest Turkish nationals in Libya, his spokesman said Friday.

The LNA, which holds eastern Libya and much of the country's south, launched an offensive to take the capital in early April.

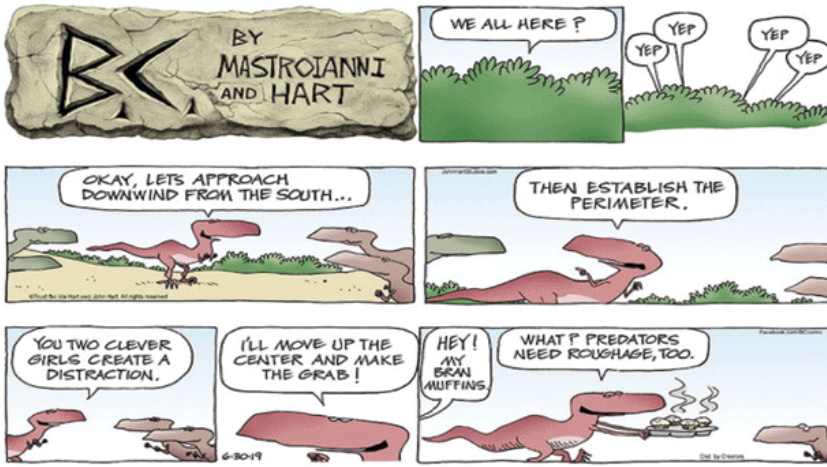
The new threat came after anti-Haftar forces retook the strategic town of Gharyan in a surprise attack which was a blow to the strongman's push for Tripoli.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan confirmed his country backs the internationally recognised Government of National Accord (GNA) and provides weapons to it under a "military cooperation agreement."

ENTERTAINMENT

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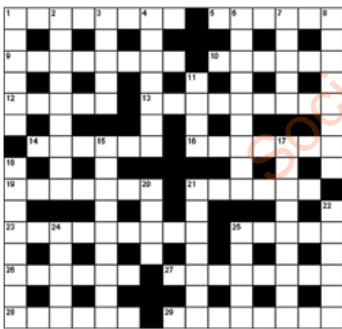


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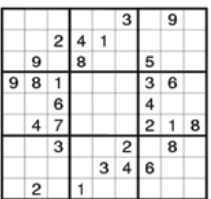
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- Every 2 years (8)
 - Relating to living organisms (6)
 - Flashes from the scalp (8)
 - Earthquake (6)
 - Assuage (5)
 - The ceremonial induction (9)
 - Long raised strips (6)
 - A very large pot (7)
 - Muzzling (7)
 - Expose to the air (6)
 - Pierce (9)
 - Type of chisel (5)
 - Existing at birth (6)
 - Not together (8)
 - Not any person (6)
 - Killer (8)
- DOWN**
- Sometimes used by hospital patients (6)
 - Invalvidating (9)
 - Brush (5)
 - Extrasartial trysts (7)
 - Deviating from the usual (9)
 - An abnormal tissue growth (5)
 - What vulures are doing overhead (8)
 - Ketch (4)
 - Cleamed (9)
 - Enhances photographs (9)
 - Native of Cairo (8)
 - An island in the Marianas (4)
 - Everlasting (7)
 - Dampen (6)
 - Wealthy man (5)
 - A wild dog of South America (5)

Word Search ARCHITECTURE



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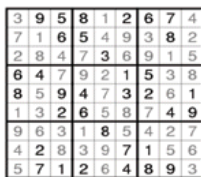
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ARIES
 MAR 21 - APR 19

You may look confused today, Aries. It may be hard for you to stick with one subject. Your attention may jump from one thing to another. That's OK. There's a distinct advantage to seeing all sides of the story. You will have greater perception and awareness of things today. Take this opportunity to put yourself in other people's shoes so you know how to deal with them in the future.



TAURUS
 APR 20 - MAY 20

You may find it difficult to keep things neat and organized today, Taurus. It seems like you're trying to organize a room full of feathers buffeted by gusts of wind. Buy a paperweight. Meanwhile, you might want to give up organizing the feathers and deal with it another time. You may feel too lazy to fight the wind.



GEMINI
 MAY 21 - JUN 20

Your expansive, outwardly directed plans are moving at full force, but once in a while self-doubt slows things down. Gemini. Today is one of those days in which insecurity may hamper your progress. The secret to success is to consider all the options and trust your instincts. Use your keen powers of observation to collect data and arrange facts in an orderly fashion.



CANCER
 JUN 21 - JUL 19

Your emotions are more peaceful and easier to control today, Cancer. It's almost as if you're merging with the energy around you. The one thing to be careful of is indecision. When it comes to taking action on something and you aren't sure which way to go, you'd do better to hold off. Make your big move some other day.



LEO
 JUL 23 - AUG 22

Go with the flow today, Leo. Find the freedom you seek by simply following the path of least resistance. There's no reason for you to be unhappy. Life doesn't have to be difficult or complicated. Just be completely yourself. People will act the way they need to in relation to you. Don't worry about their feelings. They aren't your responsibility.



VIRGO
 AUG 23 - SEP 22

Your heightened sensitivity could get you in trouble today, Virgo. The more you try to pin down a specific answer to something, the more resistance you may encounter. Don't expect a straight answer from anyone or you will be disappointed. People may be flighty or forgetful. Try not to take anything too seriously today.



LIBRA
 SEP 23 - OCT 22

Your expansive nature is reaching out to others, Libra, but you may run into opposition. Keep in mind that not everyone wants your advice. Give it only if someone asks for it. It may be in your nature to want to jump into people's lives and fix things. Resist that temptation. What people may need instead is someone to listen.



SCORPIO
 OCT 23 - NOV 21

Your general mood is at a peak today, although this mood is slightly off due to indecision on your part, Scorpio. Don't let this get you down. If you find it hard to make a choice about something, the solution is simple. Put off making the choice until you feel more comfortable about it. If you must make a decision today, go with your instincts.



SAGITTARIUS
 NOV 23 - DEC 21

You may be a bit confused today, Sagittarius. Nothing seems to fit right. It's as if you're faced with many different roads, unsure of which one to take. All the choices seem reasonable and you may fear you will miss out on something great whichever one you choose. The truth is that you can find a way that incorporates what you've learned from previous paths. Trust yourself.



CAPRICORN
 DEC 22 - JAN 19

You may be tormented by an important decision today, Capricorn. The good news is that once you make up your mind, you will feel much better about yourself. Until then, however, you may vacillate from one side to the other. Asking others for advice may put you in even more of a quandary. The only one who can decide your path is you.



AQUARIUS
 JAN 20 - FEB 18

You may be a little hesitant today, Aquarius, and not really sure why. Just when you thought you had it all figured out, another aspect comes up with a completely different perspective. It may be hard to choose one path and stick with it. Keep in mind that your unique path may incorporate many different side paths. This is one of your many gifts.



PISCES
 FEB 19 - MAR 20

Watch your back today, Pisces. There's a distinct presence nearby that requires your attention. Luckily, your emotions are a lot more stable than usual, and you're more strongly connected with your feelings. In fact, you may be in the clouds. You shouldn't have any problem navigating through this part of the atmosphere. Others may look to you for advice.

Quick Read

Japan to resume commercial whaling despite outcry



TOKYO (GN): Japan is about to resume catching whales for profit, in defiance of international criticism.

Its last commercial hunt was in 1986, but Japan has never really stopped whaling - it has been conducting instead what it says are research missions which catch hundreds of whales annually.

But Japan has now withdrawn from the International Whaling Commission (IWC), which banned hunting, and will send out its first whaling fleet this July.

Isn't whaling banned?

Whales were brought to the brink of extinction by hunting in the 19th and early 20th Century. By the 1960s, more efficient catch methods and giant factory ships made it obvious that whale hunting could not go unchecked.

So in 1986, all IWC members agreed to a hunting moratorium to allow whale numbers to recover.

Conservationists were happy but whaling countries - like Japan, Norway and Iceland - assumed the moratorium would be temporary until everyone could agree on sustainable quotas. Instead it became a quasi-permanent ban.

There is a long history to anti-whaling protests

But there were exceptions in the moratorium, allowing indigenous groups to carry out subsistence whaling, and allowing whaling for scientific purposes.

Tokyo put that latter clause to full use. Since 1987, Japan has killed between 200 and 1,200 whales each year, saying this was to monitor stocks to establish sustainable quotas.

Critics say this was just a cover so Japan could hunt whales for food, as the meat from the whales killed for research usually did end up for sale.



RUSSIA: People in ethnic costumes take part in the traditional Yakut new year festival.-GN

NASA selects new teams to study Moon



GN AGENCIES

The US space agency NASA has selected eight new research teams to collaborate on research about the Moon, near Earth asteroids, and the Martian moons Phobos and Deimos and their near space environments. The Solar System Exploration Research Virtual...

"The discoveries these teams make will be vital to our future exploration throughout the solar system with robots and humans," said Lori Glaze, director of the Planetary Science Division in NASA's Science Mission Directorate.

Eight SSERVI teams were selected via peer review from a pool of 24 competitive proposals, according to the statement. One such team, led by Rosemary Killen at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, will focus on plasma interactions with air... One such team, led by Rosemary Killen

at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, will focus on plasma interactions with airless bodies and determine the effects of the space environment on robotic and human assets at various geographic locations on the moon.

Another team led by Jennifer Heldmann at NASA's Ames Research Center in California's Silicon Valley will focus on determining what volatiles are available on the Moon for in-situ resource utilization. It will assess the quantity and availability of resources on the Moon.

"We are extremely pleased that the community responded with such high-quality proposals, and look forward to the many contributions new SSERVI team members will make in addressing NASA's science and exploration goals," said Greg Schmidt, SSERVI's director at Ames.

Based and managed at Ames, the SSERVI was created in 2014 as an expansion of the NASA Lunar Science Institute.

New Zealand's rocket lab to lead in number of launches

WELLINGTON (Xinhua)

Rocket Lab's manifest is booked with monthly launches for the remainder of 2019

New Zealand's Rocket Lab founder and CEO Peter Beck said after Saturday's launch of the seventh Electron mission that the company is really leading the whole industry globally with its small launch vehicle in Electron.

"At the moment we are launching nearly once a month. If we can increase that to once every two weeks or even once a week, we'll be leading the world

with respect to the number of launches and payloads," Beck said after Rocket Lab deployed the seventh Electron mission satellites to orbit.

The mission, which was Rocket Lab's third launch for 2019, took the total number of satellites deployed by the U.S.-New Zealand company to 35 and continued the company's record of 100 percent mission success for its customers, said a company release.

"It's a privilege to provide

tailored and reliable access to space for small satellites like these, giving each one a smooth ride to orbit and precise deployment, even in a rideshare arrangement," Beck said.

Rocket Lab's next mission is yet to be announced, but is scheduled for lift-off from Launch Complex 1 in the coming weeks. Rocket Lab's manifest is booked with monthly launches for the remainder of 2019, scaling to a launch every two weeks in 2020, according to the release.



Attenborough lauds Glastonbury plastic ban



GN LONDON

Sir David Attenborough has taken to the stage at Glastonbury to thank festival-goers for cutting their plastic use.

The naturalist appeared shortly before Kylie Minogue's set, and previewed some of his new TV series Seven Continents, One Planet, which is due to air on BBC One later this year.

Thousands of people had gathered for his unscheduled appearance.

"That is more than a million bottles of water that have not been drunk by you," he told the audience

to huge cheers.

"Thank you. Thank you." Tens of thousands flocked to the Pyramid Stage to watch the 93-year-old speak.

His speech began with a montage of ocean scenes from the natural history series Blue Planet 2.

"Those extraordinary marvellous sounds you've just been listening to were the sounds of the creatures that live in the sea and the great oceans. You may have heard some of them in a series that went out two years ago called Blue Planet 2," Sir David said.

"There was one sequence in Blue Planet 2 which everyone seems to remember. It was

one in which we showed what plastic has done to the creatures that live in the ocean. They have an extraordinary effect. And now, this great festival has gone plastic-free. That is more than a million bottles of water that have not been drunk by you at Glastonbury. Thank you. Thank you.

"The oceans cover two-thirds of this planet of ours. Land only covers one-third of the globe.

"There are seven great continents on which we human beings live. Each of them has its own marvellous creatures, birds, mammals and animals. Each of them has its own glory. Each of them has its own problems.

Quick Read

Jeon Mi-seon dead in apparent suicide



LOS ANGELES (GN): Well-known South Korean actress Jeon Mi-seon was found dead around midday local time on Saturday in a hotel in Jeonju. She was 48.

Her manager, who raised the alarm after Jeon had gone missing for two days, said that Jeon had been suffering from depression. Local media reported that she was found hanged in the bathroom of her hotel room. Jeonju police confirmed Jeon's death, but said that they had not completed their initial investigations or come to a conclusion about the cause. They confirmed that she checked in for two days, said that there were no signs of forced entry, but added that no suicide note had been found. "The late Jeon Mi-seon had received treatments for her depression. We regret that we bring sad tidings," said Jeon's agency Boss Entertainment in a statement.

Jeon had been the lead in "Love is a Crazy Thing" in 2005, but was best known for her supporting roles in films including "Mother" Memories of Murder", "Hide and Seek" and "Bungee Jumping of Their Own".

One of Jeon's most recent public appearances was Wednesday in Seoul, where she was on stage to promote "The King's Letters". In the film Jeon plays Soheon Hwanghu, Queen to King Sejong, and the ruler who created Korean characters, known as Hangeul. King Sejong is played by Song Kang-ho ("Parasite").

Tessa Thompson inspired by Time's Up movement

GN
LOS ANGELES

Tessa Thompson was inspired by the Time's Up movement to ask for better pay for her role in 'Men in Black: International'. The 'Men in Black: International' star requested pay parity with her co-star Chris Hemsworth for the hit movie after being inspired by the Hollywood movement.

She said: "Time's Up allowed me to say things I'm not sure I would have said a year ago. The truth is, the system where you assess international value is inherently sexist and racist because we haven't had those opportunities. The only way to disrupt that is to create new models."

"When we were having the conversation around how we structure our deals, I said, 'I understand who Chris Hemsworth



is and who I am not relative to him, globally and otherwise.' But in the success of the film, that changes. In success, I want equity. Because then you can't make the same argument."

Meanwhile, the 35-year-old actress previously revealed she and Dame Emma Thompson hope their starring roles in 'Men in Black: International' pave the way for equality and will have an impact on women in films of the future.

She said: "Emma and I ... Wow, I can't believe I said that ... I mean, Dame Thompson and I had an interesting conversation about women in film. This franchise is 'Men in Black' and, of course, we're women. But if we're making a movie set in the future, then I hope women can do anything. That will be the true sign of equality. And hopefully movies like this get us there."

Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner wed

Millie Bobby Brown wished she grew up in the 80s

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Joe Jonas and Sophie Turner have tied the knot in France. The 'Sucker' hitmaker and the 'Game of Thrones' actress married in front of family and friends at an intimate ceremony at Le Chateau de Tourreau on Saturday in Sarriens, France.

Sophie's maid of honour was her co-star and best friend Maisie Williams whilst Joe's brothers Nick and Kevin attended with their wives, Priyanka Chopra

and Danielle Jonas respectively. Wilmer Valderrama and his girlfriend Amanda Pacheco were also joined at the wedding reception by fellow guests Ashley Graham and husband Justin Ervin.

Joe and Sophie legally married in May in Las Vegas. She previously revealed her dad was "beyond pleased" when she married Joe.

She said: "My dad was beyond pleased when I married a musician because it was always kind of, 'You have to marry a rugby player or a musician.' So I got one of them right ... He's getting into the Jonas Brothers. They weren't his demographic, but he's getting into them now and he loves them and the new music is fantastic."

Millie Bobby Brown wishes she was born in the 80s because people had "so much freedom" in that decade.

The 15-year-old actress - who plays Eleven in the Netflix science fiction horror series 'Stranger Things', which is set in a small Indiana town in 1983 - confessed she's "very jealous" of anyone born in the 80s as she feels it was safer then than it is now for young people to leave their homes. In an interview with HELLO! magazine, she said: "I'm always very jealous of everyone that was born in the 80s. They had so much freedom."

"They could ride their bikes around the neighborhood. Nowadays I can't even go out of the

house too far, but even before 'Stranger Things' I couldn't do that because it's dangerous."

The 'Godzilla: King of the Monsters' star also loves the fashion and music of the era.



Bebe Rexha wouldn't rule out Black Cards reunion

GN
LOS ANGELES

Bebe Rexha thinks it would be "very cool" to reunite Black Cards with Pete Wentz.

Before becoming a pop superstar, the 'Mean'to Be' hitmaker was a little-known singer in the electro-pop

group - who formed as a four-piece in 2010 - with the Fall Out Boy bassist.

The short-lived outfit split up two years later, with Bebe embarking on a solo career and Pete ended up reuniting with emo pop rockers FoB for 2013's 'Save Rock and Roll' LP.

However, in an exclusive interview with BANG Showbiz, Bebe said she

hasn't ruled out doing something in the future with Black Cards.

She said: "That's a very cool idea. Interesting - [that's an] amazing idea."

The 29-year-old star got her first big break when Eminem and Rihanna record a version of her song 'The Monster' in 2013.

She then released 'I'm Gonna Show You Crazy' a year later, which was a huge hit across Europe.

The 'I Got You' hitmaker has since collaborated with the likes of One Direction star Louis Tomlinson and Digital Farm Animals on last year's 'Back to You', 'Push Back' with Ne-Yo and Nicki Minaj and most recently 'Call You Mine' with The Chainsmokers.

Away from music, Bebe has also delved into acting and is set to voice Tuesday in animated fantasy 'Ugly Dolls' alongside the likes of Lizzo, Charli XCX, Janelle Monae, Kelly Clarkson and Blake Shelton, which she said was a "fun experience".

However, Bebe said she will only take on acting roles if it's "mean't to be".

Bebe employed an acting coach after being approached to play "a Russian girl from New York" in 'Hustlers' about a group of savvy former strip club employees, but she ultimately lost out on the opportunity to star with Jennifer Lopez, Constance Wu, Cardi B, Lili Reinhart and Julia Stiles in the film.

Asked if she plans to do any more films, Bebe said: "Not really. It's fun if it happens naturally."

Selena calls migrant detention camps 'absolutely inhumane'

GN
LOS ANGELES

Selena Gomez is weighing in on the controversial migrant detention camps being operated at the United States' southern border, calling the conditions and the treatment of children "absolutely inhumane".

"Kids in cages! Sleeping

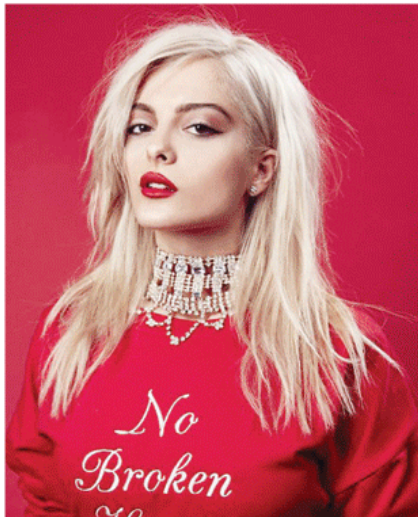
even imagine what they are going through."

Earlier this week, it was reported that children at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection facility in Texas have no soap, toothpaste or diapers and are being forced to sleep on the floor in overcrowded detention centers.

"zero tolerance" immigration policy, which includes family separation.

"It's extremely disheartening," she told The Hollywood Reporter last year. "There's a lot of confusion and anger. It's definitely been affecting so many people who are close to me."

Last year she also tweeted in



on concrete floors with aluminum blankets! No access to simple dignities! How is this still happening???" the singer wrote on Instagram on Saturday. "It's absolutely inhumane to treat anyone like this let alone children. I can't

"We need to get this to finally stop! Don't stay silent on this human rights issue- please call your reps 202.224.3121 #CloseTheCamps #FamiliesBelongTogether." Selena added.

Selena has spoken out in the past about President Trump's

support of the Keep Families Together Marches that took place on June 30, 2018.

"Families seeking safety in our country need protection, understanding and opportunity, not detention. This is a moral choice, not a political one," she wrote.

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