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Govt considering shutting down utility stores across country: Production Ministry

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry for Industries and Production (MoIP) secretary on Friday said that the government was considering shutting down all utility stores in the country.

The decision is part of the rightsizing of federal government ministries, as well as institutions working under them, and was assigned for implementation to the Ministry of Industries and Production during a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on August 16.

The Utility Stores Corporation (USC) is also on the new list of federal government entities which are to be privatised in a phased manner, with the USC set for privatisation in the first phase. The USC is a state-owned enterprise that operates chain stores throughout the country, providing basic commodities to the general public at prices which are lower than the open market since the government subsidizes them.

During a meeting of the Senate Standing

Committee on Industries and Production today, Senator Saifullah Niazi questioned whether the government would close utility stores in the country.

MoIP Secretary Saif Anjum replied that the government was considering shutting down the country's utility stores, adding that work was in progress to transfer the employees of the utility stores to other institutions.

"Government wants to get out of non-essential businesses," he said, adding that providing relief to utility stores eliminated the atmosphere for competition.

The secretary said the matter was under discussion with the federal cabinet and the government was yet to decide whether to completely shut down the corporation or to transfer the responsibility to provinces.

The Ministry of Industries and Production has been given two weeks as per the directive of the prime minister to work out alternate arrangements following the USC's closure. The USC was established in July 1971, by taking over 20 retail outlets from the Staff Welfare Organisation.



Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting on matters related to Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority in Islamabad

Pakistan ready to help Bangladesh "in every way:" PM

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday offered Pakistan's all-out support to Bangladesh after the relentless monsoon rains and subsequent flooding killed 15 people and affected millions in the South Asian country.

At least 15 people have been killed in the neighbouring country while 4.5 million affected by floods following heavy rains, the disaster management and relief ministry said Friday.

The prime minister offered the support in a letter written to Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Dr Muhammad Yunus.

Expressing deep grief and sorrow over the recent disastrous flood situation, PM Shehbaz said the sympathies of the entire Pakistani nation were with the government and people of Bangladesh. "We stand with the people of Bangladesh who lost their loved ones, homes and jobs due to flood," he said.

Acknowledging the bravery and courage of the

Bangladeshis in the face of adversity, the premier expressed hope that the country will come out of this challenge soon under Yunus' leadership.

The prime minister said that Pakistan was ready to help Bangladesh "in every way in this difficult time".

The South Asian nation of 170 million people, crisscrossed by hundreds of rivers, has seen frequent floods in recent decades and is among the countries most vulnerable to disasters and climate change, according to the Global Climate Risk Index.

A bulletin from the disaster ministry on Friday said: "4.5 million people have been affected, and 15 people have died across the country."

Nearly 190,000 others were taken to emergency relief shelters, according to the bulletin.

Altogether, 11 of the country's 64 districts were affected by the flooding, the bulletin added.

Feni, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) north-west of the main port city of Chittagong, was worst-hit.

Fazl vows to counter conspiracies against Khatm-e-Nabuwat

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: JUI-F chief Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman has said that today nation was marking Youm-e-Tashakar after historic judgment by Supreme Court of Pakistan in Muabarak Sani review petition case.

JUI-F chief Maulana Fazl addressed the gathering at Jamia Masjid Minister enclave to mark the recent Supreme Court decision. Federal ministers, members of Parliament, civil and military officers offered Nawaf in gratitude.

Addressing the participants, JI chief said that Qadianis were getting favour from the previous decision of the apex court. He said the Supreme Court of Pakistan's earlier judgment was against Islamic law therefore apex court omitted contentious paragraphs.

Maulana Fazl said today all the Muslims across the country celebrated the day of thanksgiving and offered Nawaf. He con-

gratulated the Muslims across the country on the request of Jamiat Ulema Islam. JUI-F said they will continue to counter conspiracies against Khatm-e-Nabuwat.

JUI-F chief has urged the entire nation to ensure their participation in conference in Lahore on September 7.

JUI-F Maulana Fazl-ur-Rehman has lauded Supreme Court of Pakistan Chief Justice Qazi Faiz Isa for accepting the suggestions of ulema regarding Mubarak Saani bail case and ordered omission of all objected paragraphs in the revision judgment.

JUI-F chief said that no one on earth can conspire against the belief of Khatm-e-Nabuwat. He said the rights of those who do not recognize the constitution are lost. The Supreme Court has struck down all objectionable clauses.

Maulana Fazl also thanked the Parliament as the government and the opposition were united on this issue.

PM orders steering committee for SMEs authority

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has directed the authorities concerned to constitute a steering committee regarding Small and Medium Enterprises Authority.

He was chairing a meeting regarding the Small and Medium Enterprises in Islamabad today.

The Prime Minister also directed to constitute Board of the Authority, emphasizing that boards of all such institutions, which are significant for the country's economy, should be formed immediately.

Expressing indignation over the non-functional board of SMEDA, he said small and medium businesses are backbone of the country's economy.

The Prime Minister said he himself will preside over SMEDA's steering committee and people associated with private sector should also be included in the steering committee. He instructed to immediately appoint SMEDA's Chief Executive Officer.

Shehbaz Sharif also directed to promote sub-contracting in industries and underlined the need for taking steps to make these industries part of global supply chain. The meeting was informed that a development fund of thirty billion rupees has been set up for SMEDA for six years.

Balochistan torrential rains claim 22 lives including children

INP

QUETTA: The recent torrential rains in Balochistan have claimed 22 lives, including 11 children, and injured 13 others, Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) on Friday.

According to a report by the PDMA, the rains have affected 5,448 individuals and damaged 158 homes, with 622 partially damaged.

Additionally, 102 acres of crops and 35 kilometers of roads have been affected by the flash floods.

The PDMA report also stated that seven bridges have been damaged, and 131 livestock have perished due to the heavy rains.

It is pertinent to mention here that Chief meteorologist Sardar Sarfraz at the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) predicted season's strong monsoon spell from August 26-30, which was expected to impact Balochistan, entire Sindh and

southern Punjab where citizens were advised to take necessary precautions to ensure their safety.

Sardar Sarfraz, said, "Another monsoon spell is expected to hit Sindh from August 26, bringing with it a renewed wave of rainfall."

As the monsoon season was still ongoing, Sarfraz cautioned, "The intensity of the rainfall is likely to remain between mild and harsh, potentially causing disruptions in daily life."

Sarfraz's warning came as a reminder to citizens to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions to ensure their safety.

"The expected monsoon spell is likely to bring heavy rainfall, thunderstorms, and strong winds, which may lead to flash flooding, landslides, and power outages. By staying informed and taking proactive measures, citizens can minimize the risks associated with this weather event," he mentioned.

No tolerance against lawlessness in Balochistan: Minister

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal vowed on Friday zero tolerance against the lawlessness in Balochistan.

Expressing his thoughts, Kamal said, "The industries are not being set up in Gwadar due to the lack of facilities of power and gas. There is a dire need to formulate a plan in line with the investment in Gwadar."

"There is evidence of the for-

eign conspiracy behind the poor situation in Balochistan.

Kamal made it clear that his government

was serious about the poor situation in the province.

Iqbal stressed the need for increasing the literacy, saying, "We will have to boost the literacy by up to 90 percent in a bid to steer the country towards prosperity."

Iqbal announced the release of the district education index report today.

Interior Minister orders all dacoit gangs must be dealt with iron hands

ONLINE

RAHIM YAR KHAN: Interior Minister Syed Mohsin Naqvi chaired a high-level meeting at Rahim Yar Khan airport and got a detailed briefing from Punjab Rangers, IG Punjab and Sindh police regarding dacoits attack on police van in the Kacha region last night.

Inspector General Police Punjab, DG Rangers Punjab, CTD Punjab and Sindh Police high officials briefed Interior Minister about the incident and operation against dacoits in the area.

During the meeting, Interior Minister stressed the need for security measures for the operational force in the Kacha area. He directed that the force who was involved in

operation against the dacoits should be equipped with modern weapons and safety equipment.

Interior Minister order effective and coordinated operation against the dacoits. Mohsin Naqvi made it clear that all criminals and terrorists should be dealt with iron hands.

Mohsin Naqvi said the government will take all measures to take revenge on the attackers. He said the government will not sit down until security forces avenge the blood of their jawans.

Naqvi said a very sad incident took place as 12 of our brave jawans lost their lives. He directed that all necessary measures should be adopted to prevent such incidents in future.



QUETTA: Group Photo Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhel and JUI Former Leader Amir Siraj ul Haq.

Aurangzeb silences naysayers with optimism over IMF deal approval next month

"Our friendly countries will take the IMF into confidence through their executive directors:" finance minister

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb on Friday dismissed concerns about the International Monetary Fund (IMF) declining the staff-level agreement, exuding confidence that "the lender will approve it next month".

Pakistan and the IMF reached an agreement on the 37-month loan programme in July. The IMF said the programme was subject to approval from its executive board and obtaining "timely confirmation of necessary financing assurances from Pakistan's development and bilateral partners".

"Just like in the past, there is unnecessary noise about the staff-level agreement not being approved, but we are hopeful that the IMF board will give its approval in September," Aurangzeb stated in an exclusive interview with Geo News.

Replying to a question, the top financial manager said that discussions with commercial banks regarding the provision of funds had been productive, and the improved ratings from international agencies had led to a favourable response from commercial banks.

"Last week, the talks with the Saudi Finance Minister were also positive, while the responses from China, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates have also been encouraging," Aurangzeb said, adding,

"Our friendly countries will take the IMF into confidence through their executive directors."

According to the finance czar, Pakistan requires external financing of \$3 billion over the 37-month IMF programme, with \$2 billion needed this year alone.

"There was noise then, too, that the IMF would not sanction it, and similar clamour was being raised about the SBA (Stand-By Arrangement)" he said.

"Like in the past, this time as well, the IMF board will greenlight the programme, hopefully in September. We are in discussions with the international lender every other day."

To another query, the finance minister said the government was determined to collect taxes from traders.

"We are determined to collect taxes from traders and provide facilities in return. We have taken all stakeholders into confidence on this matter and will continue to do so,"

Aurangzeb emphasised.

On Wednesday, Aurangzeb also told Reuters that Pakistan was making good progress with the IMF and hopes to get board approval in September for a new \$7 billion loan programme.

"We are making good progress with IMF for Board approval in September," said Aurangzeb in a text message to Reuters.

Pakistan is in talks with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and China to meet gross financing needs under the IMF programme, Aurangzeb said in July following a trip to China to seek energy sector debt reprofiling.

Rollovers or disbursements on loans from Pakistan's long-time allies,

in addition to financing from the IMF, have helped Pakistan meet its external financing needs in the past.

During an analyst briefing following the central bank's decision in July to cut rates by 100 bps, the central bank chief said he expected rollovers of \$16.3 billion in the fiscal year to June 2025 - more than half of Pakistan's \$26.2 billion external financing requirement.

Ji, JUI-F celebrate Thanksgiving Day after success in Mubarak Sani case

INP

LAHORE: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman announced to celebrate Friday as a day of thanksgiving.

In a statement issued on Friday, the JI emir welcomed the Supreme Court verdict in Mubarak Sani case, adding that confusion which persisted after review petition was filed in the apex court was finally over. He congratulated the nation by saying that the apex court had removed the objectionable paragraphs from its earlier judgment.

He further said that the Khatm-e-Nabuwat was an essential part of faith, adding that any tampering with the clauses of the constitution would not be tolerated at any cost.

He also recalled a judgment by a military court when the JI founder Syed Maududi was handed death sentence when he wrote a booklet on the matter of Ahmadi, stressing that the JI was a guardian of the tenet of the Khatm-e-Nabuwat. Earlier, Jamaat-Ulema-e-Islam chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman had also declared Friday as a day of thanksgiving while speaking with reporters outside the Supreme Court.

Islamabad rally postponed to avoid unrest: Imran Khan

NEWS DESK

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Founder and former Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday disclosed that while in jail, he was informed that holding a rally in Islamabad could lead to national unrest, prompting the decision to cancel the event.

During an informal discussion with journalists at Adiala Jail, Imran Khan explained that the rally in Islamabad was called off due to concerns over the Khatm-e-Nabuwat matter.

He mentioned that he was warned that the topic was highly sensitive, with religious parties already protesting in Islamabad.

Fearing potential chaos, the rally was postponed. He further added that had the rally taken place, there was a significant risk of a repeat of the May 9 incident.

The judicial inquiry into the previous May 9 event still remains pending.

Imran Khan cautioned that if permission for the rally is granted but authorities attempt to stop it, the government will be held accountable. He pointed out that the credibility of the courts is at stake, as the judiciary needs to decide whether they will allow the rally or if the administration will cancel the permit. He emphasized to his party not to tolerate any further disruptions regarding the September 8 rally.

He reiterated that this is the last time he is postponing the Islamabad rally. Khan urged party leaders to meet before September 8 to finalize plans for protests if the Supreme Court's decision isn't enforced. He instructed the leadership that this time, if anyone tries to obstruct them, they must not back down.

In response to a journalist's query about the trial of General (Retd) Faiz Hameed, Khan defended his demand for an open trial. He dismissed accusations that he had conspired with Faiz Hameed regarding the events of May 9, stating that he had built the party from the ground up and had been fighting constitutionally for 28 years. He called for an open trial if Faiz was indeed involved in May 9, emphasizing that this issue is neither a military nor an international secret.

Khan also remarked that if the Hamoodur Rahman report had been implemented, Pakistan would be in a better democratic state today.

He argued that just like the benefits of enforcing that report, holding an open trial in this case would be equally valuable. Had the report been enforced, the country would have avoided three martial laws, and there wouldn't be an undeclared martial law today.

Govt will take steps to maintain law & order in country: Musadik

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Petroleum Musadik Malik says government would

take all necessary measures to maintain law and order in the country.

Talking to a private news channel, he emphasized need for political parties should work together in a spirit of cooperation and mutual respect rather than resorting to divisive and inflammatory language.

Illegal Fishing Trawlers Cannot be Curbed with Limited Resources: Barkat Ali Rind

APP

QUETTA: The Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries Barkat Ali Rind informed the Balochistan Assembly Standing Committee that the government is facing significant difficulty in curbing illegal fishing trawlers in the Gwadar's marine area. The number of illegal fishing trawlers is large while the number of manpower and resources with the government are limited.

The Parliamentary Secretary said that the department has failed in curbing illegal fishing in the coastal waters of Balochistan due to inadequate resources such as insufficient fuel and shortage of patrol vessels and lack of human resource.

He said that despite various challenges, the employees of the department have seized 11 illegal trawlers involved in illegal fishing at the marine boundaries of the province so far since January 2023.

The Balochistan Assembly Standing Committee on Fisheries reaffirmed its commitment to address the challenges being faced by the local fishermen and ensure sustainable management in the

fisheries sector.

The meeting of the Standing Committee on Fisheries was held under the chair of Maulana Hidayat Ur Rehman while members of the committee including Abdul Majeed Badini, Zabid Ali Reki, Safia and Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries Barkat Ali Rind were participated.

The Meeting was informed that the maritime area of Balochistan is spread over 17,180 square kilometers.

In the meeting, the committee was briefed about the fisheries department and discussed the important issues faced by the department. Chairman Committee Maulana Hidayat Ur Rehman stressed the need for significant increase in POL for effective patrolling, highlighting the potential of billions of revenue through adequate funding for the department. The chairman committee said that the sector has huge potential to generate revenue by allocating a good budget to the department. The Chairman urged the government to allocate budget for the repairing of the department's boats to prevent illegal trawling as various species fish have become extinct due to illegal trawling.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jafar Khan Mandokhel in a meeting with Senior Provincial Minister Mir Asim Kurd Galo and others are also Present.

Senate committee constitutes sub-committee to analyze country's EV Policy

By Zahid Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: Senator Aon Abbas chaired the meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Industries and Production held on Friday at Parliament House.

The Senate Committee deliberated on the inclusion of cold storage in the industrial sector and the provision of affordable electricity rates. The matter was referred by the Chairman Senate. Officials informed that the ECC approved the matter and forwarded it to the Cabinet for their approval to declare 'Cold Storage' an industrial sector.

Furthermore, the committee was briefed on Pakistan's Auto Policy.

Officials informed that 13 automobile companies are currently operating in the country. Initially, there were 3 companies, but as a result of the 2016-21 Auto Policy, 8 new players entered the market. These companies have installed production capacity of 500,000 units annually in more than 40 models with over 100 variants. They contribute 4% to GDP, pay Rs. 300 billion in taxes, and generate over 2 million jobs in the country. Under the 2021-26 Auto Policy, the Ministry has introduced WP-29 safety regulations for auto manufacturers. These safety standards have been adopted by all manufacturers except Suzuki for 6 variants. Suzuki has decided to discontinue 3 variants and redesign the

remaining three to comply with WP-29 safety regulations. Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee stated that no car manufacturer should be allowed to produce cars that do not follow WP-29 regulations, questioning who would be responsible for the lives lost in such vehicles. Officials from the Ministry of Industries and Production explained that the government has set an export target of 7% for auto manufacturers for the year 2024-25. However, companies have obtained a court stay order claiming they will not be able to meet the target. Senator Saleem Mandviwalla opined that cars majorly produced in Pakistan are not up to international standards and that it is impossible.

Deadly Clash left Three precious Lives

By A.S Bhutto

SHIKARPUR: The Blood Shedding in district Shikarpur could not be stopped which caused three persons including two real brothers were killed in an armed battle took place between two rival groups of Luhar Community in the jurisdiction of Lakhi-Gate police station here on Friday.

According to initial reports reached here that after some interval the deadly clash took place between two rival groups of Luhar Community at Begari Waah (Begari Irrigation Canal) in the limit of Lakhi-Gate police station here.

As a result of exchange of firings with automatic weapons, Two real brothers identified as Police Constable Veeram Khan aka Nadir of 46 and his brother Abdul Qadir Luhar of were killed on the spot. While their relative Taj Muhammad Luhar of 44 received serious injured.

The injured was referred to Sukkur hospital after giving him medical first aid from RBUT Civil Hospital Shikarpur due to his precarious condition.

Similarly, It was said that one other person belonging to another group named Shakeel Ahmed Luhar was also killed in the firing.

The cause behind the incident was said to be an ongoing old enmity between two rival groups of Luhar Community developed over the ownership of Agricultural land, area police added.

Dharejo, Turkish Minister discuss issues of mutual interest

APP

KARACHI: Sindh Minister of Industries and Commerce, Jam Ikramullah Dharejo and Turkiye's Minister of National Defense Yasar Guler discussed issues of mutual interest during a short meeting.

The provincial minister welcomed and hosted the Turkish minister upon his arrival and stop over at Jinnah International Airport Karachi. The Consul General of Turkiye in Karachi Cemal Sangu and other Turk diplomats were also present at the occasion, said a statement issued here. Jam Ikramullah Dharejo presented the traditional gifts of Sindh cap and Ajrak to the distinguished guests while both the ministers also discussed issues of mutual interest.

Maryam Nawaz meets German minister

INP

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister on Friday met the German minister for economic coordination and development.

The duo discussed cooperation in economic and trade spheres and vowed to deepen bilateral and trade relationship between Pakistan and Germany.

Punjab CM thanked the visiting minister for doling out 91.1 million euros to help people affected from floods.

Partnerships in clean energy and climate friendly projects was also agreed upon. CM Maryam said that economic relations between Pakistan and Germany were improving. She also appreciated Germany's help in extending GSP+ status to Pakistan.



Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) Coordinator, Maheen Paracha addresses during seminar on Freedom of Peaceful Assembly in Balochistan organized by HRCP held at Quetta press club.

AC Hub hands over important medicines to MS of JGQH

APP

Quetta: Assistant Commissioner (AC) Hub Muhammad Ali Durrani handed over necessary medicines including injections to Medical Superintendent (MS) of Jam Ghulam Qadir Hospital (JGQH) on Friday. These medicines including ringolact drips 1000 ml and 500 ml slime infusion and injection 18 cottons of 500 ml were provided for JGQH by Otsuka Company. The Assistant Commissioner Hub also inspected different wards of the Hospital. The MS also briefed the AC about the provision of the health

facilities to the patients in the hospital and other issues of it. He said that these medicines would be helped in first medical aid in casualty sector of the hospital to the patients on time. The MS also thanked the AC and the Otsuka Company for provision of the medicines to the hospital. He further informed that the work of restoring the solar system of the hospital has also been started. The AC said that measures were being taken to provide health facilities to people in the areas saying that it was duty of doctors to give better treatment facilities to patients during treatment in the hospital.



Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Provincial General Secretary, Jahangir Rind addresses to media persons during press conference regarding joining of Malik Wali Khan Nasir and others in PTI, at Quetta press club.



CISM Pakistan Armed Forces tri services team won 5 medals in event



SPORTS DESK

Rawalpindi: The 4th CISM (International Military Sports Council) World Military Cadet Games are being conducted in Caracas, Venezuela from 16-

22 August 2024. Pakistan Armed Forces contingent is participating in Track, Field and shooting events only.

CISM Pakistan Armed Forces tri services team has won five medals in the event; Gold Medal in 400m race and Silver Medal in 200m race by Chief Warrant Officer Mueed Bloch, Pakistan Air Force and Bronze Medal in 5000m race and Silver Medal in 10000m race by Sep Muhammad Akhtar, Pakistan Army.

In 25 Meter pistol shooting rapid team events category, Nk Qasim Bilal, Sepoy Ismail Khan and Sepoy Muhammad Rashid of Pakistan Army won Silver Medal.



PAKISTAN batter Mohammad Rizwan plays a shot during the first Test against Bangladesh at the Pindi Cricket Stadium

Saud, Rizwan smash tons as Pakistan dominate against Bangladesh

SPORTS DESK

ISLAMABAD: On a surface created to assist fast bowlers, it was the Pakistan batters who dominated.

Having recovered from early wobbles to set a foundation on the opening day of the first Test against Bangladesh here at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Saud Shakeel and Mohammad Rizwan smashed big centuries to boost the hosts to 448-6, before captain Shan Masood decided to declare the innings, on Thursday.

On the close of the second day's play, Bangladesh had put 27 on the board without losing a wicket. The visitors, however, have a huge task at hand to ensure they turn the match in their control.

Pakistan had started the day at 158-4, with Saud and Rizwan on 57 and 24 respectively.

The left-handed Saud — who became highest run-scorer for the country in 20 innings on the first day — went on to amass 141 off 261 balls (nine fours). Rizwan, meanwhile, cruised to 171 off 239 (11 fours and three sixes), before ending up unbeaten.

Saud and Rizwan's partnership accounted for 250 runs, one of Pakistan's highest-ever stands for the fifth wicket.

"In partnerships, the idea is to build a big one, and similarly, in bowling, partnerships matter," Saud said in the post-day press conference. "When playing, if one partner is in form, you might sometimes

slow down if the other side is aggressive.

"We read the game and adapt. For instance, if Rizwan's shots were working, I might choose to play more defensively. This is how conversations and game reading work."

Rizwan was dropped by wicket-keeper Litton Das off Mehidy Hasan Miraz's bowling while playing at 89 in the second session. He went on to smash a towering six and a four off Shakib Al Hasan to bring up his third Test century in just 143 balls.

The right-hander crossed the 150-run mark after launching Shoriful Islam's pace into the stands with authority.

Saud was on the slightly slower side, taking 195 balls to complete his third Test ton in just 11 matches, but showed immense control over spin bowling especially, hardly giving any chances to Bangladesh, before becoming Mehidy's victim.

The leg-spinner beat Saud masterfully to have him stumped, but the wicket did not give the visitors much more than just a short-lived boost

of energy before Rizwan and the incoming Shaheen took Pakistan to a total they could feel comfortable with.

"The ball was moving early on (Wednesday) but if you look at Bangladesh's bowling they bowled short of length and had they pitched it up they would have got more success," said Saud. "Let our bowlers bowl tomorrow then we can have a final say on the pitch."

PCB fails to secure reserve price for TV rights of jam-packed home season

SPORTS DESK

LAHORE: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) sold out its broadcasting rights in Pakistan region from Aug 2024 to Dec 2026 for just Rs1.72 billion, which is Rs1.48 billion less than its reserve price of Rs 3.2 billion.

Last week, the PCB had announced the awarding of the broadcast rights to the consortium of ARY and Tower Sports "for all home international cricket" for the said period. The PCB said that the rights were awarded "following a transparent tender process" for the 28-month season, which will see Pakistan host 11 Tests, including seven Tests in the 2024-25 season, 26 ODIs and 24 T20Is. The ODIs include two three-nation ODI series in the current and next season. However, Dawn has learnt through sources that the amount the PCB received is Rs1.48 billion less than the reserve price. It is also learnt that Pakistan Television (PTV) had offered Rs1.6bn for the rights, but surprisingly failed to increase the bid amount to compete with the offer of the eventually successful consortium of Rs 1.72bn which ultimately.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The procurement of works listed below for which Notice Inviting Tender on sealed percentage rates based on CSR 2023 Govt. of Balochistan are invited from interested Contractors / Firms with detail terms & conditions given below. The tender fee will be deposited through green challan in National Bank of Pakistan Ziarat Branch under the head of account C-02716 (Building CWPP&H Receipt) at the rate shown against work as mentioned below:- **EARNEST MONEY 4% of Bid cost in shape of call deposit** Tender Fee Rs. 5000/-, **RELEVANT CATEGORY C-3 & Above and Date of completion 30th June 2026**

S.#	NAME OF WORK	E/COST
1.	CONSTRUCTION OF JUDICIAL COMPLEX AT SANJAVI, DISTRICT ZIARAT	285.412 M

Procurement shall be made under BPPRA Rules 2014 **Eligibility of bidders**:- Registrations with relevant taxation department i.e (NTN), Income Tax / Sales Tax Department, Balochistan Revenue Authority (BRA) updated, Registration with Pakistan Engineering Council 2024-2025 (PEC) C-3 and above (Upto 500million) In Relevant Category And Specialized Code is CE10 , EE04 (Low Voltage Installation), EE11(ii) (Solar Energy), EE11(vi) (General Electrical Works Only). As per BPPRA Rule 25 (3 Amended), only one Bid can be submitted against one NTN. Rate analysis of offered rates. CDR in case of rate offered below 10% of the total cost. **Method of procurement**: Single stage, **Two envelope procedure**, **Bid Security**: The bid must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit of amount specified above in the name of undersigned from a schedule bank from Contractor title account. **If any Fake Call Deposit provided by the firm, the firm will be recommended for blacklisting. Bidding / Tender Documents**: Issuance: Bidding documents will be issued on submission of request by the contractor on his original letter head from the date of publication of advertisement in Newspapers on presentation of requisite documents as required in basic eligibility criteria i.e. Tender Fee (Nonrefundable in shape of green challan under head C-02716, Bid Security / Earnest Money (in the shape of call deposit from the account of firm, the call deposit amount must be deposited by contractor's Firm / Title account), valid Pakistan Engineering Council Certificate, Income Tax Certificate (NTN), registration from BRA etc. (In original). **The tender form will not be issued to any attorney holders of the contractors in any case. However, the partners and representatives of firm by producing their legal documents i.e partnership deed or firm certificates that he is the office bearer and is on the pay role of firm (duly attested by 1st Class Magistrate / Judicial Magistrate) can participate. The power of attorney will be acceptable for specific work only. Submission**:- Last date of submission of bids (Technical / Financial) will be **10 September, 02:41:11:00 AM Opening**:- The Tender (Technical Bids) will be opened on **10 September, 2024 till 12:00 PM** before procurement committee in the presence of Contractors or their authorized representatives in the office of the Executive Engineer, Building CWPP&H Division Ziarat and for (Financial Bids) opening date will be announce Later. The bid security (CDR) of technically non-responsive bidders shall be returned within 30 days of declaration of their bid as non-responsive. Bid validity Period: Ninety Days (90 days) In case downloading of bidding documents from BPPRA website, the bidder / firm must to provide required document separately to this office before submission of bids. Place of issuance, submission, inquires and opening will be addressed:- Executive Engineer, Building CWPP&H District Ziarat. An affidavit shall be provided on non-Judicial Stamp Paper of Rs. 100/- that the applicant has never been black listed. The applicant shall also provide an undertaking to the effect that all documents / particulars / information given with this bidding document are true / correct. **All documents / proof provided by the Contractors / Firms will be verified from concerned authorities / department. Those contractors who could not complete the previous work without assigning any reason they could not participated.**

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S.No	Class of Object	Bid Security
1	Furniture & Fixtures (Total Item(s) Count: 14)	2%

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Who to believe?

PAKISTANI netizens, always quick to find humour in the darkest places, have dubbed it 'the return of the shararti (mischievous) sharks'. Contradicting the state minister for IT, who had on Sunday claimed that slow internet speeds were due to Pakistanis' newfound love for VPNs, the PTA chairman on Wednesday told the National Assembly Standing Committee on IT and Telecommunication that the slowdown was, in fact, attributable to a problem with one of the submarine cables connecting Pakistan to the rest of the world.

A major fault in Pakistan's submarine cables was once, many years ago, attributed to shark activity, much to the amusement of ordinary citizens. It has since turned into a running gag about Pakistan's frequent struggles with unexplained internet failures. That it has resurfaced is a sign of how seriously the Pakistani people are taking the government's flip-flopping on ongoing internet connectivity issues.

It seems worth asking at this point whether the government realises how much damage it is causing to its credibility by repeatedly denying the problems being faced by citizens and then contradicting itself when explaining what may be causing them. Facing the NA committee, the PTA chairman deflected questions regarding the 'fire-wall' reportedly being rolled out by the state. Later, while speaking to a reporter, he acknowledged that the PTA has been upgrading its 'web management system' but did not elaborate on how this system works.

A report published in these pages suggests that this system may be being upgraded to have the capability to throttle and limit content on an application basis, as well as allow URL filtering, IP blocking, including complete blocking of websites, and VPN whitelisting. However, experts warn that any problems with the system could impact a very large number of users because of the way Pakistan's internet is structured. This seems to have been confirmed by experience in recent days. Pakistan cannot progress in the modern world if the keys to its nascent IT industry are to remain in the hands of a regulatory authority that cannot even prevaricate with consistency. The secrecy surrounding the ongoing tinkering with the internet is giving rise to all kinds of speculation and uncertainty, which, as multiple stakeholders have warned, has been affecting business confidence too. Meanwhile, even established experts seem to be in the dark about what the authorities seek to achieve and at what cost. This is a deeply problematic situation that may have far-reaching consequences for Pakistan.

Civilian leaders must continue to demand answers from the PTA and seek clarity on what it is trying to achieve. They must also enforce a system of accountability for those responsible for this new 'web management' technology, especially for the economic losses it has been causing due to frequent disruptions to the internet.

By Hadia Majid

Women in leadership

ONLY 5.7 per cent of managerial positions are occupied by women in Pakistan. A common argument for explaining this low statistic is that there are just not enough qualified women. True, women on average see lower educational achievement than men. Similarly, women also enter and remain in the labour market at much lower rates. But, labour force participation rates for women with tertiary levels of education are about 32pc. Why then do such low numbers make it to managerial (and higher) positions? Is this really a supply-side problem or are there other factors at play?

Conducting in-depth interviews with women in Lahore shows women opting out of high-pressure jobs and roles. Here, most of the higher-income, highly educated women interviewed cited care burdens, mother's guilt and a desire to spend more time with family as some of the primary reasons why they have cut back on working hours or passed up on promotions. This 'motherhood penalty' has been well-documented within the literature. The high-time poverty faced by such women also means that when given the choice, they would be unwilling to enter and stay in the labour market unless they are well-compensated. Unfortunately, gender wage gaps are pervasive across all labour market sectors. Using 30 years of the Pakistan Labour Force surveys, we found evidence of wage differences between men and women with similar levels of education who occupy similar positions on the occupation ladder. Can differences in experience help explain these wage gaps? Women on average take more breaks in their career and avail less training opportunities, negatively affecting their on-the-job experience. Besides, higher care work burdens and frequent career breaks translate into less time spent both at work and work-related events. This, in turn, affects the types of social contacts and networks women are able to build. Indeed, women have lower, less diverse networks. This negatively impacts the extent and type of mentoring that they receive

as well as the information flows that they can tap into for career advancement. That these differences would then be penalised in the form of lower lifetime earnings relative to men is unsurprising.

Yet, women may also be purposely locked out of opportunities and networks. This gatekeeping is partly driven by the gender-segregated nature of our society and the separation in social activities and circles that this inevitably leads to. But, also by the high incidence of discrimination against women documented for the Pakistani labour market.

Gender wage gaps are pervasive across all labour market sectors.

Careful disaggregation performed on labour market outcomes shows that gender gaps cannot entirely be explained by such characteristics as age, education, experience, etc and that there are unobservables such as biases and sociocultural norms at play. Obvious examples of discrimination include harassment, institutionalised lower wages for women, or prejudice against hiring or promoting women because of stereotyping. More covert examples are seemingly well-meaning policies that perpetuate cycles of disadvantages specific to women and market segmentation where we find women (and men) confined to certain professions based on their gender.

In Pakistan, we typically find women's concentration in careers that are extensions of their caregiving roles such as teaching and nursing. What is telling here is that not only are female-dominated professions systematically lower paid than male-dominated ones, a difference which cannot be entirely explained by considering observable characteristics, but that even in these female-dominated fields we often find men in more senior positions and at higher pay. Thus, there is an additional layer of discrimination embedded within the already segmented market.

That women are locked out of certain professions, and equally qualified women are paid lower wages than men, goes against the pillars of just remuneration: Employment and equal pay for work of equal value are interna-

tionally recognised as fundamental human rights. Yet, aside from speaking to questions of justice, a systemic absence of women at positions of power has wider and deeper consequences.

Women leaders and managers have been shown to have a markedly different set of preferences and behaviours when compared to their male counterparts. Women have been found to have a more transformational leadership style, focusing on motivating their followers, fostering collaboration and emphasising ethical behaviour. In contrast, men have been found to have a more transactional leadership style, which is more task-oriented and based on rewards. This is not to say that one style of leadership is better relative to the other. Rather, the difference means that an organisation can be that much more well-rounded in its approach to various situations when both genders are represented up the ladder.

These differences across men and women continue when we look at responses to crises or even approaches to design because of a higher tendency among women to emphasise communication and empathy. The gendered variations in approaches, style, and preferences become especially relevant when we look at the case of policymaking. Women have been shown to prioritise separate sets of issues, such as those related to health, education, the environment, peace and security and social welfare, when compared to men. Women also tend to advocate at higher rates for marginalised and vulnerable populations. Moreover, the inclusion of women in governance and policymaking has not only been associated with better policy outcomes but also with more effective governance as well as lower levels of corruption. A dearth of women in leadership and policymaking roles then means under-representation of not just significant areas of intervention but also of specific populations; leaving all of us worse off when we have fewer women in power. Indeed, if we are to make consistent moves towards a just, peaceful.

By Zafar Mirza

'Health for All Collective'

HEALTH needs to be understood as a holistic and normative concept. 'Holistic' would mean covering the physical, mental and social well-being dimensions, while 'normative' indicates an independent and normal state of well-being, and not just the absence of disease. This is how the World Health Organisation has defined health in its constitution: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity."

A clear understanding of health has important implications for healthcare. The healthcare system should be so organised as to protect, promote and restore physical, mental and social health and well-being.

This was a prelude to making the real point: for such a huge and growing population as we have and with such a health crisis and such low government spending as ours, what can we expect from Pakistan's future healthcare system? Despite a huge government health infrastructure in the country, its functioning is far below acceptable levels of access and quality vis-à-vis our burden of disease. What little we are spending as a government is not only lopsided — much less on primary healthcare than on big hospitals — but also fraught with huge inefficiencies. The commercial private health sector is into ruthless profit-making and the not-for-profit private health sector is trying to fill the gaps left by the government's inadequate health services primarily for the have-nots and those left out.

The not-for-profit health sector in Pakistan has grown to respond to unmet healthcare needs and is driven by a passion for caring, the spirit of giving back, charity, philanthropy and in-kind support in the form of trust hospitals, telemedicine, mobile clinics, health camps and health relief operations during emergencies, which are exacerbated now due to the frequent and unexpected manifestations of climate change. This sector is huge and growing, unquantified and diverse. It operates at various levels and scales. Right to health should underscore the 'Health for All Collective'.

The quality of care provided by this sector is variable and the bulk of its work falls in the domain of curative care. It is aimed almost entirely at physical health, ignoring mental health and social well-being. It is generally disjointed rather than in the form of systematic integrated care consisting of preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative services. Most of these initiatives are aimed at improving access to care rather than improving access to quality healthcare. A general observation is also that most of these initiatives, even the big ones operating at a national level, do not have a defined package of health services. Sadly, despite the core intention to serve, these organisations and initiatives are not cooperating with each other.

I am deliberately not naming any organisations though I have visited many of them across the length and breadth of the country in the last three years. On the one hand, I have felt inspired by the service they are providing in difficult circumstances, and on the other, I have always wondered how little they know about each other and how much stronger the sector would be if there was a mechanism for cooperation between them.

I use the word 'cooperation' in a larger sense. Some of them admittedly are better than others and a few of them have seriously invested continuously to improve the quality of their services. But there are hardly any cross-learnings.

There are best-practice models here and there but they remain isolated. I see this as a huge opportunity loss and an ironic one.

Why don't they cooperate with each other and learn? Not only this, some of them I find to be quite territorial and in competitive mode. This is a question which has made me think about a 'Health for All Collective' (HFAC).

How about creating a platform in Pakistan for all healthcare organisations, especially not-for-profits but not necessarily limited to them? A platform where they can share their learnings, best practices, challenges etc. A kind of 'marketplace' for healthcare where there are opportunities for

learning and collaboration. Where every new organisation or a particular project in health doesn't have to start from scratch and where potential partners for particular work in healthcare can be found and where basic definitions, concepts and approaches in healthcare can be standardised. Today, even primary healthcare is understood differently by different players in the field.

The right to health should underscore the HFAC. Organisations, projects and even individuals who subscribe to the importance of the idea of collectively working towards realising the right to health and add their voice to this cause can come together under the umbrella of the HFAC.

A possible vision of the HFAC can be a world where all human beings have an equal opportunity to be healthy and equal access to reliable quality healthcare according to their needs and where appropriate public health measures are in place for effectively addressing the social, economic and political determinants of health, risks to health and prevention of diseases, and a well-prepared and resilient health system to deal with health emergencies.

The mission of the HFAC will be to work towards realising this vision through creating a platform for joint action for the following: relevant policy research and advocacy; joint healthcare projects; capacity-building activities; harnessing IT/AI for qPHC and healthcare at large; and establishing a health fund to develop jointly agreed projects among partners.

'Health for all' is another name for UHC (universal health coverage) and it is a collective responsibility. It is too important to be left to governments alone.

A Health for All Collective for those interested in delivering holistic quality healthcare to fellow citizens would be a great step and would have immense spin-offs.

A great place to start this would be among not-for-profit healthcare organisations and those interested in supporting them. Readers are most welcome to provide their views on this idea.

DAILY MIRROR

Ismail Industries Pakistan emerges worldwide as its quality products: Rubina

APP

Quetta: Chairman of the Benazir Income Support Program (BISP), Senator Rubina Khalid on Friday said that Ismail Industries located in Balochistan's Hub has emerged as the name of Pakistan worldwide due to its quality products which was positive sign of the country and the province. She expressed these views while briefing regarding the Ismail Industries in Hub Industrial district of Balochistan.

Lasbela Industrial Estate Development Authority (LIEDA)'s MD Farid Muhammad Hossani briefed Senator Rubina Khalid and President Asif Ali Zardari's Spokesperson for Balochistan and Adviser for Industries, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri about the Ismail Industries and others during visit Hub Industrial Zone.

He said in briefing that Ismail Industries located in Hub industrial district of Balochistan has won the honor of being the first industrial enterprise of Pakistan to supply nutrition food items for the United Nations World Food

Organization.

The Industrial Institute of Pakistan has received the contract for the supply of nutrition foods from the United Nations for children suffering from malnutrition during natural disasters around the world.

He informed that the demand for Pakistani food nutrition items was increasing worldwide due to quality products saying that thanks to the facilities provided by the Government of Balochistan, Hub district has become an attractive industrial zone for industrialists.

On this occasion, Senator Rubina Khalid said that the visionary spirit of the management of the firm which has achieved a prominent position in the production of quality products that have become the hallmark of Pakistan around the world and the future of the company which manufactures nutrition food items through a modern plant was brilliant.

On this occasion, Mir Ali Hassan and Senator Rubina Khalid visited the various units of the production plant along with the company management including Deputy Commissioner Hub Ruhana Gul Kakar, MD LIEDA Farid

Muhammad Hossani.

Talking to the industrialists, President Asif Ali Zardari's Spokesperson for Balochistan and Adviser for Industries, Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that there were opportunities for industrialists in Balochistan in various fields saying that Balochistan government was ready to provide all possible facilities to the investors.

A special economic zone is going to be developed in the Hub industrial district closest to Karachi port and setting up a new industrial zone on 406 acres with the

infrastructure development of LIEDA's industrial phase two where the best security system along with other facilities like electricity, water, gas provides the best opportunity for safe investment for investors, he mentioned. He said that thanks to the special interest of President Asif Ali Zardari, the industrial sector has been declared as the top priority.

He said that the government of Balochistan would welcome investors to invest in Hub District.



KARACHI: Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain R Abdul Khaliq Achakzai in a meeting with CM Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah.

Second monkeypox case confirmed in Pakistan

NEWS DESK

PESHAWAR: Another passenger arriving in Pakistan from a Gulf country has tested positive for monkeypox, bringing the total number of cases to two this year.

According to a spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, symptoms of monkeypox were found in a passenger arriving from a Gulf country.

The health desk at Peshawar airport transferred the passenger to a hospital, where the test for monkeypox came back positive.

Dr Irshad Roghani, Director of Public Health Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, also confirmed that a 47-year-old patient from Nowshera, who had arrived from the Gulf, has tested positive for monkeypox. The affected person arrived in Peshawar from Dubai yesterday morning.

Dr Irshad added that the medical team stationed at the airport identified the passenger as a suspect, and the monkeypox patient was transferred to the police hospital. The patient's test was sent to the Khyber Medical University lab, which confirmed the diagnosis.

Prime Minister's Health Coordinator Dr Mukhtar Ahmed Bhirath stated that the Ministry of Health continuously monitors the situation, and border health staff at all airports are working diligently.

Sanauallah asks PTI to come forward for dialogue to resolve political issues

INP

ISLAMABAD: Advisor to Prime Minister on Political Affairs Rana Sanauallah on urged the leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) to avoid playing undemocratic tactics and come forward for dialogue to resolve political issues.

Talking to a private television channel programme, he said the PTI leaders should choose democratic manner for resolving political matters. Commenting on public meeting call given by PTI leadership, he said that people did not gather at the venue on the call of PTI leaders. The PTI has postponed the public meeting after talks with PTI founder in jail. Rana Sanauallah said the PTI chief was enjoying all facilities in jail and added that the party should avoid spreading propaganda against the administration regarding provision.

Ahsan concerned over alarming results of District Education Performance Index

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Friday expressed concern over the fall of 58 percent of the country's districts in the medium category of the District Education Performance Index (DEPI), and remaining in the under-performing.

Addressing a news conference following the release of the DEPI 2020-23 report, Iqbal said Pakistan's literacy rate of 60 percent was insufficient for progress and must be increased to 90 percent.

"Pakistan's national average score on the index is a modest 53 out of 100, placing the country in the 'Low' performance category," according to the report compiled by the Planning Commission in collaboration with international experts and government agencies.

The report is the first of its kind to measure district-level education performance, focusing on key outcomes such as access, learning, equity, governance and inputs like infrastructure and public financing.

Ahsan Iqbal said Pakistan's 124 districts

have scored an average of 53 percent in education, with no district falling into the high-performance category except Islamabad.

The report highlighted issues such as lack of Internet access and the diminishing role of technical institutions in education.

The minister said the declining quality of education has led to decreased enrollment in government schools and stressed the need for revolutionary measures like providing Internet access in schools, ensuring technological education and increasing digital literacy.

He also informed that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has recently established a task force to on education emergency. He said, a five-year plan would be shared with the provinces.

Sharing additional findings of the report, he acknowledged the progress Pakistan has made in human capital development but noted that the pace remains slower compared to other emerging economies and regional peers.

"These findings serve as a sober reminder that much more needs to be done to improve education outcomes across the country."

Harris and Trump gear up as they race to US election finish

By Khawaja Farooq

CHICAGO: White House hopefuls Kamala Harris and Donald Trump set out Friday on the final 10-week sprint to election day, with the vice president surging after an electrifying speech accepting the presidential nomination.

Less than three weeks before the US vice president and the Republican ex-president meet to debate — and only a month before early in-person voting begins — polls show the race is neck and neck.

Harris, a former senator and California prosecutor, leaves Chicago with momentum, having out raised Trump and erased the polling leads he enjoyed before she replaced President Joe Biden on the Democratic ticket last month.

A new twist in the contest could come with the expected announcement by third party candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr that he is dropping out — and also possibly endorsing Trump.



Kennedy, a conspiracy theorist who has been shunned by much of his famous family, has little support, but even a sliver of extra voters on Trump's side could turn an election likely to be decided by minuscule margins.

Harris accepted her party's presidential nomination

Thursday on a glitzy final night in Chicago to set the stage for the gruelling run-in to November 5.

In just a month, Harris, the first black woman to top a major party ticket, has raised a record-breaking half a billion dollars, enjoying a political honeymoon that shows little sign of ending.

Another case of Congo virus reported in Quetta

INP

QUETTA: Another case of Congo virus has been reported in Quetta on Friday.

According to Health Department the patient suffering from Congo virus is undergoing treatment in the isolation ward of Fatima Jinnah Institute of Chest Diseases, Quetta.

The 14-year-old patient belongs to Quetta whose blood test confirmed Congovirus, Health Department said.

This is the 23rd positive case of Congo virus this year and five patients have died due to Congo virus.

Pakistan eyes Turkish expertise to elevate aviation industry

APP

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, while appreciating the success of Turkish aviation industry here on Friday, said that collaboration in the aviation sector with Turkiye was an important part of bilateral relations between the two countries.

During a meeting with Chairperson of Pegasus Airlines, Mehmet T. Nane, who was accompanied by CEO of Lucky Cement Limited Muhammad Ali Tabba, the minister noted that the collaboration in this field was aligned with the Prime Minister's vision to enhance Pakistan's aviation industry.

He also recalled a recent meeting with the Turkish Trade Minister, where both sides discussed various avenues for trade and business collaboration, according to press release issued by finance ministry.

This meeting, he noted, was part of the broader strategy to strengthen ties between Pakistan and Turkey in multiple sectors, including aviation.

On the occasion, Mehmet T. Nane presented an overview of the Turkish aviation strategy, highlighting key aspects that could benefit Pakistan's aviation sector. He elaborated on how Pakistan could leverage Turkiye's experience and expertise to advance its own aviation industry.

The discussions were deemed highly fruitful, marking a step forward in Pakistan's efforts to boost its aviation capabilities and foster stronger economic ties with Turkiye.

2 missing brothers of Azhar Mashwani case: It seems apparently as if government is beneficiary of enforced disappearances: IHC

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad High Court (IHC) has given indication to issue strict order in the case pertaining to recovery of two missing professors brothers of Azhar Mashwani.

The court remarked apparently it seems as if government is beneficiary of enforced disappearances. How the people are kidnapped and chief executive does nothing. Attorney General (AG) had said he would brief Prime Minister (PM). Chief Executive knows about these matters but even then enforced disappearances are taking place.

Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb remarked if government has not to follow due process then what can we say. They cannot estimate how much such things are defaming the country. I am fixing this case on Tuesday. But I will not be here on Tuesday. We don't want delay in this case due to my non availability. He gave these remarks during hearing of case pertaining to recovery of two missing professor brothers of Azhar Mashwani Friday.

Babar Awan counsel for the petitioner gave arguments.

During the hearing of the case the court inquired have you come to know anything.

Additional Attorney General (AAG) Munawar Iqbal Dogal told the court today contact has been made at high level. Efforts are under way in all ways.

Babar Awan argued five laws deal with treason and inciting to treason. It has not been told anywhere what is national interest. If it is asked from me what is national interest then I will say "reduce the tariff of electricity. Balochistan wala will say provide gas to me. His national interest is this."

SP from Punjab Police Lahore appeared in the court and he told that CCTV footage has been provided by family. Nothing could become known from NADRA or forensic agency. Geo-fencing of 10000 number was obtained but nothing has been ascertained so far. No practicable information has been found till today August 23. Safe city project does not cover from every angle. No law enforcement agency could ascertain anything in this regard so far.

The court remarked it seems as if only government is beneficiary of enforced disappearances. How the people in this country are kidnapped and chief executive does nothing. AG had said he would brief Prime Minister (PM) on this matter. Chief Executive know about these matters and even then enforced disappearances take place.



QUETTA: Provincial Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshewari in a meeting with Member Provincial Assembly Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Kibzai.

23 profiteers held on violation of control price list, 17 shops sealed in Quetta

APP

Quetta: At least 23 shopkeepers were arrested for violating the official price list, weight reduction and 17 shops were sealed while 12 of them sent to jail during operation against profiteers in respective areas of Quetta.

Actions against beef shops, mutton shops and ovens under the supervision of Deputy Commissioner Quetta Lieutenant (R) Saad bin Asad are underway in different areas of Quetta to implement price control.

In this regard, various teams of the district administration conducted raid at 161 butcher shops, tandoors and various mini petrol pumps in Quetta.

Assistant Commissioner (Sariab)

Maria Shamoan, Special Magistrate Abdul Hameed, Special Magistrate Ehsanuddin, Special Magistrate Haseeb Sardar, Magistrate Khadim Hussain took part in these operations against profiteers. The team took actions against profiteers in various areas of Quetta including Pashunabad, Ghousabad, Musa Colony, Prince Road, Joint Road, Burma Hotel, Kasi Road, Golmandi Chowk, Toghi Road, Alamo Chowk and Nawab Killi. In Quetta district, daily food items include meat, bread, pulses, rice, sugar, ghee. The district administration would monitor the prices of different items including meat, bread, pulses, rice sugar, oil and other edible goods to implement price control for decreasing inflation in the areas for facilitating.

JI chief calls on public to ensure success of Aug 28 shutter-down strike

INP

PESHAWAR: Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Hafiz Naem ur Rehman has called on the public, especially traders, to ensure the success of the shutter-down strike on August 28.

Addressing a press conference in Peshawar on Friday, he emphasized that the strike's success is crucial for the welfare of the people.

Hafiz Naem ur Rehman urged traders to remain united and not fall victim to the government's attempts to sow division within their ranks, stressing the importance of solidarity against such conspiracies. He also affirmed that JI would compel the government to honor the agreement reached following JI's 14-day sit-in protest.

Looking ahead, he announced that JI would launch a nationwide membership campaign starting on September 1. This campaign will focus on mass mobilization across various issues, including electoral and land reforms, universal access to education and healthcare, democracy, missing persons, the rule of law, and freedom of expression.

The JI chief strongly condemned the Rahim Yar Khan incident, expressing solidarity with the police and highlighting the growing lawlessness in the country. He pointed out that even those

tasked with protecting the public are not safe, criticizing the PML-N and PPP governments in Punjab and Sindh for failing to maintain law and order. According to him, it is the dacoits who truly rule the Kacha region of Punjab and Sindh.

Naem said both the PML-N and PPP came to power through rigged elections with the backing of the establishment, which he said always provide support to incompetent leaders and later regrets it.

further held the PML-N, PPP, and their allies responsible for the current crises facing the country.

Commenting on the deteriorating security situation in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the JI chief mentioned reports of a military operation in the region, reiterating JI's stance that military action cannot bring lasting peace. Instead, he argued that true peace would be achieved through providing basic facilities, such as healthcare, education, and employment, to the people. He called on the governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan to engage in dialogue to establish peace in the region.

Hafiz Naem criticized Nawaz Sharif for indulging in provincial politics over the issue of electricity tariffs, offering relief to the people of Punjab despite having served as the country's prime minister.



Members of All Pakistan National Workers Union (CBA) are holding protest demonstration against closure of utility stores, at Quetta press club.