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CM Bugti to be called Coast Guard officials of Hub to realize concerns of MPA

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Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti said that the Coast Guard officials of Hub would be called to realize the concerns of the members of Provincial Assembly (MPA) regarding it.

He said this on the floor of Provincial Assembly in response of MPA Asadullah Baloch who earlier expressed his reservation regarding the Coast Guard Officials of Hub area of Lasbela district. The Assembly Session was chaired by Speaker Balochistan Assembly Captain (Rtd) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai on Monday.

The Chief Minister said that the opposition would also be invited to attend the meeting in this regard.

The Chief Minister said that there was a request from the Speaker that the assembly should be run under rules and regulations. The Speaker supported the pro-

posal of the CM and said that if the members are not given a chance, then they make complaints, but I am trying to run the assembly under rules and regulations.

Parliamentary Secretary Sanjay Kumar presented a joint resolution on behalf of the minority assembly members Ravi Phooja and Patrick Sant Masih read that in the text of the resolution that people belonging to minorities in Pakistan should not only be involved in politics but also in Pakistan's forces, bureaucracy, education, apart from health.

He said that they were rendering their services for the development and prosperity of the country in various fields of life adding that the State is committed to the protection, empowerment and development of under-represented communities including religious minorities to ensure their participation in economic, political and public representation.



QUETTA: CM Balochistan Mir Sarfaraz Bugti addressing a Government Girls Postgraduate College Quetta Cantt 1st Convention.

'Predicting verdicts based on benches is a thing of past': CJP Isa

CJP outlined several reforms aimed at enhancing the judicial process, including the live broadcasting of hearings

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa maintained on Monday that transparency in the apex court has improved significantly, stating that past practices of predicting case outcomes based on the "bench composition" no longer exist. Speaking at a full court reference marking the start of the new judicial year on Monday, CJP Isa remarked, "Previously, it was common to predict the outcome of a case just by looking at the bench". "Now, even I do not know which judges will sit alongside me for a case," he continued. In his address, the CJP outlined several reforms aimed at enhancing the judicial process, including the live broadcasting of hearings. Broadcasting of hearings

He noted that the decision to air cases of public interest was made to provide direct access to

court proceedings.

"The purpose of live transmission was to show our performance to the public. Before this, people only knew what TV channels or YouTubers reported," he explained.

The first case broadcast live, he pointed out, was the Practice and Procedure Act, which was heard by the full court. The ruling led to a transfer of powers from the Chief Justice to a panel of three judges.

Chief Justice Isa also highlighted changes in court procedures, including the approval of the cause list.

"Previously, the Chief Justice would approve the cause list every Thursday, and had the authority to modify it".

"That power has now been abolished, and it is now the Registrar's responsibility to schedule cases for hearings.

NAB withdraws new Toshakhana case against Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi

INP

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has withdrawn the new Toshakhana case filed against former prime minister Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi from the accountability court.

A hearing on the bail application was held in the new Toshakhana reference against the PTI founder and his wife on Monday.

Salman Saifdar, Imran Khan's lawyer, argued that the new Toshakhana case no longer stands after the restoration of NAB amendments, as the crime is invalid under the current law.

The NAB prosecutor stated that following the restoration of amendments, the case is no longer within NAB's jurisdiction.

The accountability court judge, Muhammad Ali Warraich, took a three-hour break before announcing the decision to transfer the new Toshakhana reference to a Special Central Court. The court also ruled that the relevant court will hear bail applications on Sept 10.

President Zardari urges political unity, rejects divisive politics

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has called for an end to confrontational politics that harm the nation, stressing the need for political unity to address the country's challenges.

During a dinner hosted at the President's House in honour of members of various political parties, attendees included Senate Chairman, the governors of Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan's chief minister.

Other prominent figures such as Awami National Party (ANP) President and Senator Aimal Wali Khan, Federal Minister Chaudhry Salik Hussain, former caretaker

Prime Minister and Senator Anwaarul Haq Kakar, and Istehkam Pakistan Party (IPP) President Abdul Aleem Khan also attended.

In his remarks, President Zardari emphasised the importance of strengthening parliamentary democracy and fostering political stability. "Political unity is crucial to overcoming the political, economic, and security challenges facing the country," he said.

He urged the promotion of tolerance and mutual respect, and stressed the need for political, economic, and governance reforms to improve service delivery and achieve economic prosperity.

Balochistan CM, Chief Justice of BHC visit Science College

Our Correspondent

Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti along with Chief Justice Balochistan High Court (BHC) Muhammad Hashim Kakar visited to the Science College Quetta on Monday which was affected by the fire.

They inspected the affected classrooms and store of the situation. The Vice Principal of the Science College Quetta briefed the CM and the Chief Justice about situation of the College after affecting the fire.

Balochistan Chief Minister directed the concerned department to take steps for immediate restoration of classes in order to start class room after renovation of them so that precious times of

the students could not be wasted. He also instructed the Department of Communication and Works (C&W) to reconstruct the main block of the Science College.

Mr. Sarfaraz Bugti said that the incident was sad and a committee has been established to investigate the fire incident of the College.

He also appreciated the efforts and actions of the Vice Principal after the fire incident were commendable. The CM also directed to The Education Department has been directed to appreciate and encourage the services of the Vice Principal.

Education crisis will not be allowed, classes have been instructed to start in the alternative building, he said.

One police sub inspector martyred in firing on police mobile in Panjgur

ONLINE

QUETTA: One sub inspector of police has been martyred during attack by armed persons on police patrolling party in Panjgur.

According to authorities armed men attacked police mobile in the area of Panjgur and one sub inspector was martyred. He was later identified as sub inspector Shakil Ahmad; Heavy contingent of police rushed to the scene. The body was shifted to hospital.

The concerned institutions have collected evidence from the scene and started investigation.

Interior minister Mohsin Naqvi has condemned the incident of firing on police mobile. He paid rich tribute to martyred sub inspector Shakil Ahmad.

Postponed August 22 rally at establishment's request: Imran Khan

NEWS DESK

RAWALPINDI: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder, Imran Khan, has admitted that his planned rally on August 22 was postponed at the request of the establishment, citing concerns over potential unrest in the country.

During an informal conversation with journalists at Adiala Jail, Imran revealed that Azam Swati, acting as an intermediary on behalf of the establishment, approached him early that morning to request the rally's postponement.

Swati conveyed that with a cricket match and protests by religious parties in Islamabad, the rally could fuel instability.

Imran added that the establishment guaranteed full support for an alternate rally scheduled for September 8.

"I postponed the August 22 rally for the sake of Pakistan," he said.

In response to a question, Imran dismissed suggestions that he sought legal relief for personal gain, stating that he had been offered a deal to remain silent for three years, which would have led to his cases being dropped.

"If I wanted relief, I would have fled the country," he remarked.

Imran also warned of launching a strong protest movement if Justice Qazi Faez Isa is reinstated, calling him the most biased judge in the country's history.

PM hails gatekeeper for preventing Shalimar Express of disaster

President,

PM condemn firing on police mobile in Panjgur

INP

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif has hailed gatekeeper Madad Ali for risking his life to save Shalimar Express of major disaster at a railway crossing near Nawab Shah railway station.

In a commendation statement on Monday, the prime minister said that Madad Ali by risking his own life saved lives of hundreds of people.

PM Shehbaz appreciating the bravery of the gatekeeper said, "He put his life on the line to save countless others."

He emphasized that Madad Ali's selfless spirit is an inspiration to all, saying, "We can all learn from his altruistic passion." The entire nation is proud of you, Madad Ali, the prime minister added.

Therefore, President Asif Ali Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif have strongly condemned the firing on a police mobile in Panjgur.

In their separate messages today, they paid homage to Sub Inspector Shakeel Ahmed who was martyred in the incident, for his dedication to duty.

In his message, the President condoled with the bereaved family of the martyr and prayed for his high ranks and patience for his family.

In his message, the Prime Minister prayed for high ranks of the martyr and patience for his family. Shehbaz Sharif said the entire nation pays tribute to the martyrs sacrificing their lives in the war against terrorism.

PTI leaders Barrister Gohar, Sher Afzal Marwat arrested outside Parliament House



NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad police arrested Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan and Member of National Assembly (MNA) Sher Afzal Marwat outside Parliament House following a National Assembly session on Monday.

A heavy police presence had gathered outside the Parliament House in anticipa-

tion. As PTI leaders exited the building, police took positions and swiftly moved to detain Marwat.

A scuffle reportedly broke out between Marwat's supporters and the police during Marwat's arrest. However, police managed to surround and apprehend the MNA, seizing his vehicle before leaving the scene.

While Sher Afzal Marwat was forcefully taken into custody, another PTI leader, Aamir Dogar, exited the Parliament House without any hindrance.

Sources indicate that Sher Afzal Marwat was arrested due to legal violations committed during last night's rally.

The violations include disrupting the agreed route, breaching commitments, attacking Islamabad police, exceeding permitted timings, and delivering anti-state speeches. Sources within Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf have claimed that Advocate Shoaib Shaheen has also been arrested by police from his office.

Finance minister urges private sector to lead as public confidence key to economic progress

Institutional reforms could make the current IMF programme the last one for Pakistan, Aurangzeb tells Senate

APP

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb on Monday stressed the importance of restoring public trust in the government's economic policies, saying that the private sector must take the lead in driving the country forward.

His remarks came during the Senate session where he addressed economic challenges.

"We cannot move forward until public confidence is restored. The private sector must step up and lead the country," Aurangzeb stated, adding that currency stability and single-digit inflation have been

achieved in the current fiscal year, with improved exports in July and August.

Responding to a question from Senator Shibli Faraz regarding a shortfall in tax collection, the finance minister explained, "We are Rs98 billion behind in tax collection. However, private sector credit has risen by half a trillion. The government needs to maintain fiscal discipline. As the prime minister has said, the government's job is not to run businesses but to empower the private sector." Aurangzeb agreed that digitalising the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) is essential for building trust. "We must restore confidence in the tax authority. It's impossible to develop without paying taxes.



President Asif Ali Zardari hosted a dinner in honour of Parliamentarians belonging to Pakistan People's Party, Parliamentarians (PPP), Awami National Party (ANP), Pakistan Muslim League-Q (PMLQ), and Istehkaam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP), at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Federal ministers accuse PTI of misusing K-P resources for Islamabad rally

They criticised the opposition rally, labelling it a failure and questioning PTI's governance tactics

By Zahid Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: Federal Ministers Attaullah Tarar and Engineer Amir Maqam have alleged that attendees at the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf recent rally were forced to participate, accusing the opposition party of using unethical tactics to fill their event.

Speaking at a press conference in Islamabad, the ministers criticised the opposition, particularly the chief minister of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, for his use of provocative language at the rally.

Amir Maqam claimed that public resources were misused for the gathering, and that the opposition's rhetoric is focused on threats rather than solutions for the nation.

He further stated that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders were involved in internal conflicts over corruption, leading to a disconnect with the public.

He highlighted the disrespectful remarks directed at Maryam Nawaz during the rally, calling it an affront to the nation's traditions.

Information Minister Attaullah Tarar reiterated that Pashtun traditions of respect for women were violated at the event and condemned the opposition for failing to address critical issues like terrorism.

He also pointed to PTI's governance failures in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, criticising their inability to launch a single major project during their tenure.

Both ministers concluded by stating that the rally had been a failure and urged PTI to shift its focus towards serving the people of the province.

Earlier, Attaullah Tarar asserted that the public had rejected the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally on Sunday.

In a statement regarding the PTI event, he noted that traffic in Islamabad and Punjab remained normal, questioning the whereabouts of the millions of people who were supposed to bring about a revolution.

He criticised PTI for using fake videos to promote their rally and accused the party of employing false and fabricated tweets to conceal the event's failure.

He claimed that the PTI engaged in spreading false information and propaganda on social media.

Yesterday, after a long gap, Imran Khan's beleaguered party finally managed to hold a massive rally in Islamabad amid clashes with the capital's police which left dozens of policemen and PTI workers injured.

However, authorities had turned Islamabad literally into a walled city with shipping containers blocking all the roads linking it to neighboring Rawalpindi in anticipation of the

rally and over 6,000 personnel of police and the Frontier Constabulary (FC) manning the routes.

A day before the PTI's 8 September rally, the PML-N led federal government had brought a new piece of legislation Peaceful Assembly and Public Order Act, 2024 to regulate permissions for public gatherings and stiffen up the punishments against violators.

The recent Islamabad rally too was held after court intervention.

Despite these obstacles, a large number of PTI workers reached the rally which was addressed by a number of PTI and opposition parties' leaders.

More than 40 operational vehicles from Rescue 1122, including ambulances and fire trucks, were dispatched from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Islamabad, with videos surfacing of the vehicles arriving in Swabi.

In addition to the ambulances and fire vehicles, cranes, excavators, and disaster response vehicles have also been requested for potential use at the rally, particularly to clear blocked routes.

The use of machinery and vehicles belonging to the Khyber-pakhtunkhwa government for the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally in Islamabad, has sparked controversy over the use of public resources.

Talal Ch vows to send Gandapur to jail over police clashes in Islamabad

FAISALABAD: PML-N Senator Talal Chaudhry on Monday vowed legal action against Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur for leading party supporters who "attacked and pelted stones" at Islamabad police at last night's rally. Chungi No 26, on the outskirts of the capital, turned into a battleground on Sunday night as police clashed with PTI supporters after the latter allegedly refused to stick to the designated routes for the public gathering in Sangiani. A dispute with the district administration over the agreed timeframe for the event also caused consternation among official circles. Police claimed that PTI supporters ignored the traffic instructions and insisted on using the route set for the general public, which caused tensions to rise before PTI supporters started pelting police with stones. In response, the police party retaliated and resort-

ed to baton charge and tear gas shelling. Dozens of protesters were also arrested and bundled into prison vans, and were later taken to different police installations. In a televised address on Monday, Chaudhry said: "Once again, the Islamabad police was deliberately attacked by the people who had come to Islamabad under the leadership of the KP chief minister. "Not only will those who attacked and pelted stones but also their mastermind will be arrested and sent to jail over this chaos," he asserted. Chaudhry said: "No one stopped them (PTI supporters). No policeman stood in their way. There was no obstruction [yet] they attacked the police on purpose in a botched attempt to hide their failed jalsa. "Not only will the law take its course but in the coming days, I see his future from being the KP chief minister to going to the Adiala Jail," the PML-N senator said. Ahead of the PTI event, the Islamabad administration had taken extraordi-



QUETTA: CM Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti talking to Parliament Secretary Haji Muhammad Khan Lehri in Balochistan Provincial Assembly.

PTI workers foiled gov't plot of another May 9: Barrister Saif

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Adviser Barrister Saif on Monday blamed the government of plotting another May 9 like incident in Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) rally in Sangiani, Islamabad. He stated that the government wanted to have another May 9 type incident but our workers ward-off all nefarious plans of the government by staying peaceful during the whole rally. He said that the PTI workers continued their peaceful protest despite shelling, barriers and baton-charging by the police, adding that the government tried its best to incite the workers. He accused the government of spinning lies about the PTI workers' clashes with police, adding that workers held their nerves and did not lose their calm to avoid fake cases, which he said, the government was trying to lodge. "The fake government is frightened after seeing massive crowd in the Islamabad rally. A huge number of people attended the gathering from KP under KP CM Ali Amin Gandapur's leadership," he added.

People committing suicide due to inflation, unemployment, electricity bills: Ex, MPA Samina

Gujranwala: Youth Gala Talent Award Show (YGTAS) was organized under the auspices of Jamiat-e-Islami (JI) Youth, Women District Gujranwala. A large number of students and teachers from 20 government and non-government educational institutions participated in the award show. Central President of JI Youth Women attended as Chief Guest. Former MPA Samina Saeed said that people are committing suicide due to inflation and unemployment, electricity bills have skyrocketed. She said that women are an important part of the society, various NGOs talk about the rights of women in a certain sphere, Jamiat-e-Islami (JI) will legislate for the protection, education, employment and dignity of women. Become a member of Jamaat-e-Islami, be our arms and hands to end oppression, establish justice and get rid of caste system, she said. She said that they will unite the people and fight against the oppressive landlords and corrupt capitalists. The PML-N is in power on the basis of PP Form 47, in these political parties, there is no democracy, but money-based involvement, the aristocracy imposed on the country has made the life of the middle class even worse, she mentioned. She said that Pakistan is not the name of a geography, Pakistan is the name of an ideology, we have to find this homeland, for that we have to develop self-realization and God-realization, she said that in order to overcome other nations.

Provision of education, health, jobs to people is responsibility of Govt: JI's Ameer Hafiz

By Khawaja Farooq

Gujranwala: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI)'s Ameer Hafiz Naeem-ur Rehman said that the provision of education, health, employment and peace to the people is the responsibility of the government and it is not duty of any judge or general. There are 16 days left for the expiry of the government's agreement to provide relief to the people in terms of electricity, gas and taxes. If the agreement is not implemented, workers of JI will also jam the wheels including the shutter down. Form 47 has been imposed on the country as well. Be it earthquake, corona, flood or any other calamity, we are in the field of service, Free IT courses will be given to one million boys and girls in October on plate form of JI, he said. He expressed these views while addressing the district worker convention in Gujranwala. On this occasion, Provincial Ameer Central Punjab Mohammad Javed Kasuri, District Ameer Mazhar Iqbal Randhawa, Central Social Media Team Shamsuddin Amjad, District Vice Ameer, Ali Raza Hosni, Hafiz Naeem Faheem also addressed at the ceremony of convention. Members, women and district officials participated in the worker convention.



Ameer Hafiz Naeem-ur Rehman said that today is 6th of September is Pakistan Defense Day and Jamaat-e-Islami is the party which has sacrificed its lives to defend the ideology of Pakistan. Be it Afghanistan or East Pakistan, September 7 is the Khatim-e-Nabuwat Day and Jamaat-e-Islami is the defender of the doctrine of Khatim-e-Nabuwat, in any case, they will not allow the theory of Khatim-e-Nabuwat to come to light, he said. He said that Inshallah, Jamaat-e-Islami will emerge as a big force in the coming days. It has set a target of five million membership to achieve the target. Amir Jamaat-e-Islami said that due to the lack of Islamic government system in Pakistan, the government is dominated by a few people. In the system of justice and justice, the people get push backs, the names of the parties and leaders change but the possession belongs to the same families, he said. He said that the country's economy has been destroyed, the law and order situation is very bad, at this time employers are becoming unemployed.

EXTENSION OF DATE
This office N.I.T No.No.2-1/XEN/Building/2024-2025/325-31/CB, dated 02-09-2024 and 1-1/XEN/Building/2024-2025/332-38/CB, dated 09-08-2024, Published in Daily newspapers under PRQ No.802/02-09-2024 dated 03-09-2024 and PRQ No.803/02-09-2024 dated 03-09-2024 respectively. The tenders published with following TSE No's, which were scheduled to be opened on 17-09-2024 is hereby extended on 18-09-2024 due to public holiday. TSE-242509536923, TSE-242508536533, TSE-42508536553, TSE-242509536883, TSE-242508536603 and TSE-242508536613. The others terms and conditions will remain same.
Executive Engineer (Building) CWPPP&H Department District Dera Bugti
PRQ No.934/09-09-2024

TENDER NOTICE
The Assistant Director Local Govt & Rural Development Department Washuk, invites bids from Eligible Bidders for Execution of following works: The estimate are based on composite schedule of rates 2023, G.O.B. amended up-to-date Tender Fee Rs.1000/-
S.No. Name of Works E/Cost
1. SUPPLY OF SPORTS ITEMS FOR SPORTS FESTIVAL IN FIVE TEHSIL OF DISTRICT WASHUK. TSE-242509536661
Procurements shall be made under BPPRA Rules 2014. Eligibility of Bidders: Eligibility Criteria for Bidders may be seen in the Bidding Documents Method of Procurement: Single Stage-single Envelope Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee of amount of 3% of BoQ cost of each work given above, in the name of the under-signed from a scheduled bank Tender fee: The tender fee must be submitted on head of account as per rate given for each work separately Issuance of tender Documents: The tender documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned, from the date of publication of NIT up to 26/09/2024, and can also be downloaded from website www.bppra.org.pk Last Date of bid submission: The Bidding Documents duly filled and attached with copies of supporting documents must be complete in all respect one set in original and one duplicate in with marked as original and copy, in sealed envelopes separately and delivered by hand or Registered mail to the address mentioned below on or before 26th September 2024 at 10:00 AM otherwise will be rejected. For each work separate application and Tender form with all documents must be submitted. Tender opening: tenders will be opened on 26th September 2024 at 11:00 AM before procurement Committee in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives / agents. Address: (Office of the Assistant Director Local Government & Rural Development Washuk)
Assistant Director Local Govt & Rural Development Department Washuk
PRQ No.954/09-09-2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Medical Superintendent Bolan Medical Complex Hospital Quetta invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for following tenders of Bolan Medical Complex Hospital, Quetta:-
S# NAME OF TENDERS TSE#
1 Outsourcing the Operation & Maintenance of Medical Magnetic Resonance imaging (MRI) Machine. TSE-242509542562
2 Supply of Linen items/bedding clothing TSE-242509542641
3 Supply of cleaning/Janitorial items TSE-242509542591
Note: There will be separate package for each tender. Procurement will be made under BPPRA Rules-2014. Eligibility:- The bidder must have completed relevant experience as mentioned in bidding documents. Turnover certificate from scheduled bank of at least PKR 4.00 million in last three years showing financial capacity of the firm. Registration with relevant Tax Departments and firm name shall be on Active Taxpayer List (ATL) of FBR. The firm/company shall have BSTS Registration with Balochistan Revenue Authority for serial No.1 above. Method of Procurement: Single Stage- One Envelope Procedure. Bid Security: The bids must accompany Bid Security in the form of Call Deposit or Bank Guarantee Rs. 300000/- for serial No. 1 above and @ 5% of offered cost for serial No. 2 & 3 above tenders in the name of the undersigned from a scheduled bank. Tender Documents: - The NIT & bidding document can be obtained electronically from BPPRA website www.bppra.org.pk. The firm has to deposit Rs. 1000/- (non-refundable) bidding documents fee for each above tender through Green Challan under the head of accounts C02875- Health Receipts. Issuance of Tender Documents:-Bidding documents can be downloaded from the date of publication of tender to 30.09.2024. Last date of tender submission: Bids shall be submitted electronically latest by 30.09.2024 till by 11:00 am through supplier dashboard. Tender Opening: tenders will be opened on same day at 11:30 am on EPPS system. Address: - Office of the Medical Superintendent, Bolan Medical Complex Hospital, Brewery Road, Quetta. Phone No: 081-9213037, Fax No. 081-9213040. Email: mshmcq@gmail.com
Medical Superintendent Bolan Medical Complex Hospital, Quetta
PRQ No.927/09-09-2024

Members of Balochistan Consumer Society are holding protest demonstration against massive unemployment, increasing price of daily use products, inflation price hiking and the highly inflated electricity bills, at Quetta press club.
A group of people is shown protesting, holding a banner that reads 'جیسے ہوا ایسے ہو' (As it is, so it will be).

توجہ دہندگان کو دے رہا ہے حکومت بلوچستان کی جانب سے جاری کردہ (پینل پروگرام) کے تحت کروانے والی درخواستوں کی تاریخ میں توسیع کرنی گئی ہے جو کہ اب 15-09-2024 تک مقرر کیا گیا ہے۔ مزید جاننے کے لیے، براہ کرم مہتمم پروگرام کی ایسٹ ویلے ہاؤس کو مہماری جاننے کے لیے پتہ درخواستیں دہرنا کی ویب سائٹ پر جاننے کے لیے مہتمم پروگرام کے ہر کوئی درخواست قبول نہیں کیا جائیگا۔
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HEADQUARTERS FRONTIER CORPS BALOCHISTAN (NORTH) TENDER NOTICE FOR PROCUREMENT OF HALF MOUNTING (CLOTHING) / GOVT AND SECURITY STORES, CHARPOY & TAPE NIWAR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024-25
1. Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) invites Sealed Bids from the Firms, Original Manufacturers as well as Contractors registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax Departments and who are on Active Taxpayers List of Federal Board of Revenue Pakistan for supply of Half Mounting (Clothing) / Govt and Security Stores, Charpoiy & Tape Niwar. Preference will be given to Original Manufacturing Companies.
2. Bidding documents, containing detailed terms and conditions, etc are available at Ordnance Branch, Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) Quetta. Technical Specifications for each item required, will also be provided with the Bidding Documents.
3. Sealed bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the Bidding Documents, must reach at Ordnance Branch Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) Quetta on 24 Sep 2024 before 10:00 AM. Bids will be opened on same day, i.e 24 Sep 2024 at 11:00 AM.
4. Lab Test reports from authenticated lab of each sample provided by firm will be submitted alongwith sample.
5. Tender Sample for each item along with its specifications must also be submitted with the Bid.
6. Rate should be quoted F.O.R. Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) Quetta.
7. Bids must accompany Call Deposit or Bank Draft or Pay Order in the Name of Shalkot-H as Earnest Money as per following rates, otherwise bids will be rejected:-
a Firms, Original Manufacturers and Contractors registered with Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) - 5% of total value of the bid / tender rate quoted by firms
b Un-registered Firms, Original Manufacturers and Contractors - 8% of total value of the bid / tender rate quoted by firms
8. Bids for each item offered, will remain valid for acceptance upto 30 June 2025.
9. Cutting / erasing / over writing and misprints etc, of entries / rates shown in the bids will not be considered.
10. Technical and Financial bids will be deposited in separate envelopes. Only technically passed samples will be accepted for opening of financial bid. Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) reserve the right to reject any/all technical bids due to quality without information of the reason.
11. Inspector General Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) is empowered to accept / reject one or all of the bids as per PPR Rules-2004. Conditional bids will not be accepted.
12. All bidders will be permitted to see Frontier Corps Balochistan North (Ordnance Branch) Samples for each item during all working days except Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 PM to 15:00 PM. This permission will be restricted till a day before Tender Opening.
13. This advertisement is also available on PPR website at www.ppra.org.pk, as well as Headquarters Frontier Corps Balochistan (North) website www.fcbalochistan.gov.pk
14. For further inquiry please contact undersigned during working hours on Phone number 081-9201542-46, Extension 221 Quetta.
Lieutenant Colonel for Inspector General Frontier Corps (Jawad Akbar)
PID(Q) No 89/24

TENDER NOTICE
Note: In All Procurements of GOB Whether Through Electronic or Manual Bid Submission, It is Mandatory For All Bidders to Get Registered At Electronic Public Procurement System of BPPRA GOB. The Executive Engineer Maintenance Division-II C&W, PP&H invites bids from Eligible Bidders for execution of following works for the Year 2024 based on Composite schedule rates 2023 on Percentage Rates
Tender Fee Rs.1000/- and Bid Security 2% for each work
S.No Name of Works E/Cost
1 Construction of Futsal Ground at Hazarganj Quetta. PSDP No.6596/Z2024.2652 TSE-242509543713
2 Construction of Futsal Ground at Qambrani Road Quetta. PSDP No.6601/Z2024.2654 TSE-242509542533
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More 'austerity'

EVER since returning to power, the Shehbaz Sharif government has been pushing an austerity narrative like all previous dispensations. This narrative is mostly built around the announcement of superficial measures and is not backed by concrete policy. Recently, it has notified certain cost-cutting measures. The so-called austerity package contains some cosmetic measures, such as a temporary ban on purchase of cars, machinery and equipment, as well as suspension of publicly-funded medical treatment abroad and "non-essential" foreign visits by federal government functionaries.

If you believe these measures will actually be implemented or slash the burgeoning current expenditures of the government, you are mistaken. These will not even scratch the surface. Such measures are no more than a publicity stunt aimed at appeasing angry voters.

In addition to these measures, the government has decided to restructure and right-size the federal ministries and their attached departments to reduce costs. The cabinet has decided to abolish 150,000 jobs, outsource handyman jobs and get rid of surplus employees by offering them a severance package. These steps are said to be part of the ongoing exercise to cut the size of the federal government, complete the devolution agenda set by the 18th Amendment and save significant costs.

Again, this is not the first time a government has announced to abolish redundant posts and outsource odd jobs to the private sector. We should keep our fingers crossed and hope that these decisions will get implemented. However, the reduction in the number of federal employees will not make much difference without wide-ranging reforms to cut the perks of the higher bureaucracy through monetisation of various unlimited benefits enjoyed by them.

With debt servicing constituting more than half of the federal budget expenditure, it has become imperative for the government to reduce its wasteful spending to slash its widening fiscal deficit and reduce its reliance on borrowings for financing its spending. However, the budget for the current year does not contain anything to indicate that the authorities are serious about cutting wasteful expenditure.

Consequently, according to a report in this paper, the domestic debt of the central government increased by Rs537bn in July pushing total public debt to Rs69.6tr from Rs68.914tr, reflecting the surging expenditure of the state machinery. The rapid increase in public debt does not support the austerity narrative of the government either.

Real austerity involves hard choices. There is no evidence to show that our politicians are ready to make these choices,

at least not as yet. With Pakistan going through one of its worst economic and financial crises, the real austerity reforms cannot be put on hold for a very long time. The government will have to deal with these problems and execute actual reforms sooner or later.

By Shahid Kardar | Shafqat Mahmood

Matters of legitimacy

IN an earlier article contributed by one of us in these columns it was argued that Pakistan is passing through a difficult phase, confronted by multiple challenges. And instead of being contained these are on the rise.

On the one hand, the population is growing exponentially with opportunities for a decent living not keeping pace with the rising numbers. And on the other, the gap between diminishing state capacity and people's expectations is making this task formidable. The civilian institutions on which the structure of the state rests, are largely dysfunctional, contributing to general pessimism and demoralisation.

Maintaining order is a basic duty of the state but recent events are showing ominous weakness of this capacity. An insurgency is seriously threatening Balochistan, reflecting a failure of sermons on patriotism to create a sense of togetherness. This sense of alienation is fueled by a perception among the people of political marginalisation and lack of any effective control over their resources.

Elsewhere, sporadic, but lethal, attacks continue in the old tribal areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and are now spreading to D.I. Khan, Mardan and Swat. The situation in the riverine areas of upper Sindh and south Punjab is also alarming. Outlaws seemingly reign supreme with their area of operation expanding.

The lack of legitimacy is engendering resentment and alienation, making governance difficult.

The ability of the state to provide justice has also declined. This is reflected in the judicial system's diminished ability to enforce a contract, arbitrate a dispute or hold criminals to account. This has seriously undermined the rule of law, another pre-requisite of a func-

tioning state.

To summarise, the overall structure of governance barely seems to be working and is not responsive to today's challenges. While attempts at reform have been few and far between, even these have successfully been foiled by the bureaucracy.

The battle for rulership of the state presents an equally disconcerting picture. Irrespective of the text of the Constitution, the unfettered establishment effectively rules, through its active involvement in the functioning of all state institutions.

To provide itself a thin veneer of civilian respectability, a civilian set-up with anaemic roots among the people has been foisted on an unwilling nation. And to preserve this status quo and to thwart all challenges to it, the ECP has been commandeered, the Constitution defied, judiciary threatened, and parliament emasculated.

The result is that 'presiding' representative and supporting institutions lack moral legitimacy and general public ownership. The actions against the PTI and its leader Imran Khan have further estranged millions, who having lost trust in the integrity of the electoral system, and are discontented on being disenfranchised. With severe alienation already visible in Balochistan, this denial of a people's mandate adds to the overall disaffection among the people with the state.

In our view, headway on issues of economy, security, justice and service delivery can only proceed if the basic organisational arrangement of the state has not just legal but also moral legitimacy. Today, the representative and supporting institutions lack this and therefore have no public ownership.

The lack of legitimacy is engendering resentment and alienation, making governance difficult. Several elements of administration

require active participation of the people, without which any task, be it development or security, becomes much tougher.

This is particularly crucial in fighting an insurgency because it cannot survive without popular support. This is also true of terrorism in general. An existential challenge to the state is thus directly linked to legitimacy and people's participation.

Legitimacy by most definitions would mean rule of law. And the fundamental law of any state is its Constitution. The legitimacy of the systems will come only from its rigorous implementation. While this may be a necessary condition, it is not a sufficient one. The Constitution can still be manipulated to merely observe its form, and sometimes not even that, to deny popular will and infringe on fundamental rights. The February election is an example of form over content and substance. While every part of it was manipulated, an appearance of democracy was maintained through minimum constitutionality. How can state institutions demand others to remain within the ambit of the Constitution while themselves flouting it? An attempt is now afoot in parliament to introduce amendments to the Constitution with the purpose of undermining judicial decisions and packing the court with handpicked judges. The Supreme Court can strike these down being violative of the basic structure of the Constitution, but this would mean a standoff between different organs of the state. This too is not desirable. When we are suggesting a reset of the state it cannot be done through hostility and stand-offs. A realisation has to dawn on all stakeholders, and particularly the establishment, that the path we are on cannot be sustained. The way forward has to be collaboration not confrontation. All stakeholders need to sit together and chart a new course.

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By Maleeha Lodhi

Confront and engage

US National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan's recent visit to Beijing indicated an effort by both countries to de-escalate tensions ahead of the American presidential election in November. Described as talks in their 'strategic communication' channel, discussions between Sullivan and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi ranged over all the issues that divide the two countries — Taiwan, trade, technology curbs, military postures in the South China Sea and, according to the US readout, China's support for Russia's 'industrial base'. They also discussed the possibility of a call between Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping to follow up on understandings reached last year in their face-to-face meetings in San Francisco and, earlier, in Bali.

It may be surprising for these talks to have taken place when the Biden administration is a lame duck. But the fact that the Chinese took them seriously underlines their desire to stabilise the relationship before the White House gets a new occupant.

For the Chinese president to receive Sullivan was a strong signal by Beijing that it wants to calm the turbulent relationship before uncertainties set in of how the next US president might act. President Xi told Sullivan he hoped the US would see China's development in a positive light and work with China to find a "right way" for the two major countries to "coexist". Both sides, he reiterated, should decide whether they are "rivals or partners."

Differences over contentious issues did not, of course, narrow — but the positive atmospheres of the interaction did help lower the temperature. Both sides agreed to implement mutual commitments on countering narcotics and AI safety and risk. Also agreed was the need for military leaders at the theatre command level to speak to each other to limit the risk of miscalculation.

These are welcome efforts to put relations on a stable track. But the key question for the future remains: how will the winning presidential candidate deal with Beijing?

America's policy of containing Beijing is not expected to change. China will continue to be seen as a strategic challenge. From most accounts, Chinese officials seem apprehensive that, irrespective of who wins the election, Washington will adopt a combative approach. The Financial Times recently quoted a Chinese professor as saying both candidates are "two bowls of poison for Beijing". The Chinese apprehensions are well founded, given the bipartisan political consensus in the US is to act tough with China. Moreover, America's deep state regards China as an enemy, not just a competitor.

Neither Trump nor Harris will want a collision course with China even as they intensify competition.

But, beyond this, would Donald Trump and Kamala Harris differ in their management of America's relationship with China?

Trump is largely a known quantity, but then he is also unpredictable

and impulsive. This makes it difficult to predict his future conduct, especially as he is capable of suddenly changing course. There is even less certainty about the foreign policy a Harris administration would pursue. However, both see China as the major competitor and adversary, and neither is expected to soften their position if elected.

Trump is expected to continue his 'America First', unilateralist approach that characterised his previous administration. He has struck an aggressive tone during his campaign, saying he would raise tariffs on Chinese imports by 60 per cent. But he has also said he would seek a good relationship with Beijing. In an interview with Fox News last month, he said that while there is no greater critic of China than him, he respected China and President Xi.

Therefore, Trump will likely take a tough position on trade issues, just like in his first term. At the same time, though most of his team members are hawks on China, he can easily override their views. He is capable of being pragmatic, as his business instincts would urge him to be transactional and strike trade deals rather than seek to subdue a rival or impose sanctions. His admiration for 'strongmen' might also encourage pragmatism, especially as he often boasts about the "great relationship" he had with President Xi.

On Taiwan, Trump has never said America would intervene militarily if China 'invaded' Taiwan, as Biden once declared. Otherwise, too, Trump would be averse to any military conflict with China. He has been critical of Taiwan, saying it should pay the US for defending it. He has also assailed Taiwan for "not giving anything to the US" and instead taking away "100pc of the semiconductor industry". While this is a mistaken view, Trump has never let facts stand between him and his assertions.

His stance on Ukraine could have a knock-on effect on ties with China. Often claiming he can end the war "in a day", Trump is likely to push for talks to end a conflict he says, "should never have happened."

He says he has a plan to end the war, which he will unveil if elected. "I'll have a deal made, guaranteed," he has claimed. Trump is also not interested in continuing military aid to Ukraine. If he makes good on his promise to end the war, this will remove a growing irritant in relations with China, which the Biden administration has accused of helping Russia's military-industrial base.

Kamala Harris's foreign policy pronouncements have been vague. Also, she has never been to China. But she is expected to continue the policy approach of the Biden administration, of which she was a part for four years.

Biden took the rivalry with China to another level by raising tariffs on a wider range of Chinese imports and enhancing military aid to Taiwan. He also unleashed an intense tech war by curbs and sanctions on Chinese companies.

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Romina terms water conservation critical for Pakistan's economic sustainability

INP

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam said that Pakistan faces mounting pressure on its water resources due to climate change impacts, population growth, and inefficient usage urging every citizen to recognize the urgent need to conserve water at all levels.

Chairing a high-level meeting regarding the 'Recharge Pakistan Programme' initiative here on Monday, she said, "While the riverine water flows and shifting rainfall patterns have become increasingly unpredictable and declining in the country because of exacerbating fallouts of global warming, conserving available water resources to meet domestic, industrial and agricultural needs is of the critical importance for the country's economic sustainability."

The meeting was attended by national and international water conservation, climate change, flood risk management experts.

Romina Khurshid Alam stressed that water conservation was no longer a choice but a necessity for the survival and prosperity of Pakistan. Given the realisation, the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is particularly committed to

support policy efforts that would help Pakistan achieve water security.

She said, "The incumbent government remains committed to supporting and implementing policies and initiatives in collaboration with national and international stakeholders that promote sustainable water use, but the responsibility lies with every individual, community, and industry to act now. Together, we can ensure a water-secure future for Pakistan."

The Coordinator to PM on Climate Change said that Recharge Pakistan programme was an important water conservation policy initiative, which would be launched on Tuesday (September 10), aims to building Pakistan's climate resilience through ecosystem-based adaptation for integrated flood risk management and conservation of excess flood water and utilize it for meeting growing water needs of domestic, industrial and agriculture sectors.

She further stated that the Indus river is the country's lifeline but now experiencing catastrophic floods and droughts exacerbated by climate change.

Romina Khurshid Alam said that the Recharge Pakistan Programme, which would be implemented by a non-governmental organization in collaboration with the climate change and environmental coordination ministry and provincial governments, was a critical intervention that would help build the country's climate resilience and water security at the same time through cost-effective

ecosystem-based adaptation measures. Because, the initiative would help increase water storage and recharge through wetlands, floodplains, and hill-torrents management; promote climate-adapted community-based natural resource management and livelihoods; and forge a paradigm shift to scale up this approach, she hoped.

There was need to understand that no matter how much water was stored or conserved in any form, its efficient use was a key to sustainable water availability in the country, she added.

The PM's Coordinator emphasized, "Water is life. We cannot afford to waste it. Every drop saved today will secure a better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren."

Whether it is turning off the tap when not in use, fixing leaks, or adopting water-efficient technologies, every action counts."

However, she urged all citizens to take immediate steps to conserve water in their daily lives, including reducing water usage in households by turning off taps when not in use, using water-saving appliances, and fixing leaks; encouraging farmers to adopt modern, efficient irrigation methods like drip and sprinkler systems and; supporting industrial initiatives for water recycling and minimizing waste.



Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attullah Tarar addressing joint press conference with Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and GB Engr Amir Muqam in Islamabad

Hafiz Naem blames Sindh govt for power abuse in Karachi

INP

KARACHI: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Emir Hafiz Naemur Rehman On Monday slammed the Sindh government for continuously neglecting Karachi.

The JI emir made these remarks in a press conference in Karachi where he accused the Sindh government of extracting all resources from Karachi and giving nothing in return.

He criticized the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) led provincial government for destroying Karachi to the hilt despite being in power for sixteen years, adding that the JI mandate was stolen in the local government elections.

He said that the PPP government had not subtlet the powers, adding that all those parties ruling in Karachi were responsible for its miserable situation.

Speaking about inflated power bills and discrimination meted out to smaller provinces in the electricity bills, the JI emir said that the Independent Power

Producers (IPPs) brought the country on the cusp of danger, adding that former PM Nawaz Sharif announced reduction in power bills alongside his daughter as if he was giving it as a charity.

Karsaz accident suspect challenges dismissal of bail plea in drug case

INP

KARACHI: Counsel of the Karsaz road accident's suspect on Monday challenged the judicial magistrate's decision to dismiss the petition seeking bail in the case pertaining to drugs.

Challenging the decision in the sessions court, the lawyer argued that the judicial magistrate overlooked pivot evidence in the bail petition. The suspect has been pardoned by the families of the victims, including two persons who died and as many others wounded in the tragic incident, on April 19 in Karachi.

However, she has yet to be freed from the guilt of using drugs. A separate case was lodged against the suspect after methamphetamine, commonly known as crystal meth, was found in her blood and urine samples, on August 31.

Ahsan for Identifying, Bridging Gaps Hindering Flood-resilient Projects

APP

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Monday directed all relevant ministries to identify and bridge the gaps and obstacles hindering flood-resilient projects, saying "These must be addressed with zero tolerance for delays."

Chairing the 4th meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee (PSC) and the Oversight Board on Post-Flood Reconstruction Activities, he also instructed that incomplete PC-I documents should be returned within 15 days to avoid further delays, a news release said. Among others, the meeting was attended by the Secretary Planning, Secretary Economic Affairs, Chief Secretaries of all Provinces, the Country Directors of the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB), the UN Resident Coordinator, the UNDP Resident Representative, the Deputy Head of Mission of the EU and senior officials from the Planning Commission. The agenda of the meeting was to review and follow-up on decisions made during the 3rd PSC meeting, a progress review

of ongoing 4RF projects, updates on flood reconstruction and coordination efforts with UNDP, and the current status of financial pledges.

In his opening remarks, the minister described the unprecedented disaster that struck Pakistan between June and August 2022, caused by a combination of torrential rains, riverine floods and urban flash floods.

He noted that one-third of the country was submerged, affecting 33 million people and displacing nearly 8 million.

The floods claimed over 1,700 lives, with one-third of the victims being children. More than half of the districts in Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were declared disaster-stricken. The 2022 floods also exposed Pakistan's extreme vulnerability to climate change, despite the country contributing less than 1 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions in 2018, and consistently ranking among the top 10 countries most affected by climate change. In response to the 2022 floods, the Ministry of Planning developed the Pakistan's strategic policy, known as the Resilient, Rehabilitation, and Reconstruction Framework (4RF).

Kh Asif challenges Gandapur to get Imran freed within 15 days

INP

ISLAMABAD: The Federal Minister for Defence, Khawaja Asif, has challenged Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister (CM), Ali Amin Gandapur, to stand by his statements and prove his words by releasing his leader Imran Khan within 15 days.

In a strong reaction to CM Gandapur's recent address to the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) rally in Islamabad, Khawaja Asif condemned Gandapur's threats to attack Punjab with his party's Pashtun workers to hold a rally in Lahore.

The Defence Minister also condemned CM Gandapur's references to compare Bangladesh's recent movement and violent change in regime with Pakistan.

Khawaja Asif further criticized the KP chief minister, stating that Gandapur has failed to control terrorism in his constituency. He suggested he go there with

his party workers' army to maintain peace in the area first and then move towards Punjab.

He also questioned CM Gandapur's claim of having an army (of workers), suggesting that if he indeed has such forces, he should use them to control terrorism.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif added that if CM Gandapur fails to control terrorism, it implies that he is an ally of terrorists.

Yesterday, addressing the PTI rally in Islamabad, Ali Amin Gandapur said that they will not allow the military trial of Imran Khan. He claimed all cases against PTI founder Imran Khan have been ended. He warned that "if the government does not release Imran Khan in two weeks, then they will take him out of Adiala Jail." He announced that PTI will hold its next rally in Lahore no matter if they get NOC or not.

20 pink buses allocated for women in Islamabad: NA told

APP

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui says twenty Pink Buses have been allocated to provide free of cost pick and drop facilities to female students, working women, and female teachers in Islamabad.

Responding to a question during Question Hour in the National Assembly today, he said the initiative of Pink Buses has been taken to avoid drop-outs of girl students.

The Minister further said at present there are 311 operational buses to provide fetch and drop facility to the students of the federal capital.

The parliamentary reporters staged a walk-out from the press galleries of both the Houses against the inappropriate language used by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur against journalists and women.

Later, the journalists returned to the press galleries on the unconditional apology rendered by PTI Chairman Gohar Ali Khan.

However, speaking on the floor of the National Assembly, PML-N leader Tariq Fazal Chaudhry quoted journalists as saying that the apology should come from the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

SAFRON Minister urges NGOs to focus on project implementation

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Minister for States and Frontier Regions Engineer Amir Muqam has urged the Non-Governmental Organizations to concentrate on the implementation of projects.

He was presiding over a meeting in Islamabad which was attended by representatives of Non-Governmental Organizations working for the welfare of Afghan refugees.

Engineer Amir Muqam said our priority is to provide assistance and help to maximum people and the ministry would provide all possible assistance and coordination in this connection.

On the occasion, the representatives of NGOs briefed the Federal Minister about their respective fields of working including livelihood improvement and vocational skills.

PTI leadership offers unconditional apology over Gandapur's remarks against journalists

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Journalists staged protests in both the Senate and National Assembly on Monday after Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur made objectionable remarks about the media during last night's rally.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leadership swiftly issued an unconditional apology.

During the Senate session, journalists boycotted proceedings in protest against Gandapur's speech. PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar personally approached the journalists, offering an apology.

"We respect the entire journalist community," Gohar said. "I extend an unconditional apology for any hurt caused by the chief minister's remarks, which were directed at only a few journalists."

He clarified that the speech was political, adding, "We have no intention of escalating tensions. If we wanted to take the law into our hands, we could have done so by now. There is immense public pressure for PTI founder Imran Khan's release."

Simultaneously, in the National

Assembly, parliamentary reporters also boycotted the session.

Leader of the Opposition Omar Ayub, accompanied by Barrister Gohar, visited the media gallery to apologise.

Journalists however demanded a direct apology from Ali Amin Gandapur.

Later, Senators Afnan Ullah Khan and Aon Abbas Bappi also visited the press gallery to reconcile with the media representatives.

Last night, journalists had announced their intention to file a lawsuit against CM Gandapur following his derogatory remarks for them at the PTI rally.

The K-P CM while addressing the rally at Islamabad's Sangiani made severe allegations, labelling journalists as 'sellouts' and 'brokers'. These statements were strongly condemned by reporters.

Additionally, journalists reported that PTI workers surrounded the DSNG (Digital Satellite News Gathering) vehicles present

at the rally site during Gandapur's speech. They expressed concerns for their safety, stating that the atmosphere created by the CM's address had put them at risk.



QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffa Khan Mandokhel in a meeting with Provincial Minister Mir Asim Kurd Galo.

Parliament most vital, civilized forum for highlighting public issues: Shoaib

APP

Quetta: Balochistan Minister for Finance, Mines and Minerals Mir Shoaib Noshirwani on Monday said that Parliament in Pakistan is the most important and civilized forum for highlighting public issues.

He said that Sardar Akhtarjan Mengal is an important political leader of Balochistan, his resignation from Parliament is not a good omen.

He expressed these views while talking to the media here. The Minister said that avoidance of parliamentary politics would leave negative effects for our society. He said that we should serve the people by giving the status of worship to politics in Pakistan, but by abandoning the process of parliamentary politics, instead of solving political problems,

political problems would be increased.

Sardar Akhtarjan Mengal should reconsider his resignation as he is an important stakeholder in the politics of Balochistan, we are a tribal province, where every tribal and political personality has a stake, he said.

He said that these political figures have nurtured positive politics in the province. The Minister also condemned the inappropriate words of Chief Minister Amin Ali Gandapur in the meeting of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.

He said that his words are an insult to these women who had voted for Gandapur in the elections saying that such people are destroying decency in politics, if there is decency in politics, the problems would be resolved, but with impoliteness, the problems could become worse.

PTA warns Senate of severe network disruptions without LDI licence renewals

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) on Monday alerted the Senate Standing Committee on IT and Telecom about the imminent threat of severe network disruptions across Pakistan if the licences for Long Distance International (LDI) companies are not renewed at the earliest.

A meeting of the committee, chaired by Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan, addressed the ongoing issues related to the renewal of LDI and Fixed Line Local Loop (FLL) licences, according to state-run APP.

The Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) chairman, Major General (retd) Hafeezur Rehman, briefed the committee on the matter, highlighting that the issue primarily affects four companies, including Wateen, which has an extensive fibre optic infrastructure across 24 cities, primarily in Balochistan and interior Sindh.

He said Wateen was also connected to 44 banks and Nadra, making its network critical to the country's communications infrastructure.

Despite a committee being formed to resolve the licence renewal issue, no progress has been made so far.

Wateen's licence expired in July 2024, but the company secured a stay order from the court, allowing it to continue operations. The committee chairperson said that failure to renew these licences could lead to significant losses, he added. The PTA chief informed the meeting that five LDI companies were willing to pay their outstanding dues, while others have filed legal challenges.

The licences for these companies were set to expire between July and August, with around 15 cases currently pending in court. He also acknowledged that in 2020, companies were permitted to pay their dues in installments, but the same relief cannot be granted this year.

The committee discussed the Rs54 billion exemption sought by the LDI companies. It was noted that the former IT secretary had issued a policy directive on the matter, which was opposed by officials from the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT), claiming the directive exceeded the secretary's authority.



QUETTA: Shopkeeper displaying Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) decoration to attract customers.