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SC clarifies Govt cannot reverse its order in Reserved Seats case

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court has clarified again that changes to the election laws made by the government could not reverse its verdict in PTI reserved seats case.

Supreme Court of Pakistan's 8 members bench issued a clarification regarding PTI reserved seats case and made it clear that amendments in Election Act cannot suspend the decision of the apex court. SC issued clarification for the second time on the request of the Election Commission of Pakistan which had told the court that commission cannot implement its orders because the government has amended the section on which SC had announced the decision.

On July 12, a 13-judge full bench of the apex court had declared that the opposition party PTI was eligible to receive reserved seats for women and non-Muslims in the national and provincial assemblies.

The judges contended that SC decision

of July 12 cannot be made ineffective by amending the Election Act. The majority judges clarified that ECP was bound to follow orders of the court as amendments in Election Act were announced after the decision.

Earlier, Election Commission told the court that the summary of the SC judgment was based on the law which has been amended by the government. ECP told the bench that sections 66 and 104 of the Election Act 2017 were amended. ECP told the court that section 104A was added to the Election Act 2017.

The Supreme Court had also declared the PTI a parliamentary party. The majority judgement explained that 39 out of the 80 MNAs, shown by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) as PTI candidates, belonged to the party. The rest of the 41 independents would have to file duly signed and notarised statements before the commission within 15 days, explaining that they contested the February 8 general elections as a candidate.



Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari exchanging views with Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Chief of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F) during meeting held in Islamabad.

Chairman Bilawal announces consensus on 26th Constitutional Amendments

ONLINE

Islamabad: Chairman of the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP), Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, announced on Friday evening during a joint parliamentary party meeting that a consensus had been reached in the special parliamentary committee regarding Constitutional Amendments.

He highlighted that the attendance of PPP members in Parliament was better than that of any other party.

Chairman Bilawal expressed his gratitude to the members for being present in Islamabad for this crucial session, noting their hard work in achieving agreement on the Constitutional Amendments.

He emphasised the party's commitment to getting these amendments passed in Parliament, adding that one of the unfinished items from the Charter of Democracy would also be completed.

He mentioned that the PPP, Pakistan Muslim League (N), and Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) had

already reached a consensus on the draft of these amendments.

Chairman Bilawal also addressed complaints raised by some parliamentarians, calling them unfortunate and strongly condemning them. He noted that Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah had taken notice of the complaints and had brought them to the attention of the Speaker of the National Assembly.

He further remarked on the historical collaboration between the PPP and JUI since 1973 for the development of the Constitution.

The alliance between the Pakistan Peoples Party and Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians has contested elections under the symbol of the arrow.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari clarified that all necessary paperwork had

been completed to avoid confusion and instructed party members to vote in alignment with his position, stressing the importance of following the party line.

Govt ready to cooperate with provinces to eliminate terrorism: Tarar

APP

ISLAMABAD: The Senate was informed today that federal government is ready to cooperate with the provinces to curb the menace of terrorism and maintaining law and order in the country. Responding to a point of order in the Senate on Friday, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar informed that Federal Government is in contact with the provincial governments with regard to law and order situation in the country.

Shehbaz requests Biden to release Dr Aafia on humanitarian grounds

INP

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has written a letter to US President Joe Biden requesting the release of Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, who is imprisoned in the United States.

In the letter, the Prime Minister stated that Dr. Aafia Siddiqui has been sentenced to 86 years in prison by a US District Court. As Prime Minister, he believes it is his responsibility to intervene in this matter.

He urged President Biden to use his constitutional authority to grant a pardon and order her release on humanitarian grounds.

Sharif further mentioned that Dr. Aafia Siddiqui's family, along with millions of Pakistanis, are

awaiting this act of kindness.

He expressed awareness of the President's efforts to advocate for his citizens imprisoned abroad. Dr. Aafia has been incarcerated in FMC Carswell since September 2010, serving 16 years in a US jail.

The Prime Minister noted that over the years, Pakistani officials have held

consular meetings with Dr. Aafia Siddiqui,

during which serious concerns about her medical treatment have been raised.

There are significant worries regarding her deteriorating mental and physical health, and concerns have been expressed that she may take her own life. Dr. Aafia's case should be viewed with compassion.

PTI MNAs being offered Rs3 billion each: claims Omar Ayub

INP

ISLAMABAD: Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Omar Ayub Khan has alleged that the government is picking up Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) legislators for the purpose of horse-trading and is offering them up to Rs3 billion for vote in support of constitutional amendment.

Talking to media before the special committee meeting in Islamabad on Friday, Omar Ayub claimed the government did not have enough majority in the house and that is why it is offering huge sums to PTI MNAs and senators.

He said that currently raids are being conducted on the houses of PTI members. "They are being tortured. Moreover, Zain Qureshi's wife was picked up at night from his residence," he alleged.

Many colleagues have been arrested and his house was also raided, Omar Ayub said.

Omar Ayub said that he opposed the proposal to name Pakhtunkhwa instead of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

He said that PTI is opposing the constitutional amendment.

CM Bugti Hands over Journalists' Society Land Ownership Document to BUJ

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QUETTA: Chief Minister Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Friday handed over Journalists' society land ownership document to Balochistan Union of Journalists.

The Balochistan Revenue Department officially transferred land, previously designated for journalists, from the Information Department to the Journalists' Cooperative Society.

Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti, in this connection gave away the transfer documents to Khalil Ahmed, President of the Balochistan Union of Journalists (BUJ).

The handover ceremony was attended by BUJ General Secretary Abdul Shakoor Khan, Quetta Press Club President Abdul Khaliq Rind, General Secretary Banaras Khan, and President of the Journalists' Cooperative Society Saleem Shahid.

Provincial Minister Sardar Abdul Rehman Khetran, Parliamentary

Secretary Haji Muhammad Khan Lehari, government spokesperson Shahid Rind, and the Chief Minister's Press Secretary Sheikh Abdul Razzaq were also present at the event.

CM Bugti inaugurates Chief Minister Youth Skills Development Program

APP

Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti inaugurated Chief Minister Youth Skills Development Program (CMYSDP) here on Friday and under this program, 30,000 youths from Balochistan would be trained and given employment opportunities abroad.

Addressing at the opening ceremony, Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti said that it was a dream to train the youth of Balochistan for employment abroad which I expressed in my first speech in the Provincial Assembly.

He said that several friends related to this project said that it is a difficult task but with hard work and dedication we made it feasible, today, the first batch of skilled youth from Balochistan would go abroad this year.

He congratulated Young leaders and advisors Labour and Manpower Sardar Ghulam Rasool Imrani and Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan for working hard to make this project a success.

Balochistan Chief Minister said that unemployment is undoubtedly a big challenge while job opportunities in government sectors are limited saying that in these circumstances, the solution to unemployment was seen to be to train the youth and send them abroad.

President Asif Ali Zardari, Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif agreed with this idea, especially Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari strongly encouraged, thanks to which today we are going to start this important program of the history of the province, he said.

Govt establishes relief fund for Palestinians, Lebanese affected by Israeli oppression

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ISLAMABAD: The government has established a relief fund to support the unnamed Palestinians and Lebanese affected by Israeli oppression.

This was stated by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, while chairing a review meeting in Islamabad today regarding the government's relief efforts for the people of Gaza, Palestine and Lebanon.

Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan will not leave the Muslims of Palestine, Gaza, and Lebanon alone in their time of adversity. He also appealed to the public, along with governmental efforts, to help their Palestinian brothers and sisters. He called on the Pakistani people, especially affluent ones, to generously donate to this fund.

To support their Palestinian and Lebanese brothers and sisters, Pakistanis inside and outside the country can deposit donations to the account:

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The Prime Minister said in wake of the winter season, Pakistan would send more tents and blankets for the Muslim brothers and sisters affected by Israeli atrocities and aggression in Palestine, Gaza, and Lebanon. An additional 3,000 tents and 12,000 blankets will be sent to Palestine and Lebanon.

Shehbaz Sharif directed Pakistan's ambassadors in neighboring countries to report on the required number of tents and blankets. He said Pakistan is also sending food and medicines for the Muslim brothers and sisters facing Israeli oppression. He also condemned Israel's obstruction of aid to Palestinians.

The Prime Minister commended the role of NGOs, cooperating in government efforts to help Palestinians and Lebanese. He stressed that there should be no compromise on the quality of the relief goods sent to Palestine and Lebanon, ensuring that the tents are fireproof. He instructed Pakistani diplomats in neighboring countries to ensure the timely and efficient delivery of relief items being sent by the government of Pakistan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif warned that the growing Israeli aggression is now engulfing the entire region. He called on global powers to immediately stop Israel from committing genocide against unarmed people.

The meeting was informed that since the eighth of this month, twelve consignments of relief items have been sent to Palestine and Lebanon, including six chartered flights, three special flights by the Pakistan Air Force, and three cargo shipments by sea.

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The history of Pakistan people's party is full of sacrifices: Mir Ali Hassan Zehri

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HUB: Central Senior Leader and of Pakistan Peoples Party, spokesperson of President Asif Ali Zardari and Provincial Advisor for Industry and Crafts of Balochistan Mir Ali Hassan Zehri have paid tribute to the martyrs on the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of the Karsaz tragedy. He said on this occasion that the history of Pakistan Peoples Party is full of sacrifices. Party leaders and workers have cultivated democracy by sacrificing their blood. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that the Karsaz tragedy will be remembered as a dark day in the history of Pakistan Peoples Party in which the brave Pakistani people and party workers made history with their blood. The sacrifices of the martyrs are unforgettable and the sacrifices of the sincere workers will always be remembered.

He said that by sacrificing their lives on October 18, the stalwarts of Pakistan Peoples Party proved that the soldiers of martyr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto are in the country.

They do not hesitate to make any kind of sacrifice for the establishment of democracy. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri further said that on the occasion of the arrival of Shaheed Bibi Benazir Bhutto on October 18, 2007, millions of people gathered in Karachi and gave a message that the people are free from extremism and terrorism and we are united and the leaders and workers of the party always sacrificed their lives for the sake of democracy but did not bow down to the dictatorship. Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said that this journey of democracy is continuing successfully under the enthusiastic leadership of party leader President Asif Ali Zardari and young Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and we pledge once again today on the occasion of the anniversary of the martyrs of Karsaz that for democracy in the country we will not hesitate to make any sacrifice for the rights of the people.



QUETTA: CM Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti in a meeting with Member Provincial Assembly Punjab Syed Ali Haider Gilani.

Economic Stability Depends On Peace: PML-N Leader

APP

SARGODHA: Chairman Zakat and Ushr Punjab and District General Secretary Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) Rana Munawar Ghous Khan has said Pakistan cannot afford political unrest at this time and peace is essential to attract investment into the country.

He shared these views while addressing participants as the chief guest at the Bhakkar peace award ceremony on Friday. The event was attended by notable figures, including local leader PML-N Rana Aftab Ahmed Khan, and a large number of local dignitaries.

Rana Manwar remarked that the peace award ceremony served as an encouragement for people and reiterated the importance of peace in society. "Without peace, economies falter, and the public bears the brunt of the consequences," he said. The Zakat and Ushr Punjab chairman urged everyone to contribute towards maintaining harmony for societal progress.

Other speakers at the event said that the peace award event was a proof of people's desire for love, brotherhood, and economic development in their city. During the ceremony, the Nawai Bhakkar Aman Award was given to individuals from various walks of life in recognition of their efforts to promote peace.

Soni Dharti App Failure - Causes Distress for Parents, Children Face Difficulties in Seeking Foreign Scholarships

By Khawaja Farooq

NEW YORK: Parents have expressed great concern due to the failure of the Soni Dharti app, a platform essential for applying for foreign scholarships for their children. The app, which has become crucial for obtaining these scholarships, failed to function properly, leading to a major setback for those relying on it for the submission of scholarship applications. As the deadlines for scholarship submissions approached, many students could not complete their applications on time. The failure of the Soni Dharti app resulted in numerous technical issues, leaving students and their parents in a state of worry. Despite several attempts to reach the app's support team, there was no prompt resolution to the problem.

This failure has become a matter of frustration for parents who fear their children might miss out on crucial educational opportunities. Furthermore, it has been reported that many of the affected families had worked hard to gather the required documents only to face this technical obstacle at the last minute. In this regard, the concerned officials, including the administration of Oriz Yakataniol (likely referring to some educational or government body), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, and the President of Pakistan, Mr. Asif Ali Zardari, have been urged to take immediate action. If this issue is not resolved quickly, many deserving students might be deprived of their rightful chance to secure foreign scholarships.

In conclusion, the failure of the Soni Dharti app has caused a great deal of inconvenience and anger among parents, students, and other affected parties. They are demanding that the app's issues be addressed immediately to ensure that students do not lose the opportunity to pursue their education abroad.

Constitutional amendment aimed at pushing PTI against the wall: Barrister Saif

INP

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Advisor Barrister Saif said on Friday that proposed constitutional amendment was aimed at further sidelining the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI).

In a statement, Saif said that people were taking to the streets against the "fascist" government on a daily basis, adding that the PTI would continue its protest till PTI Founder Imran Khan and other political prisoners' release from the prison. He criticised the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) for working in cahoots with the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) against the ideology of former party's founder Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. "An independent judiciary can stand in the way of any infringement on people's rights carried out by use of force and oppression."

New Life Minority Human Rights Council organizes Breast Cancer awareness seminar

Bureau Report

New York: New Life Minority Council New York held a seminar for breast cancer awareness, providing useful advice. New Life Minority Council, which is actively working for public welfare, organized a breast cancer awareness seminar in Brooklyn, New York, under the leadership of Raheela Aslam and Dr. Salma Kausar. Women participated in the event wearing pink ribbons to show their support for breast cancer awareness. The participants thanked the team of New Life Minority Council and praised their efforts for serving the community.

During their speeches, Raheela Aslam and Dr. Salma stated that every year in Pakistan, 90,000 women are diagnosed with breast cancer, and due to the lack of timely diagnosis and treatment, 40,000 women lose their lives annually. Breast cancer is becoming the most common illness among women after skin cancer. They also emphasized that men can also be affected by this disease. Raising



awareness and taking preventive measures is essential for survival. Many women not taking the disease seriously is a dangerous trend.

Raheela Aslam and Dr. Salma urged women to immediately consult a doctor if they feel any need, avoid negligence, and take precautionary measures. They explained that the organization's purpose is purely to serve the community, and

they will continue to perform this duty day and night. Raheela Aslam added that New Life Minority Council is not only hers, but everyone is a part of it. She encouraged people to join the platform and take an active part in community service. She also expressed that working for the community brings her peace, and she hopes to be remembered in good words after her lifetime.

Romina Urges Climate Authority to Coordinate With Stakeholders for Unified Climate Action

APP

ISLAMABAD: Coordinator to Prime Minister on Climate Change, Romina Khurshid Alam has urged the Pakistan Climate Change Authority (PCCA) to play its role to ratchet up collaboration and cooperation among various Federal and provincial governmental organisations for achieving climate resilience, environmental sustainability and low-carbon development goals.

Presiding over the 2nd meeting of PCCA held here, the PM's climate aide said, "Driving the Pakistan's long-term sustainability and climate resilience actions is inevitable for ensuring that the country is

better prepared to cope with the present and the future exacerbating impacts of climate change in various socio-economic sectors, particularly agriculture,

water and energy." Romina Khurshid Alam said further that the Authority, which has been established at the federal level, has been entrusted with an crucial responsibility of achieving the climate resilience, environmental sustainability and low-carbon development goals by spearheading the country's response to the growing threats of climate change, coordinating efforts across sectors and implementing policies that promote climate resilience through various evidence-based policy measures.



Activists of Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) are holding protest demonstration for release of PTI Founder Imran Khan, at Quetta press club.



South Africa stun Australia to reach Women's T20 World Cup final

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DUBAI: A superb 74 not out from Ann-ke Bosch fired South Africa into the Women's T20 World Cup final as they demolished defending champions Australia by eight wickets in Dubai on Thursday.

Set 135 to win, South Africa reached their target with 16 balls to spare, with Bosch, who struck eight fours and a six in her 48-ball innings, sharing a match-winning partnership of 96 with skipper Laura Wolvaardt (42).

In Sunday's final, which will be the first not to feature one of Australia or England, the South Africans will face either West Indies or New Zealand who meet in the second semi-final on Friday.

Australia, who have won six of the previous eight editions, had been the odds-on favourites to win a seventh title in the United Arab Emirates.

However, they had no answer to South Africa for whom this marked a measure of revenge for defeat by Australia in last year's final in Cape Town.

"I think this is one of the best wins of my cricketing career for sure. A couple of other girls have said it as well," said Wolvaardt. "I think that was such an amazing chase. The bowlers are excellent. It's been a good year for us. I think it's been a real collective group effort."

Put into bat, Australia, who were again without their injured captain Alyssa Healy, struggled from the start with the normally fluent Beth Mooney top-scoring with a grafting 44 that included just two fours.

Healy's stand-in Tahliha McGrath made 27 and Ellyse Perry 31 but the run rate only got moving once Phoebe Litchfield came in to club a rapid 15 from nine balls.

The South Africans made a brisk start with Tazmin Brits hitting a six and a four before being bowled by Annabel Sutherland for 15.

That brought in Bosch who had had a mediocre tournament until Thursday with a highest score of 25 against Bangladesh.

She was quickly into her stride, using the slog sweep to great effect as she knocked all of the Australian bowlers apart from Sutherland off their rhythm.

She duly posted her third fifty in T20I cricket, going on to make her highest total in the format and the top score in this tournament.

"It was quite tough out there but I'm really glad we could get over the line and that I could finally contribute with some runs," said Bosch who was named Player of the Match.

"I can't really describe it but we knew we were capable of it and we had a

pretty good tournament so far coming into this game and we were quite confident."

Wolvaardt, who is now the tournament's highest run-scorer with 190, fell just short of the finish with Bosch sealing South Africa's stunning win by smashing Megan Schutt through midwicket.



Spinner Sajid Khan (L) and Noman Ali (R) after winn the second test at Multan and levelling the three-match series at 1-1.

Nauman, Sajid spin Pakistan to victory over England in Multan Test

SPORTS DESK

Noman Ali claimed eight wickets as Pakistan's frontline spinners bowled them to a 152-run victory over England in the second Test in Multan on Friday to level the three-match series at 1-1.

Chasing 297 for victory on a turning track at the Multan Cricket Stadium, England were all out for 144 in the fourth day's morning session.

Noman was the pick of the Pakistan bowlers claiming 8-46.

Spinners Noman and Sajid Khan took all 20 wickets in the match, only the seventh time and first in 52 years that such a feat was achieved in Test cricket.

Skipper Ben Stokes was the top scorer for England with 37 but their frontline batters struggled against the turning ball.

"I think the first one's always special, and it's come after some hard times, some rough times," Shan Masood said after his first test win as Pakistan captain.

"Noman and Sajid coming in for their first games — it's never easy, and they seemed like two seasoned campaigners coming in and doing their job in the second innings.

"We didn't need a third bowler so that just speaks volumes for them."

Pakistan were already in the ascendancy when

England resumed on 36-2 needing an extraordinary batting effort to get anywhere near the target.

Vice-captain Ollie Pope (22) fell in the second over of the day, giving off-spinner Sajid Khan a return catch before left-arm spinner Noman ran amok.

Noman dealt the tourists a body blow when he trapped Joe Root lbw for 18, a decision the batter reviewed but could not get overturned.

Harry Brook (16) fell to Noman in a similar fashion and England slumped to 88-6 when Jamie Smith was sent packing.

Stokes has played some match-defining knocks in his illustrious career and England badly needed a similar innings from him.

The captain, scoring at a run-a-ball rate, came dancing down the track against Noman and swung his bat only for it to fly out of his hands to midwicket.

Pakistan wicketkeeper Mohammad Rizwan had all the time in the world to collect the ball and whip off the bail with Stokes well out of the crease.

"When you get extreme conditions like that, you've got to find a way to negate that spin, which I think we managed to do in some good parts," Stokes said. "... we would have liked to have gone on, especially myself and a couple of the guys who got starts, we might even be able to get closer, if not win the game." The third and final Test begins in Rawalpindi on Thursday.

Lavreysen wins record-equalling 14th world cycling track title

SPORTS DESK

BALLERUP: Dutch cyclist Harrie Lavreysen on Wednesday won his 14th world championship track title with victory in the team sprint event, equalling the all-time record of Frenchman Arnaud Tournant.

The 27-year-old, a five-time Olympic champion, will have several opportunities between now and the end of the championships in Denmark to claim the record for himself.

He will compete in the time-trial on Friday and then the individual sprint event on Sunday.

With Jeffrey Hoogland and Roy van den Berg, the Dutch team dominated Australia in Wednesday's final while Japan beat Britain in the bronze medal match.

Lavreysen now has six team sprint titles, five individual and three keirin titles.

Tournant won nine world titles in team sprint, one in the individual event and four in the time-trial between 1997 and 2008.

Lavreysen has built an incredible track record in five years, including a hat-trick (individual and team sprint, keirin) at the Paris Olympics in August, to become the most successful Dutch athlete in the history of the Summer Games.

In the women's event, Britain dominated the sprint, beating the Netherlands with Australia claiming the bronze.

Dutch sprinter Lorena Wiebes, who arrived at the championships with 22 wins in 2024, claimed her first world title in the scratch.

Wiebes defeated Jennifer Valente of the United States with New Zealand's Ally Wollaston taking home the bronze.



(FROM L) team Netherlands' Roy Van Den Berg, Harrie Lavreysen and Jeffrey Hoogland celebrate after winning the men's team sprint final of the UCI Track Cycling World Championships.

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Bilateral progress

WHILE there was no bilateral breakthrough during Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Islamabad for the SCO summit — and none was expected — the most positive takeaway was that the usual hostility that has marked Pakistan-India ties over the past several years was replaced with courteous exchanges.

Though Mr Jaishankar did indulge in the usual Indian rhetoric of 'cross-border terrorism', there was no direct reference to Pakistan, and his words were couched in diplomatese. It has not gone unnoticed that while the format required SCO heads of government to attend, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi stayed away, preferring to send his top diplomat instead. Yet considering the state of bilateral ties, India could have skipped the moot entirely. Therefore, even limited bilateral engagement, under the umbrella of multilateralism, is welcome.

Mr Jaishankar exchanged handshakes and pleasantries with the prime minister and his Pakistani counterpart, while thanking the government for its "hospitality and courtesies". This is certainly an improvement over last year, when Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari received a highly uncordial reception at the SCO foreign ministers' meeting in Goa.

Perhaps the SCO — with the heft of China and Russia behind it — is working better as a platform for bringing together regional states than groupings such as the moribund Saarc. The reason for this is largely India's refusal to engage with Pakistan even under the aegis of Saarc. But possibly the thinking is changing in New Delhi, while it might also be true that the Indians do not want to annoy Beijing and Moscow by appearing to sabotage the SCO.

The Indian foreign minister, in his comments in Islamabad, mentioned "terrorism" and "separatism" as obstacles standing in the way of "friendship ... and good neighbourliness". This is, of course, the standard Indian line. However, Pakistan also has legitimate concerns vis-à-vis India, which include the Kashmir question, the treatment of Muslims in India, and the activities of subversive elements on Pakistani soil with the apparent support of New Delhi.

The joint communiqué issued after the SCO summit reaffirmed the participants' "commitment to the peaceful settlement of differences ... through dialogue". This is the key to peace in the subcontinent. Dialogue should be uninterrupted and should cover all sticking points standing in the way of better ties. While India's hawks may dismiss the need to talk to Pakistan, dreams of regional integration — especially if Delhi wants to reach Eurasian markets — will remain unfulfilled by not talking. Similarly, hardliners in Pakistan should realise that better ties with India can have economic advantages for this country. There are reports that the resumption of cricketing ties was discussed during Mr Jaishankar's visit. While India has denied this, better sporting ties and restoration of the respective high commissioners, can be the starting point on the long road to normalisation.

By Khawaja Farooq

Donald Trump: A Bold Vision for America's Future

As the 2024 Republican Presidential candidate, Donald Trump remains a figure of immense political influence and controversy. His candidacy marks a return to the forefront of American politics, promising to build on his previous presidency's legacy. For millions of Americans, Trump embodies a vision of strength, nationalism, and economic prosperity. While critics often highlight his brash style or polarizing rhetoric, his supporters argue that these very traits are what set him apart as a leader who is unafraid to take on the establishment, both at home and abroad.

Here's why Donald Trump's candidacy is significant and why his policies resonate with a large segment of the American populace:

1. Economic Growth and Job Creation
During his first term, Donald Trump oversaw significant economic growth, particularly prior to the global COVID-19 pandemic. His policies focused on reducing regulations, cutting taxes for both individuals and corporations, and fostering a pro-business environment. The results were undeniable: the U.S. experienced record low unemployment rates, especially among African American, Hispanic, and Asian American communities. His "America First" approach brought back manufacturing jobs, encouraged domestic production, and made strides in balancing trade relationships that had previously been tilted against the U.S. A key component of Trump's economic strategy was the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which lowered corporate taxes and incentivized businesses to invest and expand. The businessfriendly climate created under Trump's administration spurred innovation and entrepreneurial activity, helping small businesses thrive. His stance on deregulation also helped energy independence efforts, boosting sectors like oil, gas, and coal, while ensuring energy prices remained affordable for American households.

2. Strong National Security and Border Protection

Donald Trump's position on national security remains one of his most defining characteristics. His administration was committed to strengthening the U.S. military and enhancing border security. Under Trump, the military received substantial funding increases, ensuring that America's defense capabilities remained unmatched globally.

Trump's strategy was clear: peace through strength. By projecting power and demonstrating a willingness to use it, he was able to broker unprecedented peace agreements in the Middle East, such as the Abraham Accords, which established diplomatic ties between Israel and several

Arab nations. On immigration, Trump's tough stance on illegal border crossings resonated with millions of Americans concerned about the effects of illegal immigration on jobs, national security, and social services. His administration took steps to secure the southern border through the construction of a physical wall, increasing Border Patrol presence, and implementing stricter immigration policies. Trump argued that these measures were essential to protect the American economy and safeguard the country from criminal organizations trafficking drugs, weapons, and human beings.

3. Protecting American Sovereignty

One of Donald Trump's most enduring legacies is his firm stance on protecting American sovereignty in international affairs. Throughout his presidency, Trump emphasized that the United States should not be beholden to international institutions or agreements that did not serve the country's best interests. He famously withdrew from the Paris Climate

Agreement, arguing that it unfairly disadvantaged American industries, while benefiting global competitors like China and India. Trump also renegotiated NAFTA, replacing it with the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement), which better protected American jobs and manufacturing. His administration also took a hard stance on NATO members who were not meeting their defense spending commitments, pressing them to contribute their fair share. Trump's America First approach on the world stage reasserted U.S. leadership without the heavy burden of global policing, which he argued had drained American resources and overextended its military.

4. Judicial Appointments and Protecting Constitutional Rights

Another significant achievement of Trump's presidency was his reshaping of the federal judiciary. Over four years, Trump appointed three Supreme Court justices, resulting in a conservative majority that will influence the direction of the court for decades to come. His administration's appointment of hundreds of federal judges at all levels of the judiciary ensured that constitutional principles—such as the right to religious freedom, free speech, and the Second Amendment—were upheld.

Trump's judicial appointments reflect his commitment to defending conservative values and protecting individual liberties from government overreach. His supporters see these appointments as a safeguard against activist judges and as a means of preserving the original intent of the Constitution.

5. Challenging the Political Establishment



From the beginning of his political career, Donald Trump has been an outsider, challenging both Democratic and Republican elites. His candidacy was, and remains, a direct challenge to the status quo—a rejection of traditional politics as usual. He has energized a movement of voters who feel left behind by career politicians and a Washington establishment they perceive as disconnected from their everyday struggles. Trump's direct, no-nonsense style appeals to many Americans who appreciate his willingness to speak bluntly and take on issues that other politicians avoid. Whether addressing unfair trade practices with China, confronting media bias, or tackling Big Tech censorship, Trump has positioned himself as a fighter for the average citizen, willing to take on powerful interests.

6. A Focus on Patriotism and National Pride

Trump's vision for America is rooted in a sense of national pride and patriotism. His America First agenda prioritizes the well-being of American citizens and seeks to restore a sense of unity through shared values of freedom, individualism, and opportunity. He has consistently called for the defense of American culture and traditions, emphasizing the importance of preserving the nation's history and its foundational principles.

For many of his supporters, Trump represents a return to an America where patriotism is celebrated, and the country's interests are placed above globalism and partisan politics. His emphasis on American exceptionalism resonates with voters who believe that the U.S. should lead by example, without compromising its sovereignty or values. Conclusion Donald Trump's 2024 candidacy represents a continuation of his America First vision—a vision that promises economic prosperity, strong national security, and a commitment to protecting American sovereignty. While his style may be unconventional, his policies and results speak to millions of Americans who believe that Trump is the right leader to guide the country through turbulent times. In an era where traditional politics and globalism dominate the discourse, Trump offers a bold alternative: a return to a proud, prosperous, and sovereign America. His leadership has redefined the political landscape, and for many, he remains the best choice to lead the nation forward.

By Zubeida Mustafa

Teenage blues

THE teenage years are not a trouble-free phase in a young person's life. The transition to adulthood poses many challenges, mainly due to physiological reasons, including hormonal changes in the body and mental and emotional factors caused by a new experience. It helps if girls and boys are given knowledge about puberty in advance. It is generally believed that it is the job of the family and the teachers to play the role of guide in such matters. But even today, this is not the case universally, given society's prudish norms and taboos.

What happens when those expected to counsel the child at an appropriate age fail to perform their duty? The child's natural curiosity and propensity to explore take over. There are many peers and friends of the same age who extend a helping hand. What is doled out is mostly incorrect information and misguided advice. What is never talked about socially and in education circles is the easy availability of technology which the youth use — ostensibly to facilitate their studies. The fact is that a lot of this online technology is used to access pornography.

In this context, I appreciate even more the literature produced in recent years by various organisations and writers. Its first purpose is to educate and not titillate. The first to enter this field was Ahung, which started publishing their Life Skills-Based Education books in the 1990s and continue to do so. They tell me that now they are producing videos for teachers and students as well, and that hundreds of schools are reaching out for their publications to bene-

fit the child. I had seen these books in the Indus Resource Centre schools several years ago.

A new entrant in this sector is the ardent women's rights supporter and gynaecologist, Dr Shershah Syed. His latest book, Ammi Batayey, was launched at the Arts Council's Writers and Readers' Café. Since the subject of the session was Auraton ke amraaz: afsana aur haqiq (Women's diseases: myth and facts) the book was overshadowed as the focus was on women's health rights. But Dr Shershah's book is important. Being a medical professional, his understanding of the subject is profound and, being a prolific writer, his style is appealing to the young reader. It is in the form of a dialogue.

What happens when those expected to counsel the child fail to do so?

When I distributed Ammi Batayey to a number of women with young children I received a mixed response. Some uneducated mothers to whom the book was read out were deeply interested and curious. They asked so many questions that I had to refer them to the Koochi Goth medical complex in Malir managed by Dr Shershah's family. The reaction I received from another quarter — female students of 12-14 years of age — was shockingly different. They accepted the book in a very matter of fact manner. They apparently knew much more than what the book contains — saying that they obtained 'creams' from 'an aunty'. Another confided that her elder sisters knew all about intimate acts as they had watched it on YouTube.

Bits of information set me thinking, and connecting the dots gathered sporadically,

the full picture emerged.

According to Sahil, an NGO seeking to break the silence on child abuse, Pakistan ranked third globally in online child pornography in 2022. Wikipedia tells us that the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority has been banning pornographic websites in the thousands since 2011. I remembered all the horror stories when the Kasur scandal emerged in 2015; hundreds of children were kidnapped for pornographic films in-vo-lving them. Cases have been reported of children being picked up and being forced to watch pornographic media.

Mental health consultants reveal discreetly that many adults are turning to them to confess that they have been watching pornographic films on the sly, and that even when they feel they have had enough, they are unable to wean themselves off this damaging habit. Damaging it is, no doubt; a psychiatrist describes watching pornography as addictive and isolating. Another mental health consultant says it "distorts belief and the perception of human relationship and sexuality" and leads to negative feelings in the affected person about himself.

Who do we turn to now? The government, which sees an enemy behind every bush, is busy chasing it while neglecting the social evils that are destroying this country. Criminals of all stripe have been given a free rein to loot the country of its human wealth. Our youth can be equipped with the best self-defence mechanism to protect themselves. That comes only from a sensible and balanced education, combined with sports and games.

DAILY MIRROR

SC Abolishes Policies Of Recruitment Of Govt Employees' Children

APP

ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court of Pakistan on Friday nullified all the policies and packages related to job quotas of children of government employees.

A three-member bench of the top court heard the appeal of GPO against the verdict of Peshawar High Court (PHC) and announced its verdict.

In a 11-page order authored by Justice Naeem Akhtar Afghan, the court said, "The impugned order passed by the Peshawar High Court in favour of the respondent is set aside. Policies, office memorandums, employment under the Package of the Prime Minister, the Financial Assistance Package, Rule 11-A of the Sindh Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1974, Rule 10 (4) of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 1989, Rule 12 of the Balochistan Civil Servants (Appointment, Promotion and Transfer) Rules, 2009 or any other rule, policy, memorandum, etc. whereunder appointments without open advertisement, competition and merit, of the widow/widower, wife/husband or child of civil servants in different grades, who die during service or become perma-

nently disabled/invalidated/incapacitated for further service and take retirement from service, are declared to be discriminatory and ultra vires Articles 3, 4, 5(2), 18, 25(1) and 27 of the Constitution. The prescribed Federal and Provincial authorities are directed to withdraw the same."

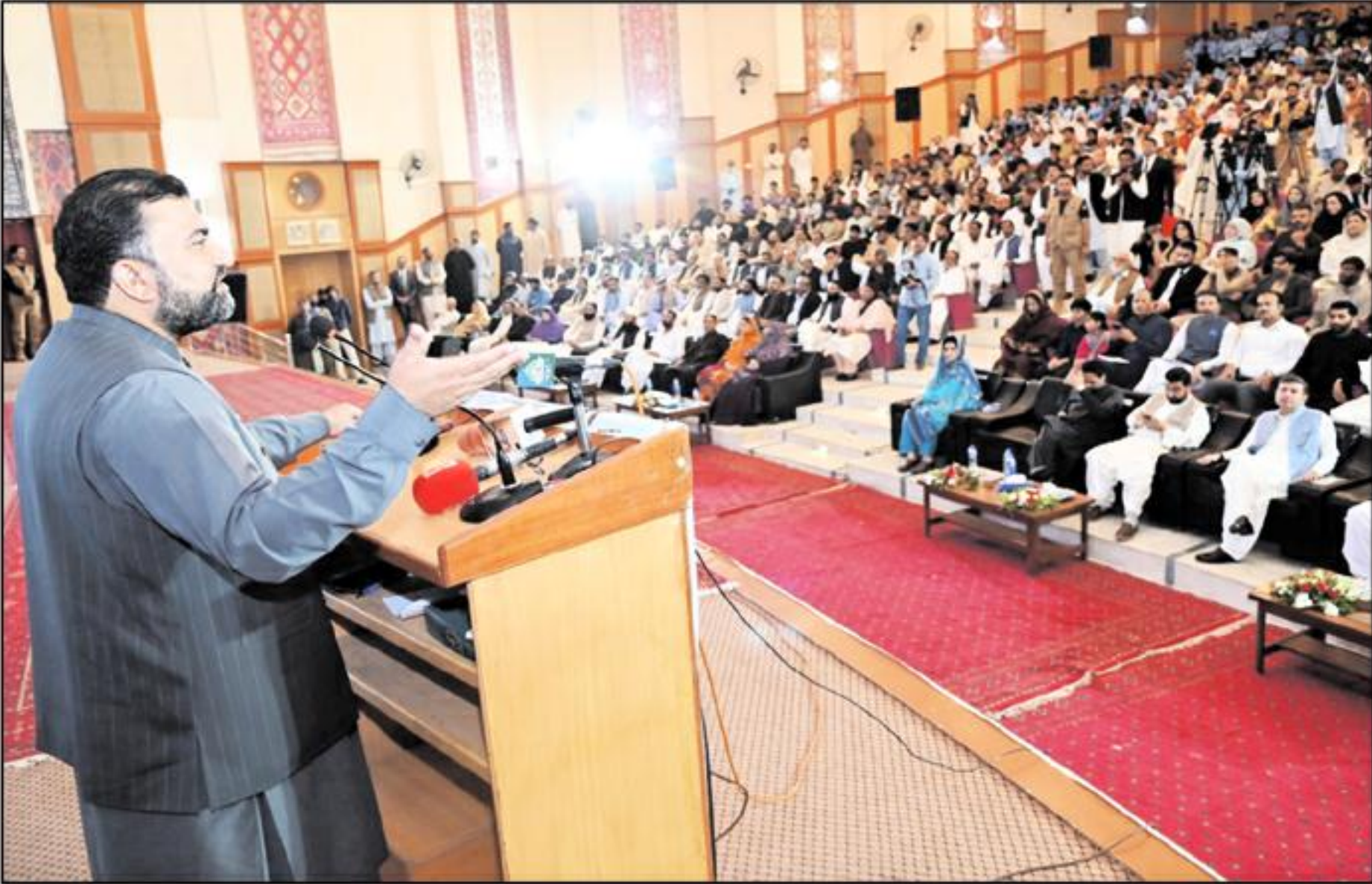
The order said, "However, it is clarified that the instant judgment shall not affect the appointments already made of the widow/widower, wife/husband or child of deceased or retired civil servants. It is further clarified that this judgment shall not affect the policies, rules or compensation packages of the Federal and Provincial Governments for the benefit of the legal heirs of martyred personnel of the law enforcement agencies and of civil servants who die on account of terrorist activities."

The court said, "Under Article 3 of the Constitution, it is obligatory for the State to ensure elimination of all forms of exploitation and the gradual fulfillment of the fundamental principles, from each according to his ability to each according to his work. To achieve the object of good governance and to fulfill the obligation under Article 3 of the Constitution, transparency and CP No.3390 of 2021 10 merit in appointments in the service of Pakistan that includes government jobs must be adopted."

It said, "The appointment of a widow/widower, wife/husband or child of a civil servant in different grades on contract or regular basis, without open advertisement, competition and merit is also violative of Article 18 of the Constitution which provides that subject to such qualification, if any, as may be prescribed by law, every citizen shall have the right to enter upon any lawful profession or occupation and to conduct any lawful trade or business. Appointments obstructing ordinary qualified citizens to compete for entering into the profession of the service of Pakistan in accordance with their ability and eligibility also violate this fundamental right, and if such appointments are made they negate equality of opportunity, competition, merit and also defeat the object of good governance."

The judgment said, "Good governance cannot be achieved by exercising discretionary powers unreasonably or arbitrarily. This objective can be achieved by following the Constitution and the rules of justice, fairness and openness as enshrined in the above referred Articles of the Constitution."

It may be mentioned here that a citizen Muhammad Jilal filed a Writ Petition in the Peshawar High Court for issuing directions to the GPO to consider him for appointment after the retirement of his father.



Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti Addressing Youth Skills Development Program (CMYSDP).

Naval Chief visits Italy, participates Trans-Regional Seapower Symposium

APP

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Naveed Ashraf, visited Italy and attended the Trans-Regional Seapower Symposium (TRSS).

He delivered a talk on 'Preserving the Underwater: The Secure and Sustainable Use of the Underwater.' The Naval Chief also held meetings with naval leaders from various countries, a Pakistan Navy news release said.

The Trans-Regional Seapower Symposium (TRSS) took place in Venice, Italy. The event aimed to address the growing importance of the underwater environment from different perspectives, highlighting challenges and opportunities, and facilitating a fruitful debate within the maritime community.

During his talk, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf emphasized that the preservation of underwater ecosystems and the sustainable use of marine resources are critical to ensuring global biodiversity and economic stability.

"Through a combination of stringent international regulations, innovative technologies, and effective conservation strategies, we can secure a sustainable future for underwater environments while balancing human and environmental needs," the Naval Chief added.

Referring to the forthcoming AMAN Dialogue, concurrent with the Pakistan Navy's multinational exercise AMAN in 2025, Admiral Naveed Ashraf said that it will provide an opportunity for participating Chiefs of Navies and Coast Guards to promote a shared understanding of maritime security issues, including the protection of underwater resources for future generations. On the sidelines of TRSS, the Naval Chief also interacted with naval leaders from various countries. He had meetings with the First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, Admiral Sir Ben Key; Chief of Naval Operations of the U.S. Navy, Admiral Lisa Franchetti; Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy, Admiral Chonlathit Navanukroh; Chief of Staff of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, Admiral Akira Saito; Advisor to the Ministry of Defence of Italy, Professor Andrea Margelletti; and Managing Director of MBDA Italy, Mr. Giovanni Soccodato. Later, the Chief of the Naval Staff visited the Headquarters of the Secretary General of Defence of Italy and met with Secretary .

Education Key to Country's Future: Dr. Musadik

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Petroleum, Dr. Musadik Malik, on Friday said that education was essential for securing the country's bright future.

In his closing remarks at a seminar on sustainable tobacco control policies, Dr. Malik stressed the importance of efforts to prevent children from dropping out of school.

He said that children should be encouraged to attend school to secure their own and the country's future.

The minister said that protecting children from social evils is essential to ensuring a better future for Pakistan.

Highlighting the dangers of smoking, Dr. Musadik Malik called it a major cause of cancer and responsible for countless deaths, urging the public to avoid smoking for the sake of their health.

He said that while the number of smokers is decreasing in most parts of the world, South Asia is experiencing an alarming rise in smoking rates, particularly among women and children.

The minister expressed concern over

how poverty has been turned into a business, allowing some to profit at the expense of public health.

He said that when discussing smoking, the argument is often made that the tobacco industry contributes significant tax revenues that help improve the economy. However, a large portion of these tax revenues, he said, is spent on treating smoking-related illnesses in hospitals.

Dr. Musadik Malik raised concerns about the cost to human lives, highlighting that although the cigarette industry contributes taxes, it also causes countless deaths and places a significant burden on the government's healthcare budget.

He stressed the need to prioritize public health, remarking that a healthy society forms the foundation for national development. "We cannot put a price on the lives of our loved ones," he said, calling for action to curb drug use, especially smoking.

He said that the taxes generated by the tobacco industry are not worth more than the public's well-being and urged everyone to play their part in building a healthier society.

Gillani issues Directives to Brief Senate about Prevailing Law, Order Situation in Balochistan

APP

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gillani on Friday issued directives to the Interior Minister to come to the House and brief this august forum about prevailing law and order situation in Balochistan.

The Chairman issued the directives after lawmakers from Balochistan including Manzoor Ahmad Kakar and Umer Farooq who raised their

voices about deteriorating law and order situation in the province.

Meanwhile, the Chair also referred the calling attention notice to the concern standing committee for detail discussion. Earlier, raising the calling attention notice Senator Hidayatullah said that the teaching staff of Balochistan University was not getting their salaries. They also staged hunger strike for payment of their salaries but in

vain. He said that salaries to the teaching staff should be released immediately. He urged the chair to refer the matter to the committee for detail discussion.

Responding to the calling attention notice, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar also endorsed view point of Senator Hidayatullah and requested the Chair to refer it to the committee.

Earlier, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue Saleem Mandviwalla presented three reports of the committee including further to amend the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 [The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2024], to amend the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956 [The State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2024] and on the Equal Scales of Salary and Allowances Bill, 2024 in the House.

No student has any evidence of alleged Lahore rape, Punjab lawyer tells LHC

INP

LAHORE: Punjab's state counsel told the Lahore High Court (LHC) on Friday that students alleging the rape of a college student in Lahore "had no evidence" to support the claim.

Last week, reports related to the alleged rape of a private college student went viral on social media, prompting the police to arrest a security guard at the college who was allegedly involved in the incident.

Enraged by the alleged incident, students mobilised on social media and staged protests outside different colleges in Lahore over the past few days, resulting in at least 28 being injured on Monday. Demonstrations also spread to other parts of Punjab, as the police arrested more than 380 protesters against the alleged incident in Rawalpindi.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz has declared that the alleged rape was "fabricated news", blaming the PTI for spreading the "fake reports" on social media. Punjab Group of Colleges (PGC) group Director Agha Tahir and other office-holders have also termed the incident "baseless".

Faced with the double challenge of a possible agitation by the PTI and students' protest today, the Punjab government has banned all public gatherings for two days as Section 144 has been imposed across the province.

PM Lauds Pakistan Navy's Operation to Seize 1.3 Tons Of Narcotics

APP

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Friday lauded the Pakistan Navy for successfully carrying out an operation in the North Arabian Sea in which 1.3 tons of narcotics were seized.

The prime minister, in a statement, said that the vibrant leadership of the Pakistan Navy led to the seizure of huge quantity of narcotics in the operation.

He said that foiling the attempt to smuggle a huge quantity of narcotics was laudable.

"The whole nation feels proud of the officials of the Pakistan Navy. The elimination of narcotics was essential for the welfare of humanity," he remarked. Prime Minister Shehbaz reiterated that the government was determined to extend all possible facilities to the Pakistan Navy in its mission to purge country of narcotics.

President Stresses Mass Awareness, Collective Efforts to Reduce Mortality Rate of Breast Cancer

APP

ISLAMABAD: President Asif Ali Zardari has emphasised the countrywide public awareness and collective efforts at individual and national levels to reduce the mortality rate due to breast cancer in Pakistan.

The president, in his message to the nation on the International Day Against Breast Cancer annually observed on October 19, said that breast cancer was not only the most frequently diagnosed cancer but was also the leading cause of death among women in low and middle-income countries.

He said the incidence of breast cancer was more common in South Asian countries, majorly due to a lack of breast cancer awareness in women.

"In our country, one in every nine women is at risk of breast cancer and the late diagnosis of the disease considerably contributes to the high mortality rate. Moreover, economic obstacles deter many from receiving the required treatment," the president added.

He said the International Day Against Breast Cancer was observed to raise awareness about the disease and to promote timely diagnosis and treatment.

He said that this year's theme "No One Should Face Breast Cancer Alone" for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

reminded us of the importance of support, solidarity, and care for every person dealing with this disease.

He stressed the need to raise awareness about the disease by addressing misconceptions and prioritizing healthy lifestyle adjustments.

He said that Pakistan needed the broader level efforts to educate women about breast cancer, regular self-examination and mammographic screening.

He urged the policymakers and health officials to plan and prioritize disease control activities,

including improved treatment and individual patient care.

President Zardari called for women's access to screening and early detection services which were critical in detecting breast cancer early and saving lives.

Calling the media's role critical in raising awareness about this disease, he urged print, electronic and social media to educate people about breast cancer to save thousands of precious lives.

"Let us recommit to giving more support, care, and hope to patients, families and survivors of breast cancer," he said and expresses the hope that the collective efforts at the individual, institutional and national levels would enable the country to improve the overall health and well-being of the people and breast cancer-related deaths.



Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding relief efforts in Gaza and Palestine by the Government of Pakistan, in Islamabad.

Final decision on constitutional amendments after Imran Khan's directions: Gohar

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Barrister Gohar Ali Khan said on Friday that a consensus has been nearly reached with Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman regarding the 26th Constitutional Amendment, and a final announcement will be made after consultations with PTI founder Imran Khan.

Speaking to the media following a meeting with Maulana Fazlur Rehman in Islamabad, Barrister Gohar explained that PTI held a meeting with its allies, including the JUI-F chief, to discuss the constitutional amendments. He stated that there was a strong possibility of reaching an agreement during the previous talks, and Friday's meeting further solidified that understanding.

"We are still in talks. Once we finalise our position, we will seek Imran Khan's instructions. Today, we will request a meeting with him, and we aim to meet him tomorrow. Based on his directives,

we will announce our final stance," Barrister Gohar said.

He added that significant progress was made in the discussions with Maulana Fazlur Rehman, bringing them closer to an agreement. "We had a detailed discussion with Maulana Fazlur Rehman, and we are nearly at a consensus," he noted.

Barrister Gohar also mentioned that representatives from both PTI and JUI-F participated in the Special Parliamentary Committee discussions on the amendment. PTI was represented by Amir Dogar, while JUI-F also had its representatives present. The committee approved the draft amendment, which formed the basis for negotiations between PTI and JUI-F. "We are hopeful that tomorrow, after receiving directions from Imran Khan, we will make a final announcement. For now, we have almost reached an agreement with Maulana Fazlur Rehman, which we will present to Imran Khan and share his guidance tomorrow," he said.

PTI agrees on Constitutional Amendment Draft with some changes subject to leadership consultation: Raja Pervaiz

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Former Prime Minister, Speaker National Assembly and Member National Assembly (MNA), Raja Pervaiz Ashraf on Friday said the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) delegation headed by chief whip of the party Aamir Dogar agreed on the Constitutional Amendment Draft with some changes subject to consultation with its leadership.

The former Speaker National Assembly was speaking at previous day debate on legislative reforms during the 10th session of the lower house of the Parliament.

Raja Pervaiz Ashraf said all political parties should reconcile to start a new dawn of peace and progress and national unity as there should be politics of peace and violence should end.

He appreciated the Sunni Ittehad

Council (SIC) chief whip Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar rendered a remarkable conduct during the negotiations on the constitutional amendment and gave recommendations on the draft legislation.

"There is a draft that has been accepted by all political parties with small changes and it should be approved by all," he said.

In response from the Opposition Benches, SIC MNA, Ali Muhammad Khan said the Parliament was the supreme forum and the government should do legislation but it should not be at the cost of political compromises.

The Constitutional Amendment Draft should be prepared in the Parliament that would be presented before the PTI founder and the party members would persuade him to accent its passage for basic human rights and betterment of the Constitution, he said.



Lawyers Joint Action Committee Leaders, Rahib Buledi, Ali Ahmed Kurd and others addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club