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No room for violence: PM says country cannot afford chaotic protests

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: On the heels of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's protest in the capital, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif addressed an all-important session of the federal cabinet on Wednesday.

At the start of his address, he said, "this session is really important as the country cannot afford the violent politics now."

The Prime Minister said the PTI had always used violent means to hold protests in the capital because the party's leader did not believe in democratic and political values.

He said the PTI was really bothered about why Pakistan avoided default and turned the economy in the positive direction. The protesters should understand that it was due to the tireless efforts of 16 months and not which was something sudden.

"Even our worst critics agree and praise that the economic direction is now set for the positive path," he said. "Should we

destroy all these things for their (PTI) sake?" the PM questioned.

The PM also said the military leadership has also been crucial in its support for the steps taken by the democratic government.

He also said the PTI's manner of politics was really violent while adding the PML-N, PPP and JUI-F also protested in the capital in the past but not a plant was hurt in their venture.

The PM also mentioned the recent statement of Bushra Bibi regarding Saudi Arabia and remarked that nothing could be more anti-state than that vitriol.

He acknowledged the efforts of Islamabad police, Rangers and security personnel who played a crucial role in maintaining peace and order situation in the country.

The PM also praised the efforts of Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Information Minister Attaullah Tarar who were also played the leading roles in maintaining calm in the country.



RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir expressed these views while talking to Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) of the People's Republic of China, General Zhang Youxia.

CM Gandapur says PTI sit-in 'still ongoing' as LEAs arrest 954 protesters

Islamabad police chief says 610 arrested on "Tuesday alone"; data services restored in city; party urges CJP to take action on supporters' "murder"

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: After fleeing from the site of the PTI's high-stakes Islamabad protest, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur on Wednesday resurfaced in Mansehra, where he assured his party workers that the "sit-in is still ongoing" while the police said that nearly 1,000 protesters were arrested. After a day of clashes between security forces and protesters in the city's Red Zone ended in the party leadership's hasty retreat, the PTI announced in the early hours of Wednesday that it was calling off its planned protest sit-in "for the time being". As PTI supporters inched towards the heavily barricaded D-Chowk late on Tuesday, the police and security forces employed intense teargas shelling to disperse the protesters.

What we know so far: PTI suspends protest 'for the time being'

7th polio case for Dera Ismail Khan takes Pakistan's 2024 tally to 56

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Another polio case was confirmed to be detected in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Dera Ismail Khan on Wednesday, taking the country's tally for the current year to 56.

Pakistan is one of the last two countries in the world, alongside Afghanistan, where polio remains endemic. Despite global efforts to eradicate the virus, challenges such as security issues, vaccine hesitancy, and misinformation have slowed progress.

The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at Islamabad's National Institutes of Health (NIH) confirmed the detection of the case in a boy, according to a press release issued by the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC).

It added that it was the seventh polio case of the year from DI Khan, one of the seven polio-endemic districts of southern KP.

According to the NEOC, the country was responding to an "intense resurgence" of wild poliovirus this year with 56 cases reported so far.

It said Balochistan and KP reported the highest number of cases with 26 and 15, respectively, while 13 were reported from Sindh, and one each from Punjab and Islamabad.

Data services restored in capital, routes reopened

PTI claims at least 8 dead in 'shooting at protesters'

Info minister says 'no state firing on protesters'

PTI's Yousafzai questions leadership's 'absence', criticises Bushra

HRCP calls for 'political introspection', dialogue

Addressing a press conference in the afternoon in Mansehra, CM Gandapur said the sit-in "is still ongoing", adding that it would not end till PTI founder Imran Khan ordered so.

"People have died in this protest, we must pray for them," the chief minister said during the press conference held at the residence of KP Speaker Babar Saleem Swati. "We have been targets of violence," he said, lamenting that the PTI was not permitted to protest whenever it sought to.



Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfraz Bugti addresses during his visit to Quetta Chamber of Commerce and Industry (QCCI) in Quetta.

Army Chief, Vice Chairman of CMC discuss regional security

ONLINE

RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir has thanked Chinese leadership for standing firmly with Pakistan, irrespective of changes in the international and regional environment.

He expressed these views while talking to Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) of the People's Republic of China, General Zhang Youxia, who visited General Headquarters in Rawalpindi today along with a high-level delegation.

The distinguished guest held a one-on-one meeting with General Syed Asim Munir, followed by delegation-level discussions.

The engagements focused on matters of mutual interest, regional security dynamics, measures for regional stability, and enhancing bilateral defence cooperation.

General Asim Munir underscored the enduring and all-

weather nature of Pakistan-China relations, emphasizing their foundation of mutual trust and cooperation.

He affirmed that this historic partnership has withstood the test of time and is poised to grow further.

On the occasion, Vice Chairman Zhang Youxia expressed China's deep appreciation for Pakistan's steadfast commitment to their strategic partnership.

He commended the Pakistan Army's resolve and professionalism in its ongoing counter-terrorism efforts and reiterated China's determination to further strengthen this enduring relationship.

Earlier, upon his arrival at GHQ, General Zhang Youxia laid a floral wreath at the Yadgar-e-Shuhada, paying homage to Pakistan's martyrs.

He was accorded a warm reception, including a guard of honour presented by a smartly turned-out contingent of the Pakistan Army.

Scooters to be given to female students of universities: CM Bugti

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Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday announced that scooters would be given to female students of universities, colleges and secondary schools. He expressed these views while gifting pink scooters to FG Girls Degree College student Tahira Arif and a female police officer at the Chief Minister's Secretariat Quetta. The CM said that solid measures were being taken to empower women as half of our country's population consisted of women. He said that it is the need of the hour that women to be empowered and given full representation in all walks of life.

The women Deputy Commissioners posted in Balochistan are performing excellent administrative duties and currently five districts of Balochistan have women Deputy Commissioners posted, he said. He said that launching the provincial government's initiative to provide pink scooters to employed women and female students.

He said that the aim of this initiative is to make women independent and to encourage women in every field at the provincial level. Tahira Arif, a student of FG Girls Degree College, appreciated this important initiative of the Chief Minister. She said that the provision of pink scooters to women by the Balochistan government would restore their confidence and enable them to play their key role more effectively.

SC refuses to take suo moto notice of killings in PTI protests

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ISLAMABAD: The Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court has refused to take suo moto notice of reports of killings in the protest of PTI continued for a couple of days in Islamabad.

The five-member Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court, headed by Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, was hearing miscellaneous petitions regarding climate change and the PTI Chairman's petition regarding the merger of Federally Administered Tribal Areas into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

On the request of the Counsel for Chairman PTI Advocate Babar Awan the Court disposed of the petition.

Babar Awan pleaded before the court that FATA is already merged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and there is no need for any action in this regard.

Meanwhile, Advocate General for KP, who was present in the hearing through video link, pleaded before the court to take suo moto notice of the use of force and killings, as the Constitutional Bench has the authority to do so.

The Court however rejected the plea observing that the matter is not before the court.

Justice Musarrat Hilali admonished the Advocate General KP for attempting to indulge the court in political affairs.

Failed 'Final Call' tsunami leaves organizers embarrassed after clashes in Islamabad: Siddiqui

APP

ISLAMABAD: The much-hyped "Final Call" tsunami, which threatened to bring Islamabad to a standstill, ended in an embarrassing retreat for its organizers as clashes with security forces left several injured and protesters fleeing at night, abandoning their vehicles and motorcycles. Senator Irfan Siddiqui, PML-N's Parliamentary Party Leader in the Senate, said in a statement on X, "Those shouting 'murne marne' (kill and kill) slogans killed some security personnel and workers and fled in the middle of the night through a road surrounded by forests in the Margalla Hills."

He said that now factories of lies and misrepresentations would emerge, creating baseless fictional stories of bodies and bloodshed, but the shameful retreat of the "Final Call" will keep PTI from recovering for a long time.

The government of Pakistan, he said is currently grappling with two critical issues. Firstly, it needs to ascertain whether the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) is a legitimate political party or a lawless entity that employs violence and vandalism.

Youth to be Guided in Finding Job Opportunities: Governor

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QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Jaffar Khan Mandokhail on Wednesday said that our youth are the future of Balochistan and we have to help and guide them in finding job opportunities according to their capabilities.

He expressed these views while addressing the participants on the occasion of the seventh job fair of Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS).

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS Dr Khalid Hafeez, Principal Secretary to Governor Balochistan Hashim Khan Ghilzai and a large number of students

including representatives of fifty different industries, factories, banks and NGOs participating in the job fair were present.

Addressing the participants, the Governor said that

the organizing a job fair at the university is actually a joint venture which enables industrialists and owners of various companies to access relevant experts and talented workforce.

He said that the graduating students get access to resources, job opportunities and economic development saying that this joint venture to strengthen cooperation between academia and industry benefits all three sectors including academia, industry and students.



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur Speaking at a press conference in Mansehra

Fazlur Rehman condemns violence in Islamabad, offers mediation role with PTI

JUI-F chief says a good leader guides workers towards the right path without inciting violence

NEWS DESK

LARKANA: The head of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI-F), Maulana Fazlur Rehman, condemned the recent violent incidents in Islamabad and expressed his willingness to mediate with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party if they maintain communication.

Speaking to the media in Larkana on Wednesday, Rehman stressed the importance of consensus in national matters, particularly the Kachi Canal project, stating that such issues should be addressed through mutual agreement and consultation with all provinces.

Rehman reiterated his party's stance on provincial autonomy, underscoring that his party has always advocated for it from the very beginning. He also noted that actions on significant matters must be carried out in consultation with provincial governments, and no province should be forced into protests.

He further highlighted the need for continuous dialogue with PTI, stating that while he is willing to play a mediating role, the party has not remained consistently in contact.

Rehman added that he was not referring to the leadership of PTI but rather to the party's workers, who are generally committed to their cause. According to him, a good leader can

guide their followers in the right direction and temper their enthusiasm without resorting to violence.

Reflecting on past political movements, Rehman recalled that during the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) protests, including the Azadi March, more than 1.5 million people gathered in Islamabad without any violent incidents. He stressed that it is essential to show the workers the path of struggle without inciting violence.

Addressing the prevailing instability in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, Rehman criticised the provincial governments for their lack of seriousness in dealing with the situation, which has led to unrest in both provinces.

He warned that if the government remains fixated on incarcerating political leaders and creating a cycle of releasing and re-arresting them, the country could descend into anarchy.

He also raised questions about the PTI's intentions following their announcement to march toward D-Chowk, which prompted the government to impose strict security measures. Despite these efforts, PTI successfully reached Islamabad, where violence erupted, which Rehman firmly condemned.



In response to a question regarding the religious seminars draft discussed during the PDM era, Rehman pointed out that the proposal had been developed after extensive consultations with key political figures, including Asif Ali Zardari, Bilawal Bhutto, and Nawaz Sharif.

He expressed concern over the current objections to the draft and promised to discuss the issue more openly in the near future.

PTI's current protest was not less than May 9 riots: Sharjeel Memon

INP

KARACHI: Sindh Minister for Information Sharjeel Inam Memon has berated the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) for staging a protest in Islamabad and derailing the country, saying, PTI's protest was not less than May 9 riots.

During a press conference in Karachi, Memon criticised the PTI for sabotaging law and order whenever a foreign delegation visited Pakistan.

Sindh minister stated that KP CM Ali Amin Gandapur misused KP province's machinery and resources for political interests leading the PTI protest. PTI's actions would be written in black words in history.

"We are not supporters of the government-led government set-up in KP but PTI leadership actions don't deserve a government in the province," he stressed.

PTI wanted the killings of innocents but federal government didn't let the nefarious goals get successful.

He lamented PTI founder for his narrative that his spouse would not join politics, Memon insisted that but Bushra Bibi proved more political and she incited violence and agitated the public during the protest.

Sharjeel Memon alleged that FC, Punjab Police and Rangers were attacked despite all odds the federal government displayed tolerance and patience.

He recalled that the PPP also staged peaceful protests during the PTI government but they never resorted to violence.

The PPP leader stated that they did support the fundamental right of protest but the PTI created anarchy, arson, vandalism on the state and assaulted security forces, Police and Rangers.

"How could you challenge the state carrying weapons, get relief from the courts as we did," Sharjeel Inam emphasised.

Accountability court heard the case of assets more than income against Sharjeel Memon and adjourned the case hearing without proceedings until December 4.



MOSCOW: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq with Deputy Chairman of Muftis of Moscow Damir Mukhetdinov at Moscow Cathedral Mosque.

Middle Standard Examinations: A Collective Achievement: Nizamuddin Mengal

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Quetta: The Chief Executive Officer of the Balochistan Assessment and Examination Commission (BAEC), Nizamuddin Mengal, has commended the collective efforts of the entire team for the successful and transparent conduct of the Middle Standard Examinations in the Winter Zone. Mengal highlighted that this accomplishment is not the result of individual effort but a testament to the dedication and hard work of the entire BAEC staff, teachers, and Education Department officers. Expressing his gratitude, Mengal stated that this success reflects the tireless efforts, dedication, and integrity of all team members involved.

Their commitment ensured the examination was conducted effectively, transparently, and without incidents of cheating. This is a significant step in our mission to uphold the sanctity and quality of educational assessments in Balochistan. Mengal specifically praised several teams and individuals for their exemplary contributions. He recognized the Director PITE, Mr. Shamsullah Kharaal, and his team for their consistent supervision and focus on maintaining high standards during the examination process. The Director Bureau, Mr. Saeed Ahmed, and his team were acknowledged for ensuring transparency and credibility through diligent oversight and integrity. He also appreciated the

Director of Education (Schools), Mr. Akhtar Muhammad Khatri, and his team, whose active involvement and leadership, despite their demanding schedules, played a pivotal role in the examination's success. Furthermore, Mengal acknowledged the District Education Officer, Quetta, Dr. Naseer Ali Shah, and his team for managing an organized and efficient supervision process while addressing challenges promptly.

He also highlighted the significant contributions of the District Education Officer (Male), Quetta, Mr. Abdul Hameed Lango, and his team, whose effective supervision and cooperation were crucial in ensuring the smooth execution of the examinations.

MoU signed to enhance living conditions for women

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Quetta: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Wednesday between Aurat Foundation (AF) and Inspector General (IG) Prisons Department at the IG Prisons Office. The MoU was signed by Mr. Allauddin Khilji, Resident Director of Aurat Foundation, and Mr. Ishaque Zehri, Superintendent of Central Jail Quetta under the supervision of Malik Shuja Uddin Kasi, Inspector General of Prisons. Allauddin Khilji and Ishaque Zehri said that the partnership aims to improve the living conditions and welfare of women and juvenile inmates in Quetta District Jail throughout the project period. They said that this collaboration paves the way for the implementation of the "Enforcement of Technical Training and Rehabilitation Program for Juvenile Inmates in Quetta District Jail 2024-2025," with the financial support of Muslim Charity.

Punjab CM thanks people for opposing protest

INP

LAHORE: Punjab CM Maryam Nawaz has expressed gratitude for the people of Punjab for not taking part in the PTI protest saying, "Bohat Shukria Punjab, Punjab Zindabad."

"I am thankful to the people of Punjab for not supporting elements creating anarchy and vandalism," she asserted.

She directed to open all routes across Punjab, highways, entry and exit points in Lahore. She instructed the administration to ensure supply of food items and control their prices.

Maryam Nawaz stated that she was aware and anxious of the ordeal faced by the public due to obstacles and closures of roads amid extremists' protests.

NDMA dispatches 21st relief consignment to Gaza, Lebanon, Syria

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ISLAMABAD: The National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) on Wednesday dispatched its 21st consignment of humanitarian aid, consisting of 17 tons of relief supplies, to support war-affected populations in Gaza, Lebanon and Syria.

In collaboration with the Pakistan Air Force (PAF), NDMA sent an aid shipment consisting of around 17 tons of supplies, including blankets, food, and medicines. This humanitarian aid, dispatched under

the directives of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, was flown via a chartered 777 aircraft from Chaklala, Rawalpindi to Damascus, Syria, for the war-affected people of Gaza, Lebanon, and Syria.

Under the instructions of the prime minister, a total of 1,756 tons of relief items have been dispatched to the affected people of Gaza (1,273 tons), Lebanon (372 tons) and Syria (111 tons).

The send-off ceremony held at Chaklala was attended by Ibrar Malik, MNA, senior officials from NDMA, MOFA and PAF.

Acting medical superintendent has been appointed in place of regular medical superintendent in nine teaching hospitals of Lahore

By Maqsood Khalid

LAHORE: Acting medical superintendent has been appointed in place of regular medical superintendent in nine teaching hospitals of Lahore.

The Superintendent was removed and an Acting Medical Superintendent was installed in the Services Hospital.

Before that, the Health Department appointed regular MS Dr. Moin Uddin from Gahangaram Hospital a month ago was removed and appointed an Acting MS. Then regular MS Dr. Yahya Sultan was replaced from Jinnah Hospital and appointed another Acting MS. Currently, acting medical superintendents are appointed in nine teaching hospitals in Lahore, which is a question mark on the health department.



QUETTA: National Party Central Secretary Information and ex Senator Kabir Ahmed Shai addressing a press conference.



A sit-in has been held at the Provincial Assembly Chowk against the abduction of 8 years old Muhammad Masoor, in Quetta



World Boxing announces creation of new Asian confederation

SPORTS DESK

MEXICO CITY: World Boxing on Tuesday backed the newly-formed Asian boxing confederation to represent and promote the sport in the region, an organisation not associated with the Russian-led International Boxing Association (IBA).

The announcement came days after 25 out of 36 member federations of the existing Asian Boxing Confederation (ASBC) voted to remain affiliated with the IBA in an Extraordinary Congress.

Immediately after the vote was concluded, ASBC president Pichai Chunhavajira resigned and called for the foundation of a new Asian confederation under World Boxing, which is looking to establish itself as the sport's recognised international federation.

Chunhavajira, who is also president of Thailand's Boxing Association, said the establishment of such a body would "ensure a transparent, fair and sustainable future for our sport." "We are thrilled to take this step towards empowering boxing in Asia. We are confident that the new Asian boxing confederation will thrive and further elevate the sport in the region."



AL KHOR: Al Nassr's Cristiano Ronaldo scores during the Asian Champions League match against Al Gharafa at the Al Bayt Stadium.

Kobe close on Asian CL knockouts after goalkeeping error gifts win

SPORTS DESK

KUALA LUMPUR: Vissel Kobe edged closer to a place in the knockout rounds of the Asian Champions League Elite on Tuesday after a late error by visiting goalkeeper Dylan Peraic-Cullen handed the Japanese champions a 3-2 win over Central Coast Mariners in Kobe.

Matias Vargas scored a hat-trick as 10-man Shanghai Port defeated South Korea's Ulsan HD 3-1 while Japan's Kawasaki Frontale won 3-0 over Buriram United and Shandong Taishan claimed a 1-0 win over Johor Darul Ta'zim.

Takayuki Yoshida's Kobe side lead the east Asian standings with 13 points from the first five league phase games as clubs attempt to finish in the top eight places in the 12-team division to advance to the last 16.

Kobe were made to work for their win, seeing a two-goal lead given to them by Ryuho Kikuchi's 40th minute header and an own goal from Storm Roux four minutes after the restart wiped out.

Hotaru Yamauchi's own goal in the 54th minute and a strike from Bailey Brandtman with 16 minutes remaining pulled the A-League champions level.

But in the 81st minute Peraic-Cullen let Daiju Sasaki's shot from the edge of the penalty area slip through his hands to gift Kobe the three points.

After five games, A-League champions Central Coast have one point and are a place off bottom.

Rooted to the basement are two-time Asian champions Ulsan, who were beaten at home by newly crowned Chinese title-holders Shanghai Port.

That was despite the visitors playing an hour with 10 men following the 31st-minute dismissal of Li Ang. Shanghai were already leading 2-0 by then with Vargas

scoring in the 11th and 23rd minutes.

Ulsan pulled a goal back in the second half through Joo Min-kyu before Argentine Vargas scored again with seven minutes left for his hat-trick.

Shanghai occupy eighth in the table and are one of five teams all with seven points.

Among them are fellow Chinese side Shandong Taishan, who beat Malaysia's JDT thanks to Zeca's 68th minute goal.

Kawasaki Frontale of Japan are third, level with second-placed Gwangju FC of South Korea, after late goals from Sota Miura, Daiya Tono and Soma Kanda secured victory over hosts Buriram of Thailand.

Ronaldo, Toney doubles

On Monday, Cristiano Ronaldo netted a brace in Al-Nassr's 3-1 win over their Qatari hosts Al-Gharafa.

The 39-year-old helped move Al-Nassr to the brink of the last 16 in Asia's premier continental club competition, needing just two points from their final three group games.

Only Al Shorta, who have two points with four games to play, can deny Ronaldo's side a place in the next round, after Persepolis drew 1-1 at Al Rayyan.

Elsewhere, Ivan Toney came off the bench to score twice and earn Al-Ahli a 2-1 win over Al-Ain that moved the Saudi side into the knockout rounds and left the defending champions in danger of missing out on the last 16. Toney replaced Feras Al-Brikan in the 65th minute at Hazza bin Zayed Stadium and hit both his goals in a four-minute spell to give Al-Ahli a fifth win in a row in the competition and guarantee their place in the next phase.

Al-Ahli top the western standings on 15 points, two points ahead of compatriots Al-Nassr, while Al-Ain remain rooted to the bottom on a solitary point.

England look to get Bazball back on track against buoyant NZ

SPORTS DESK

CHRISTCHURCH: England head to New Zealand for the second time under locally-born captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum looking to revive the momentum of Bazball against a Blacks Caps side still revelling in a remarkable series triumph in India.

The rapid early progress England enjoyed playing McCullum's ultra-aggressive style has stalled somewhat with seven Test wins and seven losses this year and they are already out of the running for next year's World Test Championship (WTC) final.

New Zealand's stunning 3-0 sweep put England's 4-1 reverse in India earlier this year into an unflattering perspective and, after a 2-1 loss in Pakistan in October, the tourists will be keen for a good showing in more hospitable conditions.

"I wouldn't say Pakistan rocked our confidence as such, but it definitely hurt," former Black Caps captain McCullum said this week.

"When I talk to the lads, I say you need a memory like a sieve as a cricketer. You need what's gone before to wash over you and focus on the here and now, to make sure you're totally present. That gives you the best opportunity."

The opportunity against New Zealand starts at Christchurch's Hagley Oval on Thursday before further Tests at equally salubrious seam-friendly venues in Wellington and Hamilton.

The last series between the teams early last year was drawn 1-1 but only after New Zealand had mounted a remarkable comeback to win the second Test in Wellington by a single run after following-on.

The spirit that fired that victory also underpinned the unlikely series triumph in India, a feat all the more impressive for that it was achieved without master batsman Kane Williamson.

"It's always onto the next little challenge," all-rounder Rachin Ravindra said on Monday.

"We soaked it up, we savoured it, it was an amazing series in India but the opportunity to play England, a high quality side, in three Tests matches at home doesn't come around often. "We know how they're going to play, hopefully we can play our own game and combat that. That was a theme around the India series as well, we'll try and do what we do well." Williamson will return to the side after recovering from a groin injury, leaving coach Gary Stead with some tough choices over who to leave out.



ENGLAND captain Ben Stokes bowls during a training session at the Hagley Oval.

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Islamabad march

WITH emotions running high, chaos closes in. As these words were being written, rumours and speculation were all there were to go by as the citizenry wondered what exactly was unfolding in Islamabad.

With the electronic media kept from doing its job, it remained difficult for most to separate fact from fiction. We do know that two extraordinary meetings between PTI leaders and the party's incarcerated founder, Imran Khan, arranged on late Monday night, came to nought.

And, defying all predictions and the government's war-like preparations to keep them out of the federal capital, crowds of charged PTI supporters finally managed to enter Islamabad in the early hours of Tuesday. Before the protesters broke through the city's container defences, skirmishes between marchers and security personnel, as well as other incidents, resulted in several deaths. At least three Rangers personnel, several police officers, and two protesters lost their lives. Countless others were injured.

Meanwhile, on social media, partisan 'analysts' and opinion makers competed for attention, with one side portraying the events as nothing short of a revolution while the other celebrated reports that the army had been called in, apparently with orders to shoot on sight. As their war of words accelerated to alarming levels, the authorities failed to keep temperatures down.

While statements from the police chiefs of Punjab and Islamabad had remained needlessly confrontational, the interior minister made matters worse when he declared that "five minutes of firing" by security forces would force the protesters to disperse. Shortly after, there were reports that live rounds had indeed been used at one of the blockades, injuring several protesters. A little later, a fast-moving vehicle ran over several security personnel, causing multiple deaths and injuries. These events may not necessarily have been connected, but they did make such statements look unwise in retrospect.

It was clear by Tuesday afternoon that matters were slipping out of the government's hands. While the interior minister blamed a "hidden force" for the PTI's surprising advances, one wondered what came of the more than 20,000 security personnel and the equipment that had been requisitioned to keep the party out of Islamabad. Rumours swirled of backdoor negotiations in Islamabad, and there was danger that things could spiral out of control when the protesters forced themselves into D-Chowk, though they were subsequently pushed back.

By Mahir Ali

Annual COP-out

EVEN the low expectations that preceded the 29th Conference of Parties (COP29), which concluded in the early hours of Sunday, turned out to have been too high.

After the gavel came down in Baku on a deal proposing \$300 billion in financial assistance by 2035 to developing nations struggling to decarbonise and cope in other ways with the swiftly mounting consequences of climate change, Indian representative Chandni Raina justifiably decried a "stage-managed" process that had produced "nothing more than an optical illusion".

A week earlier, Pakistan's former climate change minister Sherry Rehman had declared: "We're here for life and death reasons", demanding "internationally determined contributions" from the biggest historical contributors to global heating, and pointing out the pitfalls of leaving too much to the private sector.

Inevitably, given the timing of the conference, the malevolent spectre of Donald Trump hung over the proceedings. Even at the best of times, the US has hardly stood out as a leader in the combat against devastating climate change, with the majority of its legislators — all too many of them addicted to contributions from fossil fuel firms and lobbyists — turning pale at the prospect of a Green New Deal. But Trump and some of his closest associates are seemingly determined to pump up the volume of oil and gas extraction because all the hullabaloo about climate change is, after all, no more than a hoax.

He may well agree with Argentina's Javier Milei, a kindred spirit from the loony right who claims to have been hailed by Trump as his "favourite president" — and who withdrew his nation's delegation from Baku after the first three days — that the climate crisis is just a "socialist lie".

Can humanity recover from the bungle in Baku? What is a little more perturbing is that Azerbaijan's leadership appears to be on more or less the same page, with President Ilham Aliyev hailing oil and gas as a "gift from God", with no acknowledgement of the various other natural wonders that are at risk because humans insist on burning fossil fuels for energy. Besides, aren't alternative sources of energy such as sunshine and wind equally gifts from the same source?

There's no dearth of sunlight in Azerbaijan, but 90 per cent of its foreign income comes from fossil fuel exports — which include nearly 40pc of Israel's oil imports, currently facilitating a genocide. The quid pro quo is

weapons supplies from Israel, which may well have facilitated the ethnic cleansing of Armenians in Nagorno-Karabakh. It certainly might be worthwhile conducting such conferences in oil- and gas-producing nations genuinely interested in reducing their reliance on fossil fuels. But this year's host appeared to be even less interested in investigating that path than last year's previous petrostate venue.

COP28 in Dubai was presided over by the head of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, and swarmed with oil and gas lobbyists. The conference formally acknowledged for the first time the link between fossil fuels and climate change, something that was evident decades earlier. And it did so in the face of staunch resistance from Saudi Arabia, where the crown prince's now diminished Vision 2030 excludes any inclination towards compensating the victims of its incredibly lucrative oil boom. By all accounts, the Saudis were again desperate to achieve the same outcome at Baku. Their ploy flopped again. But does it matter?

The previous \$100bn-a-year finance deal did not add up until well after its 2020 deadline. Its tripling (or doubling, if inflation is taken into account) is likely to meet the same fate. The 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold might be breached as soon as this year, amid an increase in emissions notwithstanding previous COPs, and a near-consensus that 2024 will turn out to be the hottest year on record. Climate scientists are constantly being flabbergasted by what Harold Macmillan might have designated as "events, dear boy, events". Who knows where the world might be in 2035, by when the \$300bn level is supposed to be reached. That's only a fraction of the notionally required resources, and it may even be too late to make much of a difference with the trillions that no one seriously expects to be doled out.

It is hardly necessary to point out that the UN's efforts to tackle the climate emergency have been ineffective. But anyone who suggests that a failing process should be abandoned must present a viable alternative. That's not easy, short of straying into fantasy world. It's a small mercy that COP30 will take place in Brazil, whose present government is dedicated to thwarting climate change. Perhaps putting the remarkably astute Greta Thunberg and fellow young activists from around the world in charge of working out the way forward might be the ideal option. But I must be dreaming.

By Touqir Hussain

Lessons from US

America and Pakistan are two totally different countries, and their democracies are very different breeds. Yet the recent US elections have some relevance, if not lessons, for Pakistan.

The majority of Trump supporters were no doubt concerned about jobs, inflation, and open borders. But more important than that, they felt neglected and marginalised by democracy, more precisely by the politicians.

The shine had long come off the vaunted democratic system of America. Politics had become all about the pursuit of power. The system was largely led by the elites who competed with each other for power, minimally satisfying the needs of their core supporters, without reference to the aspirations of the public at large.

Trump challenged the status quo with his insurgent politics. The majority of his supporters were 'unheard and unseen' little people, working-class folk, many of whose lives revolved around economic hardships and challenges, family breakdowns, and drifting youth in search of purpose. American democracy had left them behind. Trump made them feel important.

Different people voted for Trump for different reasons but one theme was common.

They were all supporting him to overthrow a system they felt had let them down.

The NBC reported that at the exit polls when voters were asked what quality mattered most to them in a candidate, the majority said they wanted either someone with 'the ability to lead' or one who could 'bring about needed change'.

Neglected people have thought of similar solutions.

There is a certain parallel here with the situation in Pakistan where a democracy in name gives respectability to the well-entrenched system of elite capture but lacks legitimacy and moral purpose. It is a democracy needed by the elite but unwanted by people.

Pakistan's democracy is just a political tool for the dominant social groups to maintain their wealth and status. The beneficiaries are justifiably seen as the whole panoply of power — the top tier of politicians, bureaucrats, the military and judiciary, business people and the landed, many of whom monopolise the country's economic resources.

Ironically in both countries, neglected people have thought of similar solutions, gravitating towards extremists or populists who they think would fight the system on their behalf.

Trump widened his support base by fusing populism with extremist White/Christian nationalism and by fomenting his supporters' belief that the politicians and politics had failed them.

Pakistan's populist had a similar playbook.

He saw that there was a large body of disinherited, marginalised people including dispirited and drifting youth looking for desperate solutions; some of them had been lured by the extremist agenda. A range of grievances had been released in Pakistan thanks to the media explosion which the ruling elite had not addressed.

He took up their cause.

By stoking long-standing public anger and feelings of injustice at the hands of the country's established political leadership, and a sense of victimhood, incited by the US-led post 9/11 wars, and by supporting the

Afghan Taliban, Imran Khan evoked powerful emotions of morality, nationalism and religion appealing to large numbers of Pakistanis at home and abroad.

Most of Khan's supporters were those who felt neglected or oppressed. Like Trump he said what his base wanted to hear but made them believe that these were his own views, thus creating an illusion that he spoke for them. In conditions of despair and frustration, poor people found easy solace and escape in the idea of being protected by a 'savi-our'. The young and educated found inspiration about the future of the country. And the diaspora looked up to him to restore their pride in the country.

The people saw that regular politicians neither spoke to nor for them, and asked themselves what democracy had done for the common man, the minorities, women and the smaller provinces especially Balochistan.

Populists may be wrong but their supporters are invariably right. The popularity of populists basically shows that something is wrong with the system. You cannot extinguish the hope they kindle by treating them as 'arsonists'. The way to deal with them is to let them come to power if they win in free and fair elections. If they succeed that is good for the country. If they fail then people will discover they are not what they had put their faith in. That too will be good. They should not be suppressed. They can be diminished only politically.

If suppressed, the restless, aggrieved and alienated PTI supporters will never be reconciled, which will lead to a large swath of the population continuing to disrupt or destabilise the system. Is this good for the country or for democracy?

DAILY MIRROR

Bushra Bibi wanted bloodshed, ran away over fear of arrest: Tarar

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Federal Information Minister Ataullah Tarar has alleged that Bushra Bibi, the wife of PTI founder Imran Khan, intended to provoke violence during recent protests, but PTI leaders fled the scene fearing arrest. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, Tarar criticised the party for spreading baseless claims of casualties to bolster their political narrative. "They brought modern weapons, teargas shells, and slingshots, attacked police, and then claimed people were killed," he said. "No evidence supports these claims, and hospitals confirm no bodies were brought in. This is yet another attempt by PTI to seek political mileage." The minister revealed that 37 Afghan nationals and several individuals with criminal backgrounds were arrested during the protests. Authorities also confiscated 45 firearms, grenades, and teargas guns allegedly used to incite chaos. Tarar dismissed PTI's narrative as "lies and fabrication," adding, "This is the only political party that actively seeks casualties to declare martyrdom. If they claim lives were lost, they must provide proof, such as post-mortem reports."

The minister accused PTI of aiming to disrupt national stability, intending to cancel Belarus's president's visit to the country. "This was a calculated attempt to harm Pakistan's economy and tarnish its image internationally," he stated. Tarar also criticised PTI leaders for abandoning their workers, singling out Ali Amin Gandapur. "This is the second time he has fled, leaving his supporters behind. He should never wear a turban again," he remarked. Commenting on the party's alleged dependence on external support, Tarar said, "Even PTI's 126-day sit-in succeeded only because of backing from the establishment at the time. Without it, they lack the competence and political strength to sustain movements." The minister concluded by declaring that PTI's protests, strategies, and rhetoric have failed. "This political movement stands exposed. Lies, hypocrisy, and violence have been rejected by the people," he said. PTI's 'final call' still on: CM Gandapur in Mansehra Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K-P) Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur said on Wednesday that the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protest is still ongoing,

asserting that only party founder Imran Khan has the authority to decide when it will be called off. In the early hours of Wednesday, the party announced a "temporary suspension" of its "do-or-die" protest, following a midnight crackdown by law enforcement officials that successfully dispersed PTI workers. Speaking at a press conference in Mansehra today, CM Gandapur emphasised that the protest, which had been initiated by Imran, was not just a political demonstration but part of a broader movement for Pakistan's future. Despite PTI's repeated claims to be a peaceful party, CM Gandapur accused the government of oppressive actions against PTI supporters, including illegal detentions, violence against demonstrators, and restrictions on freedom of assembly. He also claimed that the party had been consistently denied permission to hold peaceful rallies. CM Gandapur reiterated that Imran Khan had always pledged that the party would uphold peace and non-violence in their protests. However, he contended that the administration had consistently thwarted their attempts to peacefully express their demands.



RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif sees off President of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko at PAF Nur Khan Airbase.

Belarus president departs after concluding three-day Pakistan visit

APP

ISLAMABAD: Belarus President Aleksandr Lukashenko on Wednesday departed from Pakistan after concluding his three-day visit. Earlier, he attended a lunch hosted in his honour at Murree. The lunch was also attended by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, PML-N President Nawaz Sharif, Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and other cabinet members. President Aleksandr Lukashenko shared sweet memories with PML-N President Nawaz Sharif when the latter visited Belarus.

President of the Republic of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko arrived on an official visit to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at the invitation of PM Shehbaz Sharif.

Both sides reaffirmed their mutual commitment to deepening friendly ties between the two countries across political, trade, economic, cultural, social and other areas.

PNS Zulfiqar conducts exercise with Korean Navy ship in Arabian Sea

APP

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Navy Ship PNS Zulfiqar conducted a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with Republic of Korea Navy Ship WANG GEON in the North Arabian Sea.

Both ships operated under the task forces of Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), CTF-150 and CTF-151, respectively, said a press release issued on Wednesday by Directorate General Public Relations (Navy).

The exercise included tactical maneuvers and communication drills, aimed at enhancing operational interoperability and fostering professional ties between the two navies. CTF-150 and CTF-151 focus on deterring illicit maritime activities such as drug trafficking and piracy, which threaten security in international waters. The successful conduct of this joint exercise underscores the commitment of both navies and their respective Task Forces.

Bugti directs to complete appointments' process on merit

APP

Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Wednesday directed to the Health Department to complete the process of appointments on merit and transparency in order to provide health facilities to public in official hospitals of the province.

He said this while chairing a review meeting on the performance of the Health Department at the Chief Minister's Secretariat. Addressing the meeting, the Chief Minister said that action would be taken against those who are recruited against merit. He said that the results of comprehensive reforms should be visible, if the problems of health and education are solved, 80 percent of the issues of the people would be solved.

He expressed dissatisfaction with the service delivery system in the province saying that there are 250,000 government employees in Balochistan but the system of providing services to the people is not

yet fully effective. "The common man should get the benefit of the resources allocated for the health sector", he said.

He issued orders that action should be taken against the mafia coming under the guise of reforms saying that our doors are open for those who have reservations about the reforms come and talk to us.

The CM said that in matters of public interest under the guise of protest, the obstacles are unbearable adding that the provincial government's priority since day one has been public welfare, for which it is moving in the right direction in a vigorous manner.

The meeting was attended by Provincial Health Minister Bakht Muhammad

Kakar, Chief Secretary Balochistan Shakeel Qadir Khan, Secretary Health Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, Director and Director General Health Services Balochistan Dr. Amin Khan Mandokhail and other relevant officials.

0.6 Mln Acres of Land to be Cultivated from Kachhi Canal: Umrani

APP

QUETTA: Balochistan Minister for Irrigation Mir Sadiq Umrani on Wednesday said that 0.6 million acres of land would be cultivated with the completion of the Kachhi Canal to bring development and prosperity in green belt of Balochistan.

He expressed these views while talking to the media here. Provincial Irrigation Minister Mir Sadiq Umrani said that the Federal government has been working on the Kachhi Canal for 24 years saying that 57,000 acres of land would be irrigated in Dera Bugti.

He said that he had met Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in this regard to address issues of farmers for enhancing of agriculture sector.

He said that the provincial government is trying to increase the funds for the Kachhi Canal in the next financial year. The Minister noted that if this project is

handed over to the provincial government and it would complete this project in two years.

He said that the livelihood of the people of Balochistan is depended on agriculture sector and thousands of farmers and landowners would be benefited from the completion of Kachhi Canal.

He said that the government is working to eliminate unemployment saying that in this regard, 30,000 skilled youth are being sent to Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Turkey and other countries.

In the past, the youth of Balochistan were ignored in terms of employment, current provincial government committed to ensure job appointments on merit basis, he said.

He said that if there are any irregularities regarding jobs, the youth should contact us, the provincial government under leadership of Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti would take strong action against them in this context.

Pakistan, Qatar to exchange best practices in law enforcement

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and Qatar have emphasized the importance of further strengthening collaboration to exchange best practices in law enforcement, and share knowledge and expertise in legal domains.

This understanding was reached at a meeting between Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar and Qatar's Minister of Justice Ibrahim bin Ali Al Mohammadi in Doha.

The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Second Ministerial Meeting of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, being held in Qatar.

Both the Ministers also discussed various avenues for enhancing bilateral cooperation in the areas of legal and judicial reform, combating corruption and promotion of the rule of law.

The discussions were marked by a shared commitment to advancing regional and global efforts to combat corruption and promote transparency.

The two sides acknowledged the growing importance of multi-lateral cooperation within the OIC and pledged to continue working together toward mutual goals.

Kurram tribal clashes rage as death toll surges past 100

INP

KURRAM: The recent clashes between the two warring sides in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Kurram district continued for the seventh consecutive day as the death toll in the violence-hit territory passed 100, with three people losing their lives overnight.

The police said one of the injured from a firing incident on vehicles carrying passengers from Peshawar to Parachinar in a convoy succumbed to his injuries. Meanwhile, two others lost their lives and six others sustained injuries in the latest firing incidents.

Over the past seven days, a total of 102 people have been killed, and 138 injured in various shooting incidents in the district. Two more lost their lives in overnight firing incident, taking the toll to 102 deaths as violence escalates. Reflecting on recent incidents in Kurram, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi condemned the violence unequivocally and said over 100 people were martyred during the clashes. He noted that he would take the representatives of political parties to Kurram in the next two days and also send an invitation.

National Curriculum Summit 2024 concludes with key recommendations on Pak's education future

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: National Curriculum Summit 2024 concluded on Wednesday with key discussions, deliberations and recommendations on Pakistan's education future.

The summit brought together policymakers, educators and curriculum experts to explore reforms aimed at improving the country's education system.

Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Vice Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad in his speech emphasized the need for an adaptable and inclusive education system.

He stressed the importance of STEM education which encourages problem solving, critical thinking and creativity to be in consolidated form from each discipline to address real world challenges.

Dr. Shafiqat Ali Janjua, Joint Educational Advisor at the National Curriculum Council

Council, updated participants on the progress of curriculum reforms, highlighting advancements in skills development, IT integration and financial literacy, with a focus on cybersecurity. He also

thanked all the guests, participants and panelists for their participation insightful suggestions.

On behalf of Federal Secretary Mohyuddin Ahmed Wani, he reaffirmed the Ministry's commitment to the reforms suggested at the summit, as well as the introduction of new scheme of studies, new subjects, academic streams and the integration of technology into education.

The summit also addressed challenges in teaching methodologies and the integration of new skills for the 21st century.

The successful conclusion of the summit marks a key step in Pakistan's educational reform journey, with a continued commitment to creating a more inclusive and innovative education system.

The Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, in collaboration with the National Curriculum Council,

will work to implement the recommendations discussed and ensure the education system meets the evolving needs of the nation. Dr Shafiqat Ali Janjua JEA, NCC expressed his gratitude to all participants for their active involvement in the Summit.



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi inquiring about the health of injured ASP Muhammad Aleem at PIMS Hospital.

Govt observed restraint for long time over PTI protests: Rana Sana

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Adviser on political affairs, Rana Sanaullah has said that the government has observed restraint for long time over the PTI's protests.

Talking to ARY News, Prime Minister's Adviser on political affairs, said that the PTI was engaged and told many times that the issues could only be resolved with dialogue.

PTI clearly refused to hold any talks with the government, PML-N leader said.

"The PTI since removed from govern-

ment has unleashed anarchy and chaos in the country," he said.

"People must think over the question, where the PTI's founder is leading to the country," Rana Sanaullah said.

Sources said that the PML-N leaders Rana Sanaullah and Ahsan Iqbal held prolonged consultations with the party's president and former prime minister Nawaz Sharif in Lahore.

The key meeting finalized the party's policy over political and government affairs.

Rana Sanaullah also briefed Nawaz Sharif on contacts with other political parties, sources said.

Daniyal Chaudhry refutes PTI's allegations, stresses no weapons used during D-Chowk operation

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry on Wednesday refuted PTI's allegations for widespread killings at D-Chowk last night, stressing that the operation was unarmed and intended to prevent casualties.

In a press conference, Daniyal accused Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of attempting to incite deaths to disrupt the visits of foreign dignitaries. Pakistan's cuisine "PTI is spreading misleading propaganda regarding the deaths of its workers," he claimed.

He categorically said that no protesters were killed by gunfire. Instead of making them responsible for the deaths that occurred while fleeing in a hurry. PTI sought to politicize deaths but was peacefully managed by the interior minister.

"The call for this violent protest has proven to be the final nail in the coffin of PTI's violent politics," the minister said. PTI spread fake news, accusing the government of the killings, and shared it on social media to deceive the international community. A video was made after going to Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) Hospital and it was said that there were bodies here.

They had planned to come and find the bodies.

Despite requests from their protesters not to leave, former First Lady Bushra Bibi and Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (CM-KP) Ali Amin Khan Gandapur were at the forefront in fleeing from D-Chowk.

He said the sit-in was poorly planned, with the intention of disrupting government operations. PTI workers continued firing under the instructions of Ali Amin Gandapur and Bushra Bibi. PTI protesters also attacked police personnel, resulting in the deaths of six security officers.

"No political party has the right to harm people," he warned.

The government showed restraint, while they brought people with them by inciting them, Daniyal Chaudhry said. Pakistan's cuisine

He stated that a total of 900 hardened criminals were arrested, including proclaimed offenders, wanted criminals, and 37 Afghan nationals carrying weapons provided by the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government.

Most of the protesters were brought to Islamabad with a payment of Rs 5,000 per day. They engaged in street firing with the weapons, destroyed nearly 100 (CCTV) cameras, and set fire to 12 or 13 police vehicles, turning it into another May 9.



ISLAMABAD: Garbage collectors search around the burnt vehicle seen on the site at Jinnah Avenue following PTI protest in the Federal Capital.