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Sarfraz Bugti Reaffirm Govt's Resolve to Spend Development Budget of Rs 210 Billion on Public Welfare

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QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister (CM) Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Thursday reaffirmed his resolve to spend the development budget of Rs 210 billion rupees allocated in the current public sector development program on the welfare of the people.

The chief minister presided over the meeting to review the progress of the Provincial Public Sector Development Program 2024-25. Chief Secretary Balochistan and secretaries of provincial government departments participated in the meeting.

The meeting was briefed on the progress of ongoing and new development schemes of various government departments.

The meeting was also briefed regarding overall progress on development projects, authorization of sector wise development projects and releases of funds.

The CM expressed resentment over the

performance of the departments that have used minimum development budget so far. Sarfraz Bugti directed that all departments should complete their development projects by the stipulated time and no delay would be tolerated in this regard.

He stressed that "projects should be initiated with proper planning, if the planning is weak, it will not be possible to achieve the set goal."

"He said that physical progress should be made on all development projects before the end of the current financial year.

He directed secretaries to monitor the progress of the schemes daily while changing the strategy of appraising the development process.

Sarfraz Bugti ordered secretary communication and works that 25 under construction sports

complexes should be completed within six months and a project director should be appointed for this project.



Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman Speaking at a press conference in Dera Ismail Khan.

Maulana Fazlur Rehman claims madrassa bill approved despite President Zardari's objections

JUI-F chief criticises objections, arguing that bill would have automatically become law if not opposed within 10 days

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (JUI) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman has claimed that the Madrassa Registration Bill has been legally approved, despite objections raised by President Asif Ali Zardari after a delay of over a month.

Speaking at a press conference in Dera Ismail Khan on Thursday, Rehman criticised the presidential objections, arguing that the bill would have automatically become law if not opposed within 10 days.

He said that the bill had already gone through all the necessary stages with the participation of state institutions, including drafting by the Ministry of Law and agreements made in meetings with PPP leaders President Zardari and Bilawal Bhutto.

He questioned the basis of objections raised by the president at this stage, especially since the

process involved significant input from all parties, including the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) and the PPP.

"The draft was prepared by the government before the elections, and we accepted it despite our reservations. Why are you distancing yourselves now?" he said. "Why did you create new organisations for religious seminaries? Were state institutions involved in dividing these organisations?" he asserted.

The JUI-F chief further stated that while the government had created the draft for the bill, certain groups had deliberately created a divide among seminaries. He stressed that there was no issue between his party and religious scholars, nor was there any dispute with religious seminaries themselves.

"The people who incited and encouraged you to protest are responsible for this situation," he said.

Senate passes resolution unanimously, condemns Israel bombardment

By Zahid Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Senate on Thursday passed a resolution unanimously, condemning Israel's bombardment extending to many countries.

The resolution was moved by Sherry Rehman on behalf of all parties in the House.

"The Senate of Pakistan, observing the grave and continuing violations of international law by Israel, expresses its profound concern over the systemic exercise of impunity by Israel in its actions against Palestine," the resolution said. Pakistan's cuisine

The Senate noted with alarm the exploitation of the political vacuum caused by regime collapse in Syria, which Israel is using to advance its unilateral agenda. "This agenda now extends beyond Palestine to violations of the sovereignty of Syria and

many other countries," it said.

The Senate called for immediate accountability for these actions, which many in the international community have condemned as war crimes.

The Senate strongly condemned the killing of United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) team members on October 7, 2023. As of the end of November 2024, 249 UNRWA staff members have lost their lives as a result of Israeli actions. "Such attacks are a blatant violation of United Nations General Assembly Resolution 302; which mandates UNRWA's role in providing critical humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations," the resolution said.

The Senate further condemned Israel's recent legislative measures aimed at undermining the mandate of UNRWA, which provided essential humanitarian aid in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan and Syria.

Right of Syrian people to decide their destiny, free from foreign interference: FO spox

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Thursday said that it was the right of the Syrian people to determine their own future and make decisions about their destiny which any foreign interference or external imposition should not determine. Pakistan's cuisine

"We are following developments in Syria and are concerned about the escalation in violence... We express full support for the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Syria. Any solution to the Syrian situation should correspond to the aspirations of the Syrian people for their security, stability and development." Foreign Office spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said at her weekly press briefing. She said that Pakistan had always supported the efforts aimed at finding a comprehensive solution to the crisis in

Syria She said Pakistan was deeply concerned at Israeli aggression against Syria and its illegal seizure of Syrian territory and widespread destruction of Syrian infrastructure and civilian and military installations. This assault on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria is a grave breach of international law, she added. Pakistan's cuisine

"We express support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Syria and reject Israeli acquisition of territory by force. We reaffirm our support for the UN Security Council Resolution 497, which declares Israeli annexation of the Golan Heights "null and void and without international legal effect." Regarding the repatriation of stranded Pakistanis from Syria, the spokesperson said that the foreign ministry and Pakistan's missions in Syria and Lebanon remained actively engaged in facilitating the process.



ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Yahya Afridi chairing the meeting of Jail Reforms at Supreme Court Branch Registry, Karachi.

Mohsin Naqvi, Pervez Khattak discuss national issues; reaffirm commitment to Pakistan's progress

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ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited the residence of Pervez Khattak, founder of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Parliamentarians, to discuss pressing national issues, including the country's political climate and the establishment of law and order in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Pakistan's cuisine

During the meeting, both leaders deliberated on measures to ensure peace and security in the region and pledged to resolutely counter forces hindering Pakistan's progress. They emphasized the importance of national unity and collective efforts for the country's development. Pervez Khattak expressed deep sorrow over the martyrdom of police and Rangers personnel during recent protests in Islamabad, condemning the attacks by miscreants. "Pakistan belongs to all of us, and we must work together to move it forward," said Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi. He reassured that the future of nation is bright and no external or internal forces can impede its progress. Pakistan's cuisine

Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi indicted in new Toshakhana case

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Incarcerated former premier Imran Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi were indicted on Thursday in a new Toshakhana case — the third graft reference against them — concerning the purchase of an expensive Bulgari jewellery set at a throwaway price.

The indictment comes a week after the PTI founder and other party leaders were charged in a case concerning the attack on the army's General Headquarters in Rawalpindi during last year's May 9 protests.

While Imran was granted bail in the case by the Islamabad High Court (IHC) last month, he has remained in prison on multiple charges since his arrest on August 5 last year.

Special Court Central-I Judge Shahrukh Arjumand presided over the proceedings today at Adiala Jail, where Imran was presented.

Bushra Bibi, who is on bail in the case, appeared with her counsel.

Both Imran and Bushra denied the charges.

Subsequently, the court summoned the prosecution witnesses on December 18 to record their testimonies.

Today's indictment is Imran's seventh — the previous being on May 10, 2023 in the first Toshakhana case against him; in January in a second Toshakhana reference; in February in the ₹190 million corruption case; and recently over the GHQ attack. Imran's sentences in the previous two Toshakhana cases were suspended. He was also indicted on Dec 13, 2023 in the cipher case and in January in the Iddat case — in both of which the suspects were later acquitted.

Imran and Bushra's trial in the ₹190 million case has reached its final stage, with the couple testifying before an accountability court this week.



QUETTA: CM Balochistan Mir Sarfraz Bugti in a meeting with Provincial Minister Mir Sadiq Umrani.

Islamic finance, capital markets road to macroeconomic stability: Finance Minister

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb said on Thursday that Islamic finance and Islamic capital markets could play a pivotal role in helping Pakistan remain steadfast on the road to macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth. Pakistan's cuisine

Addressing virtually the inaugural session of the Second International Islamic Capital Markets Conference & Expo that opened in Karachi on Thursday, the minister said, Pakistan had faced significant economic challenges in recent years, however, those issues were now being effectively addressed, and the country was on the right trajectory towards macroeconomic stability and sustainable growth.

He said Islamic finance, specifically Islamic capital markets, could play a pivotal role in this road to market as instruments such as sukuk, equity funds, and Shariah-compliant investment vehicles not only attracted investment but also reduced reliance on interest-based borrowing.

Shaikh Ebrahim Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa, Chairman, AAOIFI Board of Trustees, Dr. Sami Al-Suwailam, Acting Director General, Islamic Development Bank Institute, Akif Saeed, Chairman SECP, Saleemullah, Deputy Governor SBP, and other senior delegates attended the session.

The minister described the conference as reflective of Pakistan's growing commitment to fostering a robust Islamic capital market, highlighting the country's dedication to trans-

forming its financial ecosystem in line with Shariah principles.

He said the government was firm in its commitment to transforming the financial system in line with Shariah principles, adding that as of June 30, 2024, 56% of market capitalization at the Pakistan Stock Exchange comprises Shariah-compliant securities.

"In the collective investment segment, 48% of assets under management of mutual funds, 66% of assets under management of voluntary pension funds, and 95% of assets under management of REITs are already Shariah-compliant. These statistics deflect the progress that we have made over year," Pakistan's cuisine

The minister underlined the need for "an economic system that is not only in line with our faith but also capable of inclusive and sustainable economic growth." "Only then, we will be able to extend the benefits of all our efforts to the citizens of Pakistan," he added.

He said that Islamic finance and instruments such as sukuk, equity funds, and Shariah-compliant investment vehicles were vital tools for mobilizing resources for critical sectors, including infrastructure development and poverty alleviation through Islamic social finance, while maintaining adherence to ethical and transparent principles.

"With these mechanisms in place, Pakistan has the potential to emerge as a leading global hub for Islamic finance," he added. He noted that a growing interest in Shariah-compliant

investment products was a testament to the increasing global demand for ethical and sustainable financial solutions.

"The steady and healthy growth of Islamic finance, both in Pakistan and internationally, reflects the shifting preferences of investors towards value-based financial systems," he said, adding that this demand had spurred interest from market participants across sectors, both within and outside of banking, which is contributing to the creation of a comprehensive Islamic finance ecosystem.

The Finance Minister further noted that full realization of the potential of Islamic finance was not possible without collective and collaborative efforts of scholars, financial institutions, regulatory bodies, and industry practitioners to address existing challenges, develop innovative Shariah-compliant financial products, and build public trust. Pakistan's cuisine

"We must ensure that Islamic finance is not only rooted in Shariah principles but also practical, transparent, and capable of meeting the evolving needs of our people," he added.

He commended the efforts of SECP for advancing Islamic finance in Pakistan and its initiatives in creating an enabling regulatory environment to support Islamic finance in the non-bank financial sector as well as establishing Shariah-compliant indices, introducing Shariah governance frameworks, and developing guidelines for offering Islamic financial services.

He, however, urged the SECP to continue to make dedicated efforts toward innovation and inclusivity in Islamic capital markets.

SC Questions How Someone Not Part Of Armed Forces Could Be Tried in Military Courts

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ISLAMABAD: The Supreme Court (SC) Constitutional bench on Thursday observed how civilians could be deprived of their fundamental rights while hearing a government's appeal against nullification of civilian trials in military courts.

A SC constitutional bench led by Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan took up the matter of government's appeal against the trial of the civilians in the military courts.

Federal government counsel Khawaja Haris while representing the government argued that the court's decision in the military courts' case comprised two parts.

He argued that one part nullifying the sections of the Army Act while the other was related to the custody of suspects in military courts.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar asked whether the five-member bench declared sections of the Army Act inconsistent with Article 8 (fundamental rights of citizens) of the Constitution and what justification the decision provided for this conflict.

Justice Jamal Mandokhail remarked that the entire case of military courts revolved around Article 8. He questioned how someone not part of the armed forces could be subjected to its discipline.

Khawaja Haris responded that discipline could be applied if the law permitted it.

Justice Mandokhail further argued, "A person in the army is subjected to military discipline, someone in the agriculture department to its discipline. How can a person not associated with any department be subjected to army discipline? Wouldn't subjecting an unrelated individual to military discipline violate Article 8? How can someone who is not a subject of the Army Act be deprived of fundamental rights?"

Haris explained that in specific circumstances, the Army Act is applicable to civilians and that fair trial rights under Article 10-A are also present in military trials.

Justice Muhammad Ali Mazhar noted that in the *F.B. Ali* and *Sheikh Riaz Ali* cases, similar provisions of the Army Act were declared void, and four judges had invalidated sections of the Army Act in their decision.

Khawaja Haris argued that the court lacks the authority to nullify provisions of the Army Act.

Justice Mandokhail questioned, "If someone even contemplates incitement, would the Army Act apply to them? Has the Army Act rendered sections of Article 8 ineffective? The highest office in Pakistan is that of the President. If the Presidency is attacked, the trial will be conducted in an anti-terrorism court. If army property is attacked, the trial is held in a military court. Why this difference?"

Haris replied that this distinction was made by lawmakers through legislation.

Justice Mandokhail asked, "If a soldier kills their officer, where will the case be tried?" Haris responded that such a case would proceed in a regular court.

Amid ongoing digital law reforms, govt proposes new central cybercrime forensics agency

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: The government has proposed the National Forensics and Cybercrime Agency (NFCA) to tackle cyber and digital crimes and investigations related to them amid ongoing efforts to change the country's digital laws, according to a draft law seen by on Thursday.

The development comes amid ongoing efforts to reform the country's cybercrime laws. A day earlier, newly surfaced proposed changes to the country's cybercrime laws specified that violations could result in seven years of prison term, with fines hiked up to Rs2 million.

Last week, Dawn reported that the government was planning "wholesale" changes to the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act 2016 (Peca), which would see the formation of a new authority with powers to block online content and access to social media, as well as prosecute those propagating "fake news".

State minister for IT and Telecom Shaza Fatima Khawaja had confirmed the plan to "address concerns regarding misinformation", saying that the amendments were under review. Meanwhile, the draft for the NFCA Act, 2024, said it would apply to the whole country and placed the proposed agency under the interior ministry in Islamabad, adding that it could set up its offices.

7 reports of standing committees presented in Senate

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ISLAMABAD: As many as seven reports from various standing committees including interior, Petroleum, Railways, Power, Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development were presented in the Senate on Thursday. Pakistan's cuisine The reports were presented by Faisal Saleem Rehman, Umer Farooq, Jam Saifullah, Mohsin Aziz and Zeeshan Khan Zada in the House.

Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior Faial Saleem Rehman presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2024], (Amendment of Section 377 of PPC), while Chairman Standing Committee on Petroleum Umer Farooq presented reports in the House regarding inordinate delay in execution of the project pertaining to provision of gas supply to Tehsil Gulistan, Qilla Abdullah and proposed Privatization of Pakistan Minerals

Development Corporation (PMDC). Similarly, Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways Jam Saifullah Khan presented report about discontinuation of the Railways Line, known as Loop section, formerly operated through the districts of Umerkot, Tharparkar and the Mirpurkhas Stations while Chairman, Standing Committee on Power Mohsin Aziz to presented reports regarding the inclusion of IPPs fee in the electricity bills by PESCO in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and on false / incorrect reply submitted by PESCO in response to Starred Question No. 22 asked by Senator Kamran Murtaza about installation of additional transformer of 100 KV in village Garh Bala. Pakistan's cuisine

Moreover, Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Zeeshan Khan Zada presented the report of the Committee on about the treatment being meted out to the Zaireen traveling to Iraq and Iran.



Watan Dost Movement Chief, Muhammad Azeem Kakar visiting library during his visit to Quetta press club

Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah opens 19th Karachi International Book Fair

INP

KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah on Thursday inaugurated 19th Karachi International Book Fair at Expo Centre and described it as a celebration of knowledge, culture and imagination.

Addressing on the occasion, he said it is an honour to be part of an event that brings together book lovers, authors, publishers, and readers on one platform.

He also praised the fair as a vital venue for publishers, booksellers, and librarians, fostering engagement and collaboration within the literary community.

He was joined at the ribbon-cutting ceremony by Sindh Education Minister Syed Sardar Shah, Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab, President Arts Council of Pakistan Ahmad Shah and the organisers of the event Waqar Matin Khan, Aziz Khalid.

Talking about the significance of the event, Murad Shah noted that the book fair united both national and international publishers, promoting the exchange of ideas and boosting book sales. "It creates opportunities for authors to interact with publishers and readers, encouraging creative dialogue and fostering a culture of critical thinking," he said.

Proclaimed offender arrested in Baghbana

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Quetta: Levies Force arrested a proclaimed offender involved in crime case in Baghbana area of Khuzdar district on Thursday. According to Levies Force sources, on special directive of Deputy Commissioner Khuzdar Yasir Iqbal Dashti, Levies Force in charge Zahoor Ahmed Musiani led team conducted a successful raid at place and apprehended a proclaimed offender Abdul Jabbar in Baghbana area. The Levies source said that he was involved in various cases of crime in the area.

Further investigation was underway.



Unity Forum Chairman, Younus Baloch along with President, Mir Aslam Rind and others addressing a press conference, at Quetta press club.

Dry, cold weather forecast for Balochistan

APP

Quetta: The Met Office has forecast dry, very cold weather for Balochistan including Kalat, Ziarat, Quetta, Pishin and Killa Abdullah during next 24 hours.

The Met office reported that the minimum temperature in Ziarat was recorded at -6.5 minus degrees centigrade,

-5 minus degrees centigrade in Kalat and -3.0 minus degrees centigrade in Quetta on Thursday.

Awais writes letters to CMs for clearing outstanding electricity dues

APP

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Energy, Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Laghari has written letters to the chief ministers of all four provinces for payment of overdue electricity bills.

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the energy minister has already kicked off reforms to improve electricity companies and provide electricity to consumers at affordable rate, said a statement issued by the Power Division here

Thursday.

Under the reforms, special attention was being given to increase financial resources, curb power theft, and ensure collection of overdue bills from consumers, it said.

The Chief Ministers have been requested to ensure the immediate payment of outstanding electricity bills, the statement said.

Sardar Awais said that due to unpaid bills, the ongoing reforms in the energy sector were being affected. Various provincial departments were neglecting the payment of elec-

tricity bills, which caused a financial burden on power companies, he added.

He said the non-payment might also cause problems in ensuring an uninterrupted electricity supply.

The letter urges the chief ministers to intervene immediately. The non-payment of overdue bills is not only hampering the federal government but also worsening the circular debt crisis. The federal government hoped for cooperation from the provincial governments to stabilize the energy sector, it added.

CM Bugti Appraises BEEF's CEO Performance, Announce Certificate Of Excellence

APP

QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti on Thursday appraised the performance of the chief executive officer (CEO) of Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF), stating that a Certificate of Excellence would be awarded to him for his outstanding work.

He added that if institutions continue to perform in this manner, governance would improve.

The chief minister emphasized that education is one of the top priorities of the provincial government, and the families of

martyrs would benefit from this scholarship program.

He also said that this program would encourage those students who were facing issue to continue their education due to financial problems.

The CM further said that some scholarships under this program would be named on the martyrs of the province, and the program would provide equal opportunities for both male and female students, without any discrimination.

He concluded that an educated society is a symbol of a strong and vibrant community.



QUETTA: Peoples selecting & purchasing warm clothes from roadside stall.



Sweden closes rape investigation involving Kylian Mbappe due to insufficient evidence

SPORTS DESK

Swedish prosecutors closed a rape and sexual assault investigation on Thursday, saying there was insufficient evidence in a case that local media said involved French football star Kylian Mbappe. He has denied any wrongdoing.

The prosecution has declined to name the suspect in the case over the alleged incidents at a hotel in central Stockholm on October 10.

Swedish Senior Prosecutor Marina Chirakova said in a statement: "During the course of the investigation, there has been a designated person suspected on reasonable grounds of rape and two cases of sexual assault."

"But my assessment is that the evidence is not sufficient to proceed and the investigation is therefore closed," she said.

Swedish public broadcaster SVT and dailies Expressen and Aftonbladet, citing unnamed sources, reported in October that the suspect in the case was Mbappe.

The allegations against him were "totally false" and "a slanderous rumour", Mbappe's representatives said at the time.

Following today's announcement by the Swedish prosecution authority, Mbappe's club Real Madrid said they would not comment on the case. His lawyer and PR firm did not immediately respond to Reuters messages seeking comment.

Prosecutor Chirakova said the designated person had not been notified that they were a suspect in a crime.



A fan takes a selfie with India's grandmaster Gukesh Dommaraju (C) after his win against China's chess grandmaster Ding Liren in game 14 of the 2024 FIDE World Championship in Singapore

Indian teen prodigy Gukesh becomes youngest world chess champ

SPORTS DESK

Indian teen prodigy Gukesh Dommaraju became the youngest undisputed world chess champion on Thursday after beating China's Ding Liren in the final match of their series in Singapore.

The 18-year-old Gukesh burst into tears, burying his face in both hands after Ding resigned in a thrilling endgame that had been expected to end in a draw. Gukesh later stood up and raised both hands triumphantly, smiling wide.

"My whole strategy for this match was to push as much as possible in every single game," Gukesh told reporters afterwards.

"It just takes one game for the strategy to pay off." Cheers from jubilant fans, many of them Indians who had flown in to watch the match and Singaporeans of Indian descent, had erupted at the viewing rooms near the playing arena.

Fans were also chanting Gukesh's name as he walked in for the after-match press conference.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the young champion on his "remarkable accomplishment" which he said was "the result of his unparalleled talent, hard work and unwavering determination".

"His triumph has not only etched his name in the annals of chess history but has also inspired millions of young minds to dream big and pursue excellence," Modi said in a post on X. Under a distribution formula of the \$2.5 million prize money drawn up by the International Chess Federation, each player will receive \$200,000 for every game they won, with the remainder divided equally between them.

That means Gukesh will receive \$1.35m in total and

Ding will take home \$1.15m.

"Fought like a champion"

The game had been going for a draw but with a one-pawn advantage — supported by a rook and a bishop — a tenacious Gukesh pressed on and was richly rewarded.

The dethroned Chinese champion Ding, 32, slumped on the table after he realised he had made an endgame blunder that allowed his opponent to pounce.

In between heavy sighs, a dejected Ding later told reporters: "I was totally in shock when I realised I made a blunder."

Gukesh's victory in game 14 gave him a score of 7.5 against Ding's 6.5, cementing his remarkable rise to stardom after becoming the youngest challenger for the world championship.

At his age, Gukesh surpassed the achievement of Russia's Garry Kasparov who won the title at age 22.

He also became the second Indian after five-time world chess champion Viswanathan Anand to hold the title.

Magnanimous in victory, Gukesh praised Ding, saying he "fought like a true champion" despite being "obviously not at his best physically".

Ding had told AFP before the tournament started last month that he was "having mental problems mainly during the period last year" and had to take a break from chess on his doctor's advice and travel around China to relax.

Gukesh had won in the Candidates Tournament held in Toronto, Canada, in April this year, earning him the right to challenge Ding.

India's youngest grandmaster The Singapore match kicked off on November 25 at the Resorts World Sentosa, stretching on as the two players had nine draws in 14 games.

Musekiwa lifts Zimbabwe to rare T20 win over Afghanistan

SPORTS DESK

HARARE: Tashinga Musekiwa struck 11 runs off the final over to give Zimbabwe their second-ever victory against Afghanistan in a T20 International in Harare on Wednesday.

After hitting 10 runs off five balls, including a four, to tie the scores in the first of a three-match series, he claimed one run from the final ball bowled by Azmatullah Omarzai for a dramatic win at the Harare Sports Club.

Batting at No. 7, Musekiwa (16) lifted Zimbabwe to 145-6 off 20 overs, and a four-wicket triumph, after Afghanistan won the toss and posted 144-6 at Harare Sports Club.

"It is always nice to contribute to a win. Credit to Musekiwa at the end," said top Zimbabwe scorer and player-of-the-match Brian Bennett, who made 49.

"It was nice to bat with Dion [Myers]. We were thinking if we could keep up with the run rate we had a good chance of success." Afghanistan captain Rashid Khan said: "We wanted to get a good total on the board, but finished about 20 runs short of where we would have liked to be."

"We gave away so many wickets early on and in Twenty20 matches it is difficult to fight back. We could also have bowled better."

The rare T20 triumph for Zimbabwe over Afghanistan came five years ago after their only other victory — in Bangladesh port city Chittagong.

In a seesaw opening match of eight in an all-format tour, Afghanistan recovered from losing five wickets for 58 runs to post a defendable total.

Karim Janat, who finished unbeaten on 54 for his fourth T20 half-century, and 39-year-old Mohammad Nabi, who contributed 44, turned the tide, adding 79 runs for the sixth wicket.

In reply, a 75-run second-wicket partnership between opener Bennett and Myers (32) took Zimbabwe to 86-2.

Wickets then fell regularly, including captain Sikandar Raza for just nine, as the home side inched toward the target.

Rashid took the wickets of Bennett and Ryan Burl within four balls during the 17th over to seemingly tilt the balance toward the tourists. But Musekiwa rose to the occasion as Zimbabwe entered the final over needing 11 runs for victory after losing 2-1 to Pakistan in Bulawayo this month in another T20 series.



Zimbabwe clinch last-ball thriller against Afghanistan.

"SECTION-IX UNDER LAND ACQUISITION ACT 1894"

DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD AND ALLIED INFRASTRUCTURE FROM SCIENCE COLLEGE, HOCKEY CHOWK TO AKRAM HOSPITAL."

Whereas, the draft declaration under section 06 & 07 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 has been issued by the Commissioner, Quetta Division, Quetta vide No. 10/RB/Acq/6&7/2024/1536-44 dated 10th December, 2024, with respect to land situated at ward No. 14, Tappa Urban-4 & Ward No. 07 Tappa Urban No. 02, Tehsil City Quetta (detail given in the schedule appended below), land measuring 93270 square feet, is needed to be acquired by the Deputy Commissioner/Collector, Quetta for public purpose namely "Development of Road and Allied Infrastructure from Science College, Hockey Chowk to Akram Hospital". It is hereby notified that the land in the locality details can be seen obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours is likely to be acquired for the aforesaid purpose.

Whereas, I, Lttd @ Saad Bin Asad, Deputy Commissioner/Collector, Quetta do hereby call upon the concerned landowners (name whereof mentioned in the schedule appended below) to appear before the undersigned in person or through their representatives / counsels within Fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this notice for putting in their objections, if any. If they fail to appear before the undersigned within the stipulated period it will be presumed that they are willing to give the said land in their occupation to the Deputy Commissioner, Quetta for the aforesaid purpose.

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General mafeasance

NEARLY four months after his arrest, former spy chief retired Lt-Gen Faiz Hameed has been formally indicted.

He faces a Field General Court Martial and must account for his alleged involvement in political activities, violation of the Official Secrets Act, abuse of authority, and causing wrongful loss to a person. But will this prove to be a long overdue comeuppance or just another smokescreen?

Those familiar with his conduct and activities will attest that Gen Hameed crossed a few lines too many during his time in power. As DG Counterterrorism and then DG ISI, he wielded his authority like a cudgel, ready to strike down any who dared cross him. He attained notoriety for 'managing' the 2018 election, terrorising opposition politicians into submission, and ruthlessly hounding the media in a campaign to silence and control it. It was not as if these 'crimes' went unnoticed at the time.

Gen Hameed was able to do what he did because he enjoyed the support of not only the then prime minister, Imran Khan but also his institution and its chief back then. His abuses were well known, yet they invited little scrutiny, let alone institutional accountability, as they were seen as serving a purpose that was in line with the establishment's preferences at the time.

It was only when the times changed, and Gen Hameed did not, that his conduct began inviting serious scrutiny. Apparently, what the investigation into his activities has found is unsettling enough that he has been chosen to become the first ISI chief to be court-martialled. This case would have been a purely internal matter for the army had the prosecution been concerned solely with Gen Hameed's violations of military discipline and standards of conduct. However, the charges brought against him also include political involvement, which complicates matters.

According to the announcement issued by the military's media wing, Gen Hameed is still being investigated for "creating agitation and unrest, leading to multiple incidents including, but not limited to, May 9, 2023". He is accused of doing so "at the behest of and in collusion with vested political interests". It is widely believed that Gen Hameed was ambitious and had his eyes firmly set on being army chief.

However, if he was pursuing that goal or something similar even after his retirement, this is something that should be brought to light. Unfortunately, military trials are conducted in camera, and Gen Hameed's defence is unlikely to become public knowledge if the trial is conducted as per tradition. However, given the nature of the charges brought against him and their possible repercussions for a major political party, the military must, at some point, consider publicising the trial's proceedings. The public deserves to get closure on this saga.

By Khurram Husain

In search of growth

THERE appears to be growing impatience within the government with the ongoing economic adjustment, and an itch to somehow kick-start growth.

The itch grows out of the realisation that the most certain way to break the Imran Khan fever gripping the electorate is to provide at least a couple of years of rapid economic growth. But how to do this?

In the past, Pakistan has produced brief growth spurts using liquidity injections — both foreign and domestic. Foreign liquidity has come in the form of direct investment and debt, with some assistance coming from steadily rising remittances and exports. Three separate growth spurts were engineered using liquidity injections. One ran from roughly 2002 till 2007, before entering its terminal crisis in 2008. The second one ran from 2014 till 2017, before entering its terminal crisis in 2018. And the third ran from the middle of 2020 till 2021, before entering its terminal crisis in 2022.

Each one of these had liquidity injections as their main motor force. In the first instance, it was post 9/11-based inflows that came from various sources, going far beyond the \$12 billion in American funds between 2002 and 2008.

In the second case, the inflows came in a very short burst in a few months in 2014, when a Saudi Arabian deposit of \$1.5bn, a Eurobond floatation of \$2bn, commercial borrowing by the government (of an undisclosed amount), rollovers on maturing oil payments, and \$500 million from a telecom spectrum auction suddenly buoyed the reserves in a matter of weeks.

Coupled with a sharp fall in the current account deficit under the auspices of an IMF programme, along with large inflows from the

World Bank and Asian Development Bank, those months in the first half of 2014 posted one of the largest improvements in external sector outlook the country had seen in decades. "Since late 2001," the State Bank said in its third quarterly report for the year, "Pakistan has not experienced such a sequence of positive developments in the external sector." This was even before the CPEC-related inflows began.

The third major liquidity bonanza came with the pandemic. Just like 9/11 was a tragedy for most but a bonanza for the sitting government of Pakistan at the time, the

pandemic proved more a blessing than a liability for the government.

Immediately, the ongoing IMF programme was halted and the government's hands untied in utilising the fiscal and foreign exchange buffers they had painstakingly built under the programme since July of 2019. That was coupled with an immediate emergency disbursement of \$1.4bn, coupled with lumpy inflows from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank and a debt restructuring that took the pressure off debt-servicing costs significantly.

It is possible to see the same reflexes, which drove earlier liquidity-fuelled growth booms, beginning to express themselves.

The sources of the liquidity inflows were diverse in all three instances, but relied heavily on concessionary finance from the Bretton Woods institutions as well as bilateral sources. How the government used these inflows was common in all three episodes. They lowered interest rates sharply and held the exchange rate artificially low while hiking government spending and announcing "special incentives" for investment activity, whether via amnesty schemes or subsidised credit from the State Bank or even special subsidies on energy for "export-oriented industry".

The result in each case was a growth spurt that began almost immediately, as the idle capacity that was lying unutilised during the preceding period of economic adjustment suddenly kicked into motion. In all three cases, growth started within months. And in all three cases, growth stalled on the very same deficits that had driven their predecessors towards a balance-of-payments crisis.

In all of them, massive liquidity injections were used to kick-start growth. This had two important consequences. The liquidity fuelled inflation on one side and trade deficit on the other, leading to a depletion of the reserves and mushrooming current account deficits, followed by a return to a balance-of-payments crisis amid high inflation. There was no exception. Every growth spurt ended the same way.

Once more, it is possible to see the same reflexes which drove earlier liquidity-fuelled growth booms beginning to express themselves. The desire to use the rebuilt foreign currency reserves to bring down the price of the dollar, for example, is lurking just beneath the surface.

By F.S. Aijazuddin

Shadow president

THE Greek King Croesus has been reincarnated in president-elect Donald Trump, except that in Trump's case, every friend he touches carries a billion-dollar tag: Larry Ellison, the co-founder of Oracle; David Sacks, who is to be his chair of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology; Jared Isaacman as his head of US space agency Nasa; and the richest man on earth, Elon Musk.

Musk has disclosed that he 'invested' \$277 million (the highest contribution ever in US electoral politics) to help Trump win the presidency this year. For that, Trump has rewarded him with a new 'Department of Government Efficiency'. Musk and another billionaire, Vivek Ramaswamy, have been tasked by Trump to "dismantle government bureaucracy, slash excess regulations, cut wasteful expenditures, and restructure federal agencies".

Who is this man who shadows Trump, who some suspect is America's alternate president?

To understand the phenomenon that is Elon Musk, one should read Walter Isaacson's unvarnished biography of him, published in 2003.

Who is this man who shadows Trump?

As a child, Musk was bullied mercilessly by his martinet father and callous classmates in the school playground. Musk aspired to make the world his own playground. A world-view was not enough; Musk has a loftier, cosmic view.

The first to see a future in privately funded rockets, Musk established SpaceX. Within two years of its founding, Musk faced bankruptcy. Despite this setback, he recovered and saw SpaceX become "the most successful private rocket company in

the world", outstripping Nasa. "The goal of SpaceX," Musk says, "is to build the technologies necessary to make life multiplanetary. This is the first time in the four-billion-year history of Earth that it's possible to realise that goal [:] to send humanity to Mars, the best destination to begin making life multiplanetary."

Musk dreamed of electric cars designed to reduce pollution. On a social date, his first question of his female escort was: "Do you think of electric cars?" Musk did nothing but. "In June 2021, his Tesla Model 3 became the first electric car to sell a million units globally. In 2023, its Model Y was the best-selling vehicle, of any kind, globally. In January 2024, the Model Y became the best-selling electric vehicle in history."

Tesla penetrated the hermetic Chinese market, producing its first car in 2019.

Within two years, China produced more than half of Tesla's vehicles worldwide. By 2021, Tesla was worth \$1 trillion — more than Toyota, Volkswagen, Daimler, Ford, and General Motors combined.

By 2020, Musk had become the richest man in the world. (He is now worth \$355 billion.) With \$10bn cash in his pocket, he made a bid for the hugely popular social networking service Twitter, acquiring it in 2022 for \$44bn.

His stated goal was to promote free speech on the platform. Some critics contend

that since his acquisition, the platform has enabled the "increased ... spread of disinformation and hate speech. ... Since Musk's takeover ... global usage of Twitter has declined by approximately 15 per cent..."

During the battle for its acquisition, one of his 'truest friends' — a Pakistani, Navaid Farooq — asked him: "Why are you doing this?"

Musk replied that he wanted to unify communications across the world, adding that it would probably take him five years to turn Twitter around.

US government employees who want to know what to expect from Musk's proposed Department of Government Efficiency should read Isaacson's book. He describes Musk's attack on Twitter's obese management as "a bloodbath": "About half of the company's employees worldwide, and close to 90pc of some infrastructure teams, were let go." He also fired those most responsible for the over-staffing — the human resource managers.

One is reminded of the brutal methods of an earlier hatchet man — Dr 'Butcher' Beeching — whom British PM Harold Macmillan appointed in the 1960s to cure the chronically sick British Railways.

Trump has surrounded himself with a number of billionaires. Pakistan's governments are more abstemious:

they make do with only one — a property tycoon whose housing projects straddle the country.

Even before Trump assumes office in January 2025, a crisis in Syria awaits him. The 53-year-old Assad dynasty (Hafez, and then his son, Bashar) have been swept away as swiftly as the Shah of Iran was removed in January 1979. US president Jimmy Carter could not offer sanctuary to the Shah, once America's strongest ally. He died friendless in Egypt.

Syria's Bashar al-Assad is luckier. His benefactor, Russian President Putin, has granted him asylum, to live and die in Moscow. Had Bashar been a US stooge like the adhesive Ukrainian president Zelensky, Trump would have arranged for Bashar to be given a one-way ticket on a Musk rocket — to Mars.

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Chairman PMYP stresses the importance of cohesive approach to youth policy

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman of the Prime Minister Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan Thursday stressed the importance of a cohesive approach to youth policy, emphasizing the need for youth empowerment through inclusive policies that drive employment opportunities and skill development.

Chairing the inaugural meeting of the Taskforce for the National Adolescent and Youth Policy here Thursday, he highlighted that Pakistan's youth, with their potential and creativity, was a significant asset for the country's progress, and their concerns must be at the centre of national planning.

Rana Mashhood reiterated that the task force's work was critical to the nation's development and prosperity.

He expressed confidence that the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders would lead to a transformative policy that will empower the next generation

of leaders and innovators.

The meeting brought key stakeholders together from various ministries, development partners and youth organizations to deliberate on creating an inclusive, employment-driven policy for the youth of Pakistan.

Representatives from the Ministry of Human Rights, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Science and Technology, and Ministry of Law and Justice, along with provincial representatives. Development partners, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the British Council, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) were also present.

The meeting discussed the vital need for a youth policy that addresses education, vocational training, mental health, and employment, with a special focus on marginalized groups, including young women and those from rural areas.

Representatives from the Ministry of Education emphasized the need for a curriculum that aligns with industry demands, while the Ministry of

Science and Technology called for greater investment in research and innovation, particularly in technology and digital skills. Development partners such as the UNDP British Council, and UNICEF voiced strong support for the policy's goals and pledged their continued collaboration.

Private sector youth organizations also contributed, offering practical insights on how to bridge the gap between youth aspirations and the opportunities available to them.

They suggested partnerships with businesses to provide internships, apprenticeships, and job placements, particularly in emerging sectors such as IT, green energy, and digital services.

The meeting concluded with a shared commitment to continue consultations and working towards the formulation of a policy that will address the diverse needs of Pakistan's youth. It was agreed that the next meeting would focus on finalizing the policy framework, with an emphasis on actionable steps that can be implemented immediately.



Federal Minister for Interior, Mohsin Naqvi exchanging views with Pervez Khattak, Founder of the PTI Parliamentarians during meeting held in Islamabad

Add Foreign Secretary, MD EEAS to discuss bilateral, regional cooperation

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BRUSSELS: Additional Foreign Secretary (Europe) Shafiqat Ali Khan on Thursday met Managing Director, European External Action Service (EEAS) to discuss matters of bilateral and regional cooperation.

The Additional Foreign Secretary met with the Managing Director of EEAS here, the Embassy of Pakistan in Belgium shared the insight in a post on its official X handle. Pakistan's cuisine

It added that besides Pakistan-European Union relations, global and regional developments; pathways for further deepening cooperation also came under discussion.

Any compromise on health tantamount to compromising national security, development: PM

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday recognising the provision of accessible healthcare to all citizens regardless of their socioeconomic status as a moral imperative of the government said that any compromise on health was tantamount to compromising the security, prosperity, and development of where no risks could be taken.

The prime minister, in his message on Universal Health Coverage Day, annually observed on December 12, reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to the advancement of the global momentum towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC). Pakistan's cuisine

He said that this year's theme, "Health: It's on the government," underscored the pivotal role of governments in ensuring that no one had to choose between essential healthcare and basic necessities such as food, shelter, or education. He said that in pursuit of this goal, the government had introduced transformative initiatives, such as the Sehat Sahulat Program, spearheaded by the Ministry of National Health Services, Regulation & Coordination under the banner of "Sehat Sub Kay Liye" (Health for All). He said that the program, which has garnered international

ADC reviews security plan, other steps for Polio drive to be on Dec 16

APP

Quetta: Additional Deputy Commissioner, General (ADCG) Quetta Muhammad Anwar Kakar on Thursday chaired a meeting to reviews measures including the security plan and other arrangements for the seven-day anti-polio campaign starting from December 16, 2024.

The meeting was attended by SP Security Naem Achakzai, Special Branch representative, FC 131 Wing representative, District Polio Coordinator and other polio officers.

The meeting prepared a security plan for the anti-polio campaign in Quetta district, according to which a total of 1818 teams would work during the campaign, which could be provided with full-proof security in all union councils, in which 1420 security personnel to be performed their duty.

In the meeting said that FC personnel would patrol all the union councils of Quetta along with all the teams during

the campaign. The anti-polio campaign will start from December 16 and will end on December 22.

The five-day campaign will be a polio target while the two-day catch-up campaign to be held, explained in the meeting.

Additional Deputy Commissioner General Quetta said that there would be foolproof security during the polio campaign, in which police,

Levies BC and FC personnel would perform their duties.

He said that during this time, any negligence would be unacceptable, in this regard,

instructions are issued to the security personnel to reach duty with the polio teams on time.

No official will be allowed to take leave during the campaign, action will be taken against the official who takes leave or will not reach duty on time, he said.

The ADC and polio officers praised the police for providing excellent security in the previous campaign.

Talal credits 26th Constitutional Amendment for thwarting PTI's Nov 24 rebellion

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ISLAMABAD: Senator Muhammad Talal Chaudhry on Thursday said that the 26th Constitutional Amendment prevented PTI's rebellion on November 24 from succeeding.

Participating in the Senate debate on the November 26 incidents, Talal said immediately after the violators entered Islamabad, a judicial bench would have been formed, putting law enforcement under scrutiny and allowing the rebellion to succeed.

Outrightly rejecting PTI's offer for reconciliation, he questioned why dialogue should be held with a party that portrayed the ruling parties as thieves and called parliament non-representative.

He said that convicted culprits should not be included in the dialogue, as the country suffered losses due to the nexus among General Faiz, Imran, and former Chief Justice Saqib Nisar.

Recalling year 2014, when PML-N chief Nawaz Sharif made a reconciliation offer to PTI chief, their proposal to sign

the Meesaq-e-Jamhoriat was outrightly dismissed as an attempt to seek an NRO like concessions.

He said PTI protesters were instructed to go to Sangiani, but they refused and chose to head to D Chowk instead.

Regarding the PTI's demand for formation of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, he said it should trace back to the former President Musharraf era, when the founder of PTI served as a polling agent for Musharraf during his referendum.

Participating in debate, Dost Muhammad Khan of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) said that they were not terrorists rather patriotic citizens of the country. Their forefathers rendered supreme sacrifices for this country, he added.

Taking part in the discussion, Jam Muhammad of PPP said that the masses were looking towards the august forums (Senate and National Assembly) for resolution of their issues. "We have acumen leadership in the country and the issues should be settled through reconciliation," he said.

Pakistan's humanitarian support reaches Malaysia safely

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ISLAMABAD: The second shipment of humanitarian aid for Malaysia has arrived in Kuala Lumpur after departing from Islamabad International Airport last night on a chartered flight carrying 40 tons of relief items sent by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA).

The relief consignment consisted of tents, blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, mats and life jackets. With this, it makes total 80 tons of relief consignments which are dispatched to flood-hit areas of Malaysia.

Upon arrival, the consignment received by representatives of Pakistan Embassy in Malaysia and Malaysian National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA).

The Government of Pakistan remains steadfast in its commitment to providing humanitarian assistance to the flood affectees of Malaysia.

'We all set for it', if PTI ready for dialogue: Irfan Siddique

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ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Leader of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) in the Senate, Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui said on Thursday that if Pakistan Tehreek Insaf (PTI) was ready for dialogue, "We are all set for it." Pakistan's cuisine

Speaking on the floor of the Senate, he said that PTI should not hang a sword that if talks were not held by such a date they would start a disobedience movement, adding this kind of behaviour could not go together.

Irfan repeated, "We want to talk, we do not want any riots, Pakistan has to move forward and to move forward it is necessary to abandon old customs."

The PML-N's parliamentary leader said that humans have superiority over animals only because of knowledge "We should learn lessons from our political history, problems can be solved through better communication." Pakistan's cuisine

Irfan said that peaceful protest was a fundamental right in democratic societies, questioning, whether was this right unconditional in any country. He said, "Whether peaceful protest is done with slogans of Jihad-Al-Jihad, kill and die, and sticks with nails."

Irfan said that for the November 26 protest, PTI did not apply for permission from the govt and what happened with the Islamabad High Court decision.

President Zardari for greater Chinese investment in Pakistan

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KARACHI: President Asif Ali Zardari has called for greater Chinese investment in diverse sectors of Pakistan's economy to boost economic and commercial cooperation between the two brotherly countries. Pakistan's cuisine

He also emphasized the need for enhanced interaction between the people of the two countries, especially between the investors and businesses, to increase bilateral trade and economic relations.

The President expressed these views while talking to a Chinese business delegation, led by the Chinese Consul General in Karachi, Yang Yundong, at Bilawal House, Karachi.

Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, Minister for Transport and Information, Sharjeel Inam Memon, Minister for Energy, Planning, and Development, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, and Special Assistant to the Chief Minister for Investment and Public Private Partnerships, Syed Qasim N Qamar, also attended the meeting.

The delegation expressed interest in investing \$1 billion to establish a medical city in Pakistan to advance the coun-

try's healthcare sector.

The delegation also expressed interest in investing in diverse sectors of Pakistan's economy, especially agriculture, livestock, energy, transport, and manufacturing.

Welcoming the delegation, the President said that Pakistan and China shared commonalities of interest and views on important issues, besides enjoying deep-rooted and historic brotherly ties.

"We have been close friends for decades, and it was my vision to develop Gawadar Port into a regional trade and economic hub that would not only improve regional connectivity but would also boost regional trade and economic cooperation," he stated. The President said Pakistan would welcome Chinese investors and preferred doing business with China Pakistan's cuisine He stated that Pakistan was committed to facilitating and supporting Chinese investors in every possible way.

The President highlighted that Chinese language courses had been introduced in Sindh, which would be an important step towards strengthening people-to-people and cultural linkages between Pakistan and China.



Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue, Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb virtually addressing the inaugural session of 2nd International Conference on Islamic Capital Market that held in Karachi, in Islamabad.

Ahsan urges national unity, economic revival through Allama Iqbal's vision of development

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Thursday highlighted Allama Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy for national development, urging the nation to adopt his vision to overcome economic instability and foster unity.

Addressing a debate on Allama Iqbal's Vision of Development on Thursday, he emphasized Iqbal's concept of nationhood and self-reliance as key principles for the country's progress and prosperity.

The minister said Allama Iqbal was not merely a poet or philosopher, but a revolutionary thinker whose ideas could guide Pakistan toward an enlightened, independent, and economically stable

future. "Iqbal's philosophy laid the foundation for the creation of Pakistan, driven by a concept of nationhood that transcended mere political boundaries," Iqbal remarked. Pakistan's cuisine

He noted that Pakistan, once an economically stable country, had seen a gradual decline since 1999, mainly due to political instability and inconsistent development policies.

He emphasized that Allama Iqbal's call for self-reliance remained crucial in the modern context, urging Pakistan to establish its identity as a self-sufficient and economically stable nation.

Contrary to some interpretations, he said, Allama Iqbal was neither a purely religious poet nor merely a Sufi thinker. "Iqbal's poetry was revolutionary and aimed at establishing a progressive society based on enlightened thought."

MS of Civil Hospital receives donation medical tools on request of ministers

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Quetta: Medical Superintendent (MS) Dr. Noorullah Musakhail of Civil Hospital Quetta received donation five inverter air conditioners for the children's ward of its on Thursday. These equipments were donated to the Civil Hospital by Balochistan Human Investment Capital Project (BHICP), Amir Rashid and World Bank on the request of Balochistan Health Minister Bakht Muhammad Kakar, Finance Minister Mir Shuaib Noshervani.

Medical equipments included monitors, OT lights, OT tables, ECG machine and baby warmer trolley.

DMS Dr. Ghulam Sarwar and others were present on this occasion.

MS Dr. Mir Noorullah Musakhail said that philanthropists and good people should help in upgrading the facilities in public sector hospitals and especially in providing better health care to the patients.

He said that the Health Minister and Finance Minister Mir Shoaib Noshervani have assured their full support in the efforts to improve the facilities in various wards of the hospital.

He said that the provision of medical equipment and machinery required for other departments of the hospital is among his top priorities.

The MS said that the Department of Gynecology of Civil Hospital Quetta is committed to the mission of providing quality and health facilities to the public.

He said that continuation of reforms in the hospital is necessary to provide better medical facilities to people.

The services of Balochistan Human Capital Investment Project in providing quality medical equipment to Civil Hospital Quetta are valuable, he said.

He said that all resources are being brought in to provide the best treatment and care facilities to the patients.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yezhan Kistafin, Ambassador of Uzbekistan to Pakistan Alisher Tukhtayev and Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan Avazbek Atakhanov offers fateha for the late sister of Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq.