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CM terms launching of GIA is milestone for development of Balochistan

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Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti on Monday termed the inauguration of Gwadar International Airport (GIA) a milestone for the development of Balochistan which would lead the province on new paths of prosperity and economic stability.

He said that this airport is a historic project not only for Balochistan but also for the whole of Pakistan which would be helpful in promoting trade activities at national and international levels.

Addressing at the inauguration ceremony of Gwadar International Airport, Balochistan Chief Minister said that this airport is equipped with modern technology and world-class facilities which is capable of handling large aircraft.

He said that this modern airport would connect the area with major cities of the world saying that the completion of Gwadar International Airport could bring immense development in the investment, trade and

tourism sectors in the province which would directly benefit the people here.

Mir Sarfaraz said that this project would provide employment opportunities to the local people and increase training and job opportunities for the youth.

"The people of Gwadar have always played a key role in the development of Balochistan and their cooperation is the foundation of our successes," he said.

He said that this project is an important initiative under China-Pak Economic Corridor (CPEC) which could make not only Balochistan but the entire Pakistan more stable and attractive internationally.

He expressed his determination that more such development projects would be launched in the province that could bring positive change in the lives of the people of Balochistan.

Thanking the government representatives, local people and experts present, he said that this successful launch of Gwadar International Airport is the result of collective efforts.



Rawalpindi: Major General Mohammad Bagheri, Chief of General Staff (CGS) of the Iranian Armed Forces Monday visited the General Headquarters (GHQ) and called on General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

Unaware of committee meeting despite being a member: Justice Shah

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court judges have raised concerns over a lack of transparency in case scheduling, with Justice Mansoor Ali Shah stating that he was unaware of a judges' committee meeting despite being a member.

A hearing took place in the Supreme Court regarding the powers of constitutional and regular benches during which Barrister Salahuddin appeared before a three-member bench headed by Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, Express News reported.

Barrister Salahuddin argued that he had come from Karachi, but the case was not scheduled for a hearing that day. Justice Mansoor Ali Shah responded that he would look into the matter and summoned Additional Registrar Supreme Court, Nazar Abbas, to explain why the case had not been scheduled for hearing.

After a brief adjournment, the hearing

resumed. Deputy Registrar Supreme Court, Zulfiqar Ali, appeared before the court and informed that a judges' committee meeting had taken place, where it was decided that the case would be scheduled for a hearing before a constitutional bench on January 27.

The deputy registrar stated that the committee's decision was attached to the case file. Justice Ayesha Malik added that cases scheduled before them for the entire week had been changed, and details regarding these changes should also be provided.

Justice Mansoor Ali Shah, addressing the Deputy Registrar, said that they were sitting in the tea room and asked for details of the judges' committee meeting minutes and the changes made to the cases. He directed that the meeting minutes be brought before them, and the judges would return to the courtroom. Later, the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing until the next day and issued a show-cause notice to the Additional Registrar Judicial under contempt.

Govt denies reports of preparing response to PTI's demands

NEWS DESK

ISLAMABAD: The ongoing negotiations between the government and the PTI have reached a critical juncture, with disagreements over the formation of a judicial commission threatening to derail the process. The PTI has set a seven-day deadline for the formation of the commission, warning that failure to meet the demand will halt further talks.

The government's negotiation committee spokesperson, Senator Irfan Siddiqui, has dismissed media reports suggesting a prepared response to the PTI's charter of demands. Siddiqui clarified that the sub-committee tasked with drafting the response

has yet to convene, adding that discussions among coalition parties are still underway. PTI Chairman Barrister Gohar Ali Khan says party Founder Imran Khan has instructed that if the commission is not formed in seven days,

the fourth sitting with the government committee would not take place. He also insisted on the formation of a judicial commission, citing examples from India's judiciary, including inquiries into the Babri Masjid case.

"If commissions can be formed for such cases, why not for ours?" he questioned, adding that it was the responsibility of the committee spokesperson to make the negotiations successful.



Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, Federal Minister Khwaja Asif coming out of the Gwadar Airport.

PM says no negligence will be tolerated in preparations of Hajj 2025

PM directs swift repair work of damaged protective fences on motorways in one month

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday reviewed preparations for Hajj 2025, directing that no negligence in preparations will be tolerated.

"Pilgrims are the guests of Allah Almighty, therefore no negligence will be accepted in terms of services and assistance for them," the prime minister stressed. He chaired a meeting to review preparations for Hajj 2025 here, the prime minister directed to ensure all possible facilities and assistance to the Hujjaj (pilgrims) during the upcoming Hajj. He instructed to prepare a comprehensive briefing with respect to the preparation of Hajj 2025 and present it in coming days.

He also directed to present a detailed briefing on the selection criteria of Moavineen Hajj (Hajj assistants), their responsibilities and other arrangements. He said the best possible training facility should be provided to the pilgrims, besides ensuring selection of capable officers having good repute for Hajj duty.

He also ordered to take special care of residence, travel and other facilities for the pilgrims. "Merit and transparency must be ensured in deployment of the Moavineen."

Therefor, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed the National Highway Authority (NHA) to ensure swift repair work of all damaged protective fences on motorways in one month and initiate stringent action against those stealing or damaging the fence.

The prime minister chaired separate review meetings on issues pertaining to the NHA and safety measures on the national highways and motorways, a Prime Minister's Office news release said. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on the occasion emphasized that the national highways and motorways were the backbone of national development and the country's economy. He said that providing the best travel facilities across the country was one of the top priorities of the government. The prime minister directed to form a steering committee to review the work related to construction.

CGS of Iranian Armed Forces calls on COAS Syed Asim Munir

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Rawalpindi: Major General Mohammad Bagheri, Chief of General Staff (CGS) of the Iranian Armed Forces Monday visited the General Headquarters (GHQ) and called on General Syed Asim Munir, NI (M), Chief of Army Staff (COAS).

During the meeting, both sides discussed matters related to the prevailing regional

security environment and bilateral defence cooperation, said a news release issued by Inter-Services Public Relations.

Upon his arrival at GHQ, Major General Mohammad Bagheri laid a floral wreath at the Yadgar-e-Shuhada in homage to Pakistan's martyrs.

He was warmly received, including a guard of honor presented by a smartly turned-out contingent of the Pakistan Army.

New Gwadar Int'l airport to boost country's development: Asif

INP

GWADAR: Minister for Defence and Aviation, Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that New Gwadar International Airport will play an important role in the development of Pakistan.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of New Gwadar International Airport in Gwadar on Monday, he said this Airport will play an important role to promote trade and tourism in the country besides bringing positive change in our economy.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif said

New Gwadar International Airport will also create job opportunities for the people.

The Minister thanked the Chinese Government for the completion of the New Gwadar International Airport.

He said we have put Gwadar on the path of progress and prosperity through the China Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Chief Minister of Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti, Governor of Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail and high ranking officers were also present in the inaugural ceremony of New Gwadar International Airport.



President, Asif Ali Zardari welcoming Major General Dr. Mohammad Bagheri, Chief of General Staff of the Iranian Armed Forces, at Aiwan-e-Sadr in Islamabad

Conviction aimed at forcing political deal: Imran Khan

NEWS DESK

RAWALPINDI: Imran Khan, the founding chairman of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), believes that his recent sentencing in the £190m case is part of a political strategy to force him into making a deal, and has dismissed any suggestions of negotiations or compromise.

During a media interaction outside Adiala Jail, Imran's sister, Aleema Khan, conveyed her brother's position, stating that the PTI founding chairman had firmly rejected the notion of a deal.

"He is not going to make any deals. He has no intention of negotiating with the government. He will continue to face the cases against him, regardless of how long he stays in prison," Aleema Khan remarked.

Imran Khan's comments were in response to his conviction in the £190 million Al-Qadir Trust case, which saw both him and his wife, Bushra Bibi, sentenced. Khan, however, believes the sentence is politically motivated and designed to break his resolve.

Aleema Khan further clarified that the decision had nothing to do with any ongoing negotiation committees.

She emphasized that her brother had advocated for the case to be taken to higher courts where it could be examined thoroughly.

She added that the case would reveal more facts as it proceeded through the legal system.

She also questioned the fairness of the judicial process, pointing out that figures like former President Asif Ali Zardari and former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif were not held accountable in similar cases. "Why is it only Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi who are facing these charges?" she asked.

The PTI leadership has expressed confidence that the higher courts will offer a fair hearing and allow them to present a detailed case.

BHC's three Additional Judges take oath

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Quetta: Balochistan High Court (BHC)'s three Additional Judges including Muhammad Najmuddin Mengal, Muhammad Ayub Tareen and Muhammad Asif Reki took oath. On Monday,

Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar administered the oath to the three additional judges at the BHC Quetta.

The oath-taking ceremony was attended by Balochistan High Court Judges, Supreme Court Bar Association President Mian Rauf Atta Advocate, High Court Registrar Jan Muhammad Gohar, Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan, Balochistan High Court Bar President Mir Attallah Lango, Pakistan Bar Council Member Munir Ahmed Kakar Advocate, Zahoore Mengal Advocate, Muhammad Ali Kakar Advocate, Abdul Sadiq Khilji Advocate, Syed Saleem Akhtar Advocate, Khalid Khan Kakar Advocate, Tariq Butt Advocate, Nadir Chhagari Advocate, Bakhtiar Bazzi Advocate, law officers, lawyers and a large number of journalists.

90 Palestinian prisoners freed as first Gaza truce exchange completes

INP

GAZA: Israel released 90 Palestinian prisoners on Monday after Hamas handed over three Israeli hostages, completing the first exchange under a long-awaited truce aimed at ending more than 15 months of war in Gaza.

The three hostages released Sunday, all women, were reunited with their families and taken to hospital in central Israel where a doctor said they were in stable condition.

Hours later in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Palestinian prisoners released by Israel in exchange left Ofer prison on buses at around 1:00 am (2300 GMT Sunday), with jubilant crowds celebrating their arrival in the nearby town of Beitunia.

As the ceasefire took effect on Sunday morning, thousands of displaced, war-weary Palestinians set off across the devastated Gaza Strip to return home.

In the northern area of Jabalia, hundreds streamed down a sandy path, heading to an apocalyptic landscape piled with rubble and destroyed buildings.

"We are finally in our home. There is no home left, just rubble, but it's our home," said Rana Mohsen, 43, back in Jabalia. The initial 42-day truce was brokered by Qatari, US and Egyptian mediators.

Triumphant Trump set for return to power

By Khawaja Farooq

WASHINGTON: Donald Trump will be sworn in as US president on Monday, ushering in another turbulent four-year term with promises to push the limits of executive power, deport millions of immigrants, secure retribution against his political enemies and transform the role of the US on the world stage.

Trump's inauguration completes a triumphant comeback for a political disrupter who survived two impeachment trials, a felony conviction, two assassination attempts and an indictment for attempting to overturn his 2020 election loss.

The ceremony will take place at noon (1700GMT) inside the Rotunda of the US Capitol, four years after a mob of Trump supporters breached the symbol of American democracy in an unsuccessful effort to forestall the Republican Trump's 2020 defeat to Democrat Joe Biden. The swearing-in was moved indoors for the first time in 40 years due to the extreme cold.

Trump, the first US president since the 19th century to win a second term after losing the White House, has said he will pardon "on Day One" many of the more than 1,500 people charged in connection with the January 6, 2021, attack.

That promise is among a flurry of executive actions concerning immigration, energy and tariffs that Trump intends to

sign as soon as Monday after taking the oath of office. At a campaign-style rally on Sunday in Washington, Trump vowed to impose harsh immigration restrictions on his first day.

As he did in 2017, Trump enters office as a chaotic and disruptive force, vowing to remake the federal government and

expressing deep scepticism about the US-led alliances that have shaped post-World War Two global politics.

The former president returns to Washington emboldened after winning the national popular vote over Vice President Kamala Harris by more than 2 million votes thanks to a groundswell of voter frustration over persistent inflation, though he still fell just short of a 50% majority. In 2016, Trump won the Electoral College - and the presidency - despite receiving nearly 3 million fewer votes than Hillary Clinton.

Jeremi Suri, a presidential historian at the University of Texas at Austin, compared the present era to the late 19th century, when Grover Cleveland became the only other president to win non-consecutive terms. Like now, he said, that was a time of upheaval, as industrial advances transformed the economy, wealth inequality exploded and the proportion of immigrant Americans reached a historical peak. "What we're really talking about is a fundamentally different economy, a fundamentally different country in terms of its racial and gender and social makeup."



KP CM stresses PTI's commitment to rule of law, judicial independence

INP

PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur reaffirmed Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) dedication to upholding democracy, the rule of law, and the protection of citizens' fundamental rights.

Speaking in a statement, Gandapur emphasized that PTI founder Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi, continue to demonstrate unwavering faith in the law, despite what they consider to be unjust treatment.

He stated that their struggle would persist as long as Khan remains committed to the cause, declaring, "We will stand by PTI founder Imran Khan until my last breath."

The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of an independent judiciary and media freedom, underscoring that those who live in fear often compromise their principles. He reaffirmed that PTI's core struggle is to ensure that democracy flourishes, and the rule of law is maintained in Pakistan.

In related developments, the PTI nego-

tiation committee, led by spokesperson Sahibzada Hamid Raza, has communicated that the party will not continue negotiations with the government unless a judicial commission is established to investigate the events of May 9 and November 26. The committee has set a deadline of January 31 for the government to take action, warning that without the formation of a judicial commission, talks will not progress.

Following a meeting with Imran Khan at Adiala Jail, Raza stressed that the ball was now in the government's court. "Imran Khan has made it clear that we are not seeking a judge of our own choosing, but an impartial commission to identify those responsible for the events of May 9 and November 26," Raza explained. He added that PTI's demands had already been submitted in writing to the government's negotiation committee.

The PTI committee also raised concerns regarding the release of prisoners, another key demand. Raza noted that the negotiations were held in a controlled environment, but emphasized that the next steps rested with the government.



Punjab Chief Minister, Maryam Nawaz Sharif interacts with students during the Honhaar Scholarship Programme held at Ghazi University in Dera Ghazi Khan

Pakistan Post Holding 54th international letter writing competition for young people's 2025: Faisal Jahangir Manager Marketing Pakistan Post Quetta

PRESS RELEASE

QUETTA: Manager Marketing Pakistan Post Faisal Jahangir said in a joint move with the universal Postal union (UPU) Pakistan Post is holding 54th International Letter Writing Competition for young people's (2025). The theme for the Competition is "Imagine you are the ocean." Write a letter to someone explaining why and how they should take good care of you?

In addition to Pakistan Postage Stamps Album and Certificate of merit following three cash prizes will be awarded to those winning first three positions in this competition: -

- 1st Prize Rs.10000/-
- 2nd Prize Rs.8000/-
- 3rd Prize Rs.5000/-

(Consolation Prizes will also be given to 50 best letter writers.)

The best letter in Pakistan (English version only) will be sent to the Universal Postal Union, where a jury set up by UPU will select winners to be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals bearing relevant inscription and their names as well as certificates and other consolation prizes by the UPU.

Students of not more than 15 years of age can participate in the competition by sending a letter either in English or Urdu duly verified by the head of their educational institution to the Assistant Director (Mail & PS) office of the Postmaster General Balochistan Quetta.

The following particulars should be authenticated by the Head of the edu-

cational institution.

Full Name, Father Name, Age, Class, Name of institution with complete address & telephone number, length of letter from 500 to 800 words.

Terms and conditions. 1. Each participant must send his/her entry individually through Urgent Mail Service (UMS) or through Registered Post from any Post office.

2. Entries received through private courier or through DR shall be liable to be rejected.

3. Entries in bulk shall not be accepted. Entries received in this way will be returned.

4. The composition must be presented in the form of a letter (Dear... and include the address of the recipient and sender as well as a proper signature ending.

Governor cuts cake during first flight on GIA operational

APP

QUETTA: Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail on Monday cut a cake during first flight on New Gwadar International Airport (GIA) Operational.

He said that the New Gwadar International Airport (GIA) has become operational and in this regard, a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane has become the first flight to arrive at the new airport.

On the occasion of the new airport becoming operational, Balochistan Governor Jaffar Khan Mandokhail traveled from Karachi to Gwadar in a PIA flight with passengers. While Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfraz Bugti and Minister for Defense and Aviation Khawaja Asif were present at Gwadar International Airport.



Warm clothes are being selling at roadside stall as the demand of warm clothes increased in city during the winter season on below freezing temperature, in Quetta

Evening shifts started in 50 ICT schools; Farah

APP

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary for Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training Farah Naz Akbar on Monday informed the National Assembly that the Evening shifts had been started in 50 schools across the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

Replying to supplementary questions during the Question Hour of the lower house of the Parliament, she said that 7,500 students were being enrolled who were out of school in the ICT area.

Farah added that students would get Rs 5000 each month.

Meanwhile replying to another question, she informed that the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training had sought records from the Federal Directorate of Education for the regularization of remaining teachers. She added that 73 remaining teachers of 132 would be regularized soon.

PEC establishes first Facilitation Desk in Balochistan at BUITEMS

APP

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has launched its first-ever PEC Facilitation Desk in Balochistan, marking a significant step for the province's engineering community. Pakistani cuisine recipes

The desk, set up at the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) in Quetta, is designed to support fresh engineering graduates in their professional journey.

The establishment of this platform is part of PEC's broader effort to enhance the self-esteem and pride of engineers in Pakistan and offer them opportunities for professional development.

During the inauguration ceremony, PEC Chairman, Engineer Wasim Nazir, emphasized that the purpose of the facilitation desk is to restore the pride and dignity of engineers in the country. "Engineers play a key role in national development, and I am confident our efforts to elevate the professional standing of engineers will help shape the future of engineering."



An eye-catching view of a snow covered area after the snowfall of winter season, which more decreases the temperature below in minus degree Celsius, at Koh-i-Chiltan area of Balochistan.



Champions Trophy preparations on schedule, PCB says

SPORTS DESK

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) allayed fears about the readiness of the venues for this year's Champions Trophy as it welcomed media for a tour of stadiums in Lahore and Karachi on Monday. The eight-team 50-over event will be the first global tournament to be held in Pakistan in 28 years. India, however, will play all their matches in Dubai due to the hostile relationship between the two countries. Stadiums in Lahore, Karachi and Rawalpindi are being upgraded and if the tournament is successful more could follow in a country deemed unsafe following a 2009 attack on touring Sri Lankan cricketers. "We are on schedule to complete the renovation and upgrade of the Gaddafi Stadium (in Lahore)," PCB spokesperson Sami Ul Hasan said.



Serbia's Novak Djokovic reacts after a point against Czech Republic's Tomas Machac during their men's singles match on day six of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne

Djokovic suggests 'nice dancers' should come on court between sets

SPORTS DESK

MELBOURNE: Novak Djokovic said on Friday that tennis needs to be "more fun" and suggested dancers should be brought on court during breaks.

The Serbian veteran said while the sport had a proud history and tradition, it had been slow in keeping pace with a new generation that does not have "a great attention span".

He was commenting after admitting he got "hot-headed" with elements of the crowd during his Australian Open third-round win against 26th seed Tomas Machac.

Some light mid-match entertainment might also help fans and players relax, he said.

"I think that we should try to look to connect more with the younger people," he said. "I want to see a little bit more entertainment."

"For example, why wouldn't we consider doing something between the sets like the Super Bowl or, I don't know, the NBA?"

"When there is a timeout, they have, you know,

dancers come in and this and that. I wouldn't have a problem with that.

"Nice dancers, there for a few minutes more break so I can relax my nerves and think about something else."

"I feel like it would bring more fun elements and entertainment to tennis, that we know has been quite traditional and maybe conservative in some things."

Djokovic, who is bidding for a record 25th Grand Slam title in Melbourne, said he respected the traditions of Wimbledon too much to suggest it should occur at the All England Club.

But he was open to new concepts being introduced elsewhere.

"With Wimbledon I wouldn't change much. I would keep it as it is because it's so unique, all white and strawberries and cream and everything about it is just so elegant and classy," he said.

"But all the others, US Open, I mean, in USA, you guys know very well what entertainment is about."

"So I'm up for it, just like maybe gradual changes. "Dancers first."

'PCB to pay additional \$100,000 to elite PSL recruits'

SPORTS DESK

KARACHI: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) will pay an additional sum of \$100,000 to six high-profile foreign players in the HBL Pakistan Super League franchisees for making themselves available for the upcoming edition for the event, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported on Sunday.

According to PTI, the PCB agreed to shell out the money from a special fund which has now grown to \$1 million.

During the PSL draft, the PCB had set a maximum base price salary of \$200,000 to franchisees for each overseas player. "David Warner, for example came onboard for a fee of \$300,000 and \$100,000 of this will be paid to him by the PCB from the special fund," the PTI quoted a PSL official as saying. The official explained that a few years ago, the PSL governing council decided that when the central pool's net broadcast revenue reached Rs3 billion, \$500,000.

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At breaking point

PAKISTAN'S prisons have become a masterclass in how not to run a correctional system. With facilities bursting at 152pc of their capacity and three-quarters of inmates merely awaiting their day in court, the country's jails serve as monuments to bureaucratic paralysis rather than justice.

A recent report, Pakistan's Prison Landscape, tells a compelling story: 102,026 prisoners crammed into spaces designed for 65,811. Karachi Central Prison, operating at an eye-watering 355pc of capacity, resembles a sardine tin more than a correctional facility.

Most troubling is that 74,918 of these inmates are still awaiting trial, caught in the quicksand of a sluggish judicial system that makes Dickens' Jarndyce v Jarndyce look expeditious. Pakistan's lawmakers have only worsened matters. The 2022 amendment to the Control of Narcotics Substances Act, which axed parole and probation options for drug offenders, has achieved precisely what any first-year criminology student could have predicted: a surge in incarcerations.

In Punjab alone, drug-related imprisonments account for nearly 30pc of the prison population.

Behind the prison walls, conditions would make a mediaeval jailer blush. Inmates navigate an obstacle course of unhygienic conditions, dirty water, meagre food, and exploitative labour practices. Family visits and legal consultations are treated as luxury items rather than basic rights.

The solutions are not rocket science. Pakistan must first drag its pre-trial detention system into the 21st century. The practice of tossing people behind bars for minor offences does not make any sense.

A proper bail reform package, paired with readily available legal aid, could thin the crowds considerably. Alternative sentencing desperately needs a seat at the table. Community service programmes — absent from Pakistan's penal menu — could offer a more sensible approach for minor offenders while giving overcrowded cells some breathing room.

The Pakistan Prison Rules of 1978 have aged about as well as telegram in the age of smartphones, and cry out for modernisation across all provinces.

With an incarceration rate of just 40 prisoners per 100,000 population — barely a third of the global median — Pakistan's crisis becomes even more perplexing. This low rate, far from being a success story, masks a troubling reality: a justice system too overwhelmed to process cases effectively, with informal dispute resolution filling the vacuum. That such a modest caseload has still managed to overwhelm the prison system speaks volumes about its structural deficiencies.

By Barrister Usman Ali, Ph.D.

Imran Khan's Conviction: Justice or Political Vendetta?

Imran Khan's conviction, alongside his wife Bushra Bibi's, on corruption charges related to the Al-Qadir Trust case marks a significant turning point in Pakistan's political and judicial history. The allegations centered on their acceptance of land from real estate tycoon Malik Riaz in exchange for legal protection of his assets, after the UK's National Crime Agency seized £190 million from Riaz. Following a year-long trial, during which the defense was given ample opportunity to present evidence, the court sentenced Khan to 14 years and Bushra Bibi to 7 years. This decision reflects the judiciary's commitment to addressing high-level corruption, with detailed judgments and adherence to due process signaling a reliance on legal principles.

However, Pakistan's broader judicial and political context complicates the perception of this case. The judiciary has historically faced accusations of bias and political motivations, particularly in cases involving high-profile figures. Examples of courts allegedly acting under government influence to convict political opponents have fostered public skepticism about the fairness of judicial outcomes. Such precedents cloud the legitimacy of even well-founded convictions. Furthermore, it is common for politicians to deflect responsibility by framing convictions as conspiracies orchestrated by rivals. These recurring dynamics create an environment where public trust in the judiciary remains fragile.

Imran Khan's supporters often high-



light his claims of being a principled, honest, and non-traditional politician. This case provides an opportunity for him to substantiate those claims.

Khan could choose to clearly explain the reasons behind acquiring land from Malik Riaz, the substantial funds for its development, and the diamond ring received by his wife. Alternatively, he could acknowledge the charges and seek forgiveness from the nation, setting a bold precedent in Pakistan's political culture. Such a step could portray him as a distinct and principled leader, potentially bolstering his popularity.

In this specific instance, the court's thorough trial process and the defense's inability to counter the allegations stand out. The evidence presented by the prosecution, coupled with a lack of credible rebuttal from Khan, significantly undermines his claims of innocence.

The documented misuse of power and breach of fiduciary duty, as outlined by the prosecution, leave little room for doubt about the judgment's validity.

The severity of the sentences further underscores the gravity of the offenses, particularly given the misuse of public office involved.

Yet, this conviction raises broader questions about its implications for Pakistan's political and judicial landscape. Does this case signal the start of a new era of accountability where no one is above the law? Or is it mere-

ly another chapter in the country's history of politically motivated actions? While the judgment appears rooted in due process, public trust in the judiciary will only improve through consistent impartiality and a willingness to address all corruption cases, regardless of political affiliation.

This case also highlights the entrenched culture of impunity among Pakistan's political elite. Few politicians openly admit to wrongdoing, even in the face of overwhelming evidence. Instead, they often adopt a defensive stance, accusing opponents of victimization. Khan's response to this verdict aligns with this pattern, but his failure to present a credible defense during the trial weakens his claims. For many, this outcome serves as a reminder of the importance of accountability and transparency in governance, offering a rare instance where due process appeared to prevail.

Imran Khan's conviction may be viewed as a double-edged sword: a step forward in combating corruption but one that risks being dismissed as politically driven by his supporters. The onus now lies on Pakistan's judiciary and political system to demonstrate fairness and impartiality in addressing all corruption cases, regardless of the individuals involved. If this precedent is upheld consistently, it could pave the way for a stronger, more accountable system of governance. For now, the case underscores a critical lesson: accountability must transcend political divides to truly uphold the rule of law and rebuild public trust.

By M.R Malik

The Wheel of Time

These stories are also related to our society, four poor sisters tried to commit collective suicide by jumping into deep water, three of them drowned. Marriages were not taking place and no relationship was coming to their doorstep due to the poverty of the family. Half of the newspapers are black with the achievements of the government and the struggle of political parties who want to take away the government. You only know half the truth every day. We live in a society and a country where life is frozen and in order to maintain this freezing or this system, innumerable arguments are made every day, but here always half truth is spoken because the nation can only digest so much truth. The basic idea of this new civilization, which knows the art of accumulating wealth effortlessly and buys the entire market with the power of its capital, is that no matter how far you have to go to get wealth, whatever behavior you have to adopt is great. Take it frankly, no matter how much the sloganeers in this country shout slogans, but who can stop their language and strength here, the art of showing green garden and growing mustard on hands is a profitable profession of excellence in our country. is But the truth, even if it is only half, is very bitter and the effort to hide it is going on. If you like to hear the truth, the bitter truth today is that livelihood and bread are going out of the hands of the common people of Pakistan very fast. has destroyed not only the society but also the social values ??and now the spirit of mercy and compassion has disappeared from the Pakistani society while indifference has completely gripped this nation, if a poor family in the neighborhood is dying of

hunger. Comfortable Neighbor does not give a single bread to the dead, and now the insensitive person does not even think that helping the neighbor is the basic duty of a human being. It is known that the newspapers of Pakistan publish terrible news every day, sometimes prominent news regarding terrorism comes before the public and sometimes incidents of conflicts between religious sects are brought before the public, but the main problems of Pakistan are deliberately kept hidden.

is Unemployment and poverty are spreading rapidly in the country and it is this poverty that is the cause of domestic fights or bloodshed and violence of women and children. Here the sources of income are shrinking and the sources of income that are available are being used with the help of the state and politics. The specific group is occupied; By returning domestic assets, unlimited bank balances in foreign financial institutions would increase. There are only slogans for the poor people or suicide is the only way out for them .

In the city of lively hearts, a forced mother committed suicide after seeing the hunger of her children for several days. What else can a mother do other than risk her life on her children? Abandoned hungry children, a suicidal mother. Clinging to his dead body, he cried and begged her, "O mother, get up and come back to life. We promise you that we will die of hunger, but we will not ask you for bread again."

Another facet of our society is the account of a memorable wedding in Multan among the people of the ruling party. There were thousands of baratis, innumerable meals were cooked, and the enforcers of the law themselves



broke the law into pieces. The law enforcement administration was also involved in this good work. In this marriage, the bride brought a dowry of more than five crore rupees, the bridegroom was prepared with gold pieces instead of flowers and the bridegroom came sitting on a cage that The lion within Bandh was also the election symbol of his party From the day the nation was born with the desire to ride a lion, the nation has been in a state of shame, which is riding on this beast, and the lion is riding on the nation and receiving a bride with a dowry.

In fact, the truth is that the new rich civilization that grew up in Pakistan, the ignorant spectacles of this civilization have made the society so sick and miserable at the hands of a mafia that the brides of the country who bring a dowry of five crores with them. They live in search and the young daughters of the poor wait for their hands to turn yellow, and finally, in despair, they hug the deep waters and sleep. She offers different kinds of food but runs the society in such a way that the starving children cling to the mother's body and keep promising that "Mom, don't cry with us, then obey us once and then you will be stubborn." will not ask for bread from.

When business and government become only business, when the principle is decided that the poor criminal will be punished, the criminal leader will be made the ruler, then such class justice creates an ignorant civilization that also rules. And the wealth of the state is also in his possession, but the ruler of the rulers keeps turning the time upside down, those with very strong chairs reach their end. It doesn't take long.

DAILY MIRROR

Feb 8 to be commemorated as 'Day of Development & Progress': Atta Tarar

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ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National Heritage and Culture Attaullah Tarar on Monday said the government would complete its maiden year on February 08, 2025 which will be commemorated as the "Day of Development and Progress".

"Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has decided to celebrate the February 8 as the Youm-e-Tameer o Taraqi because this year, we have achieved many milestones including the economic growth," said the minister while talking to the media after witnessing the final match of Media Cricket League which featured 67 matches with participation of various media teams.

He congratulated the Khyber TV on winning the final of the tape ball tournament, and also the Jang Media Group team which was the runner-up of the competition.

All the media channels must organize such tournaments, he said while assuring them of the full support of the Ministry of the Information and

Broadcasting in organizing such events which resonated a good message across the country.

There is a need to hold more such tournaments that promotes healthy competition and sportsmanship, he said while reiterating the commitment of the government which believes in the promotion of sports and games.

He said the consecutive victories of the Pakistan cricket team is a manifestation of the government's commitment, which has been hunting the remarkable talents by organizing various trial camps.

"We are going to host the International Champions Trophy after a hiatus which will restore the cricket festivity in the country and promote the game in Pakistan," he said, adding the fans would also get the chance to watch the international players playing on Pakistani grounds.

He appreciated the critical role played by Interior Minister and Pakistan Cricket Board Chairman Mohsin Naqvi in negotiating with the International Cricket Council for hosting the international tournament in Pakistan.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has fully empowered his team in this regard,

he added.

All arrangements regarding the Champions Trophy are complete, he said calling it a proud moment for the country to host such a big event.

Recently, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization was held in Pakistan after 27 years, he said while recalling the government's achievements including its initiatives for the economy that had restored the confidence of international institutions.

He said it has been decided to confer awards on high achievers on February 8 for their achievements during this year.

The minister stressed on promoting sportsman spirit in every field to promote good behavior and ethics. There is no financial constraints in the PTV, he said vowing revival of the past glory of the national television.

Private sectors anchors have been recruited and it has been made mandatory to invite all political parties representatives in the talk shows.

Negotiations are crucial for political stability, he said while expressing the hope that it would achieve positive results.



Akora Khattak: JUI(F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman is speaking at Khatam Bukhari and Dastarbandi ceremony at Jamia Darul Uloom Haqqania.

Cold weather intensifies in Balochistan, more rain, snowfall forecast

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QUETTA: Mercury further dropped after rainfall and snowfall at mountains in various parts of Balochistan as Met Office forecast rainfall in Quetta and other areas on Monday.

The Met Office has forecast more rainfall and snowfall with strong winds in Quetta, Mastung, Ziarat, Pishin and other areas of Balochistan.

The cold weather spell will be continued in Karachi as minimum temperature last night recorded at 11 Celsius.

According to a weather advisory, weather conditions will likely turn cold to very cold and dry in Karachi and other parts of the province under the influence of a westerly wave over the next few days.

The cold and dry weather spell will continue in Karachi and other parts of Sindh. Very cold weather is expected in Larkana, Tharparkar and Umerkot districts of the province. Moreover, moderate to dense fog is likely in Sukkur, Shaheed Benazirabad, Shikarpur, Kashmore, Dadu, Larkana, Khairpur, Tando Jam and adjoining areas during night or morning hours on Monday.

According to the Met office, the lowest minimum temperature in the province was recorded at Mithi and Mohejo Daro where mercury fell to 5°C, followed by Sukkur 7°C, Dadu and Nawabshah 9°C, Thatta 11°C and Hyderabad 12°C.

Media report on preparation of govt stance in reply to PTI charter of demands, baseless: Irfan Siddiqui

ONLINE

ISLAMABAD: Irfan Siddiqui convener government negotiation committee has refuted the reports regarding preparation of its stance by them in reply to PTI charter of demands saying such media reports which have come through sources are fabricated and contrary to facts. In his statement on social media website X he said this news item and the all the details mentioned therein are baseless. He held that the seven parties included in government negotiation committee are engaged in mutual consultation.

CM Bugti for development of Balochistan including Gwadar

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Quetta: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Bugti on Monday said that provincial government is taking serious steps for the development of all areas including Gwadar and the solution of public problems with the cooperation of tribal elders and people of the province.

He said this during a meeting with elders and public delegations of the area at the house of tribal leader Mir Sajid Dashti in Gwadar. On this occasion, local people informed Balochistan Chief Minister about their problems.

The Chief Minister said that the problems being faced by the people of Gwadar, especially the problems of water, electricity, health and education would be solved on priority basis.

He said that the coastal areas of Balochistan are of utmost importance for the country's economy and the government is taking practical steps for their

development.

The CM emphasized that no project could be successful without the participation of the local people, therefore, the government is giving importance to the suggestions of the local leadership in every project.

On this occasion, tribal leader Mir Sajid Dashti thanked the Chief Minister and said that under his leadership, Gwadar work on development projects is underway and effective strategies are being adopted to address the problems of the people.

The elders also informed the Chief Minister about their problems and suggestions, on which he immediately issued instructions to the concerned authorities to address their legal problems. While appreciating the cooperation of the tribal leaders, the CM said that the government is utilizing all resources to serve the people so that they would not face difficulties in the areas of the province.

Operational of GIA guarantees bright future of country: Rubaba

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Quetta: Provincial Adviser for the Department of Women Development Balochistan, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi on Monday that the operational status of the New Gwadar International Airport (GIA) guarantees a bright future for Pakistan. She said that this grand project would not only open doors to economic growth but also strengthen Balochistan's tourism sector and further integrate the country on an international level.

She emphasized that the New Gwadar International Airport, built with modern facilities and in accordance with global standards, would bring prosperity and countless employment opportunities for the people of Balochistan.

This project will connect the region to major cities worldwide, expanding trade

networks and fostering investment, she said.

Dr. Rubaba Buledi highlighted that the Gwadar International Airport would create extensive training and employment opportunities for the youth of Balochistan.

While playing a pivotal role in stabilizing the local economy, she further said that the commencement of flights at this airport would not only boost tourism in the province but also serve as a milestone for Pakistan's overall economic progress.

Congratulating all the relevant authorities, Dr. Rubaba Khan Buledi lauded the successful completion

and operationalization of the New Gwadar International Airport and expressed her hope that this project will pave the way for Balochistan's prosperity in the future.

Mir Rauf Rind calls on former Balochistan CM Jan Jamali

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Quetta: Senior leader of Pakistan People's Party (PPP) and former provincial minister Mir Rauf Rind called on former Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Jan Muhammad Khan Jamali on Monday.

In this meeting, the current political scenario, political situation of Balochistan and regional affairs were discussed in detail. They agreed to continue the series of meetings and promote mutual consultations in the future.

PM directs for construction of modern hotels, other facilities to promote tourism

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Monday directed the relevant authorities to prepare a comprehensive report for the construction of new modern hotels and other facilities through joint ventures and public-private partnerships to promote tourism in the country.

"With the availability of modern facilities, tourism will be promoted across the country," the prime minister said while chairing a meeting regarding Capital Development Authority (CDA) affairs here.

The prime minister appreciated the performance of CDA for successfully organizing the recent international conferences and other events in the federal capital.

"The initiation of international conferences in Pakistan is the certificate of our success on the diplomatic front," he said adding that the confidence of the friendly countries had been restored due to the continued efforts of the incumbent government. Pakistani cuisine recipes

The prime minister emphasized the need to further improve hotels, hospitals, and other facilities to host international-level conferences and events in the country.

He directed to ensure provision of the international standard facilities for guests coming from friendly countries.

He also instructed the CDA to further improve facilities for the residents of the federal capital.

The meeting was informed that the pre-feasibility reports regarding the construction of new hotels and the revival of non-operational government buildings in Islamabad had been prepared.

The meeting was attended by Minister for Economic Affairs Ahad Khan Cheema, Chairman CDA and other top officials.

Omar Ayub announces PTI's negotiations with other political parties

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HARIPUR: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) central leader and opposition leader, Omar Ayub, has announced that the party is beginning talks with other political parties.

According to details, Omar Ayub stated that discussions are ongoing with Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and the Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA). He emphasized that the country's economic condition is deteriorating and further increases in electricity prices are expected.

He also called for the formation of a commission to investigate the incidents of May 9 and November 26, stating that without the commission, continued negotiations will be challenging.

During the Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) government, Ayub claimed that expensive agreements were made. He also mentioned that PTI's founder had established Al-Qadir University to promote Islamic education.

Criticizing PML-N leader Nawaz Sharif's son, Hassan Nawaz, Ayub raised questions about how Hassan purchased

property in London, implying dubious sources of income.

In other news, Omar Ayub on January 15, decided not to consult Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif regarding the appointment of the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC). Sikandar Sultan Raja, the incumbent CEC is set to retire on January 26.

In a formal letter addressed to the Speaker of the National Assembly Ayaz Sadiq, Omar Ayub underlining the urgency of the matter, noted that the tenure of the current Chief Election Commissioner will end on January 26.

The opposition leader has called for the immediate formation of a parliamentary committee to facilitate the appointment process of the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).

According to the constitution, it is necessary for the prime minister and the opposition

leader to consult on the appointment of the CEC and members. If no consensus is reached between them, the matter will be referred to a parliamentary committee.



Prime Minister, Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif chairs a meeting regarding Capital Development Authority (CDA), in Islamabad

Minister stresses importance of political consensus, unity among parties

INP

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Qaiser Ahmad Sheikh Monday expressed optimism about the ongoing negotiations between the government and the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, hoping that these talks will yield positive outcomes.

In an exclusive interview with ptn news channel, the Minister for Maritime Affairs stressed the need for political consensus and unity among parties. He urged politicians to rise above petty politics and prioritize the country's well-being.

He called upon all parties to put aside their differences and work together to address the nation's challenges.

The Federal Minister has commended the Speaker of the National Assembly for taking the initiative to facilitate negotiations between the government and the PTI party.

Sheikh emphasized that both parties must demonstrate flexibility to ensure successful talks.

Responding to a query, Sheikh emphasized that the PTI's willingness to engage in talks should translate to their behaviour in the National Assembly.

He stressed that the party should allow parliamentary proceedings to unfold smoothly, just as they have done in these negotiations. This, he believes, is essential for serving the greater interest of the people, who are pinning their hopes on the country's political parties.

Senate Standing Committee on Power Discusses NTDC Restructuring, Privatization, and Energy Issues

By Zahid Ahmed Khan

ISLAMABAD: The Senate Standing Committee on Power, chaired by Senator Mohsin Aziz, convened today at Parliament House.

The meeting addressed a public petition filed by the General Secretary of the All Pakistan NTDC Engineering Association (APNEA) regarding the government's steps for winding up or trifurcating NTDC into smaller units. The Secretary of the Ministry of Power explained the restructuring plan to make NTDC smarter and more efficient. He added that NTDC engineers will remain within the National Grid Company, overseeing internal operations, while project execution and energy infrastructure development will be managed by a separate government-approved company.

During the meeting, Senator Mohsin Aziz also questioned the benefits of separating WAPDA, pointing out that consumers have not seen tangible improvements. The Secretary of M/O Power responded that while generation without transmission is a challenge, it is not the sole issue. Committee members, concerned about electricity costs, recommended a briefing by WAPDA on its

future direction.

The Secretary of M/O Power also reported that discussions with five IPPs concluded, and operations were halted as of 30 September. One IPP was transferred to government ownership, while the remaining four were shut down. The Committee was also updated that Bagasse had been aligned with imported coal due to the absence of a notified price, and dollar-indexation mechanisms were eliminated. A fixed price of Rs. 4,000 per 100 units of bagasse was set. Senator Mohsin Aziz suggested that details on the remaining projects be provided at the next meeting.

Further, Senator Aziz raised concerns about privatization's impact on efficiency, to which the Secretary confirmed the privatization of better-performing entities, such as IESCO, FESCO, and GEPCO. Improvements in recovery rates and loss reductions were noted, with further steps pending the financial advisor's analysis.

The Committee also discussed CEO and management appointments in DISCOS, noting that there is no specific age limit. The Secretary confirmed that the boards had been informed of the end of their tenures and that a new board is being appointed.



QUETTA: Balochistan High Court Chief Justice Hashim Kakar taking oath of newly judges of the Balochistan High Court Justice Asif Reki, Justice Ayub Tareen, and Justice Najmuddin Mengal during a ceremony.