

Amnol Baloch says dating rumours with Hamza Sohaih ridiculous

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Political instability won't bring economic stabilization: Mushahid

JAVED KHAN

ISLAMABAD: Former federal minister Mushahid Hussain Sayed has said that the political instability will not bring economic stability in the country. Talking to media here on Sunday, Mushahid Hussain, a former senator, said that the absence of political stability will hinder the investment from abroad. He urged for a consensus in all political forces for the sake of political stability in the country.

Mushahid Sayed said that when Nawaz Sharif was jailed on October 12, 1999, Bill Clinton was president of the United States. Clinton said his presidential term will come to an end on January 20, 2001.

"He said, 'I want released from Nawaz Sharif from jail before the end of my presidential tenure'."

"Nawaz Sharif was sent to Saudi Arabia in a royal aircraft on December 10, 2000," Mushahid said. He said, "Biden will go to exit on November 05 and Trump is coming". "Before a telephone call from outside, we ourselves should take decision and release all political prisoners", he urged.

Punjab's policies hurt wheat farmers: Asad Qaiser

SEHRISH NAZ

ISLAMABAD: Former National Assembly speaker and Punjab Tehreek Amir Asad Qaiser said Punjab Chief Minister Martyan Nawaz's biased policies hurt the farmers.

He reacted to what he called widespread rumours about the Punjab government's decision to ban the transport of wheat mentioning that it would cause significant losses as the farmers of the province relied a great deal on the wheat crop.

The former speaker said nothing conclusive had come out of the wheat inquiry as many influential figures were involved in the scandal.

The PTI leader further said the Punjab CM might have some mental illness as he has been adorning the official uniforms one after the other.



ISLAMABAD: Deputy PM Ishaq Dar, Federal Minister for MOIB Attaullah Tarar and Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Ameer Muqam holding a press conference.

Ishaq Dar says cancels visit to Bishkek on Kyrgyz FM insistence

ARIF MEHMOOD KHAN

LAHORE: Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, who also holds the portfolio of foreign minister (FM), on Sunday said he had cancelled the visit to Kyrgyzstan after the country's foreign minister requested him to do so, saying his government was looking after the Pakistani students stranded in the capital Bishkek.

Addressing a press conference in Lahore with Federal Minister for Information Attaullah Tarar and Ameer Muqam sitting alongside him, he refuted reports that some Pakistani students had died in Saturday's incidents of violence in Bishkek.

"There are reports of four to five Pakistanis getting injured in yesterday's violent attacks by Kyrgyz's youth," he informed. He said that Prime Minister

Shehbaz Sharif was himself monitoring the situation in Bishkek.

"Although the government of Kyrgyzstan has asked us not to operate flights for the return of Pakistani students, saying it will ensure the safety of these students, still arrangements are being made for three more flights to bring them back from the Central Asian country, while the Pakistan Airforce will operate an Airbus to Bishkek for the purpose," the foreign minister informed.

Dar said that the incidents of violence took place in Kyrgyzstan because of a misunderstanding. "In this case, too, hate content was shared through social media," he said. Speaking on the occasion, Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said that the situation had returned to normalcy in the Central Asian state.

Kyrgyz Charge d'affaires handed over a demarche over last night's violent clashes against Pakistanis students

SAMRA ATHAR

ISLAMABAD: Charge d'affaires of the Kyrgyz Embassy in Pakistan Melis Moldaliev was called to the Foreign Office for a demarche by Director General (ECO & CARs) Aliaz Khan, conveying the deep concern of the Government of Pakistan about the reports of last night's incidents against Pakistani students studying in the Kyrgyz Republic.

"It was impressed on the Kyrgyz Charge d'affaires that the Kyrgyz Government should take all possible measures to ensure the safety and security of Pakistani students and citizens residing in the Kyrgyz Republic," Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press statement.

"The Government of Pakistan takes the matter of

the safety and security of its nationals around the world very seriously and would take all necessary measures to ensure their well-being," it was asserted.

The Kyrgyz authorities have expressed regret over the incidents of violence against foreign nationals including Pakistanis in Bishkek last night and also pledged to hold an inquiry and punish the perpetrators.

The Government of Pakistan was in contact with the Kyrgyz Government to ensure the safety and security of its nationals at risk in view of the mob riots of last night in the Kyrgyz Republic.

The Embassy of Pakistan has opened an emergency helpline and responding to queries of students and their families.



Ambassador to the Kyrgyz Republic Hassan Ali Zaigham has been in close contact with senior Kyrgyz authorities.

According to the Kyrgyz Health Ministry, four Pakistanis were provided first aid and discharged while one

was under treatment for jaw injury. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar has directed the Foreign Office to monitor the situation round-the-clock and to fully assist and facilitate Pakistani nationals.

Meanwhile, the Kyrgyz Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement said that the law enforcement agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic took prompt measures to arrest the people involved in the incident.

The situation was completely under the control of the security forces, and the safety of citizens and public order were ensured. There were no serious injuries among those who took part in the incident. About 15 citizens applied to medical institutions for examination, it was added.

PM for necessary arrangements to bring back students from Kyrgyz Republic

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday contacted Ambassador of Pakistan in the Kyrgyz Republic Hassan Ali Zaigham and directed him for making necessary arrangements for a special flight being sent to Bishkek this evening to bring back Pakistani students.

The special aeroplane will bring back 130 students to Pakistan on Sunday night, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

At the instructions of the prime

minister, the government of Pakistan will bear all the expenses of the special plane.

The prime minister directed for keeping continuous contacts with all the students and their families, emphasising that the return of injured students should be a priority. He further asked for bringing back those students back whose families were residing with them in Kyrgyzstan on urgent basis.

The ambassador of Pakistan Zaigham apprised the prime minister of his meeting with the Kyrgyz deputy foreign minister.

According to Kyrgyz authorities, the situation was under control and no new incident of violence took place in the last two days.

Security measures had been enhanced and the foreign students including Pakistanis were safe.

The prime minister directed that despite return of normalcy in Bishkek, those students should be facilitated who wanted to return to Pakistan. A number of students have already returned from Kyrgyzstan on Sunday via commercial flights.

Govt promises provision of best facilities to Pakistani pilgrims

SABA SHAFIQ

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Chaudhry Salik Hussain Sunday assured that no compromise will be made on provision of best possible facilities of food, accommodation, cleanliness, transport and healthcare to Pakistani pilgrims during this year's Hajj.

"This year's Hajj would be exemplary for Pakistani pilgrims, offering facilities that were not available in the past," he said in an interview with PTM news channel.

He mentioned that accommoda-

tions, meals, and transportation, along with all basic necessities, had been standardised.

Minister said that the strict monitoring system would also be adopted and effective round the clock.

"Apart from the food flavor, food cleanliness and safety are also essential to keep in mind while serving the hajjis. Hence, our monitoring will encompass food preparation until the distribution process," he remarked.

An online app has been launched to train pilgrims from Pakistan to Hajj e Baitullah and provide them guidance for every step, he said.

Helicopter carrying Iran's President Raisi crashes, search underway

PEAK POINT

DUBAI: A helicopter carrying Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi and his foreign minister crashed on Sunday as it was crossing mountain terrain in heavy fog on the way back from a visit to the border with Azerbaijan, an Iranian official told Reuters.

The official said the lives of Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian were at risk following the helicopter crash.

"We are still hopeful but information coming from the crash site is concerning," said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The bad weather was complicating rescue efforts, the state news agency IRNA reported. State TV stopped all its regular programming to

show prayers being held for Raisi across the country and, in a corner of the scene, live coverage of rescue teams searching the mountainous area on foot in heavy fog.

The 63-year-old was elected president at the second attempt in 2021, and since taking office has ordered a tightening of morality laws, overseen a bloody crackdown on anti-government protests and pushed hard in nuclear talks with world powers.

In Iran's dual political system, split between the clerical establishment and the government, it is the supreme leader rather than the president who has the final say on all major policies. But many see Raisi as a strong contender to succeed his 85-year-old mentor, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei,



Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi and his foreign minister.

who has strongly endorsed Raisi's main policies. Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi told state TV only that one of the helicopters in a group of three had come down hard, and that authorities were awaiting further details. Raisi had been at the Azerbaijani border to inaugurate the Qiz-Qalasi Dam, a joint project. Azerbaijan president says his prayers are with Raisi. Ilham Aliyev said, "Today, after bidding a friendly farewell to the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Ebrahim Raisi, we were profoundly troubled by the news of a helicopter carrying the top delegation crash-landing in Iran," Aliyev said. "Our prayers to Allah Almighty are with President Ebrahim Raisi and the accompanying delegation."

Nawaz questions his disqualification in address to party's working committee

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz supreme leader Nawaz Sharif reiterated his long held position that he failed to understand the reason behind his disqualification in 2017 as the country was going smoothly.

He made this remark in his address to the PML-N's Central Working Committee. He said after a long time, the rank and file of the party had gathered as the party leadership from across the country had made its presence on this momentous occasion.

"Every member of the PML-N represents the face of the party," the elder Sharif said. "Our prayers to Allah Almighty are with President Ebrahim Raisi and the accompanying delegation."

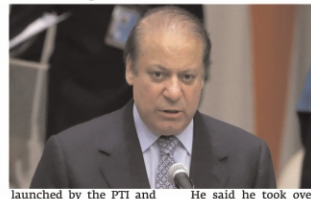
would have made huge progress.

"You have made immense sacrifices by not leaving the party when put into jail on fake cases," the former PM addressed the party leaders.

He said even the family members of the PML-N leaders were not spared the fascism unleashed on them.

He called the old members of the party loyal, who stood by their party through thick and thin and also praised them on getting new posts as a reward of their unflinching and uncompromising views.

Talking about the motorways, he said their benefits were visible as they had played a great role in the economy of Pakistan. On the massive dharanas (sit-ins) which were



Nawaz Sharif addressing the party's working committee.

launched by the PTI and AML during his previous stint in power, he said he failed to understand the motive and logic behind that move as the country was making progress rapidly during those times. Earlier, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said on the occasion he felt immensely relaxed to hand over the party's president post to supreme Mian Nawaz Sharif. He said he took over the reins of the party as president in trying times when Nawaz Sharif had faced injustice. "The country will prosper by leaps and bounds under Nawaz Sharif's watch soon," the PM remarked.



Pakistan national squad wishes women's cricket team 'all the best'

ARIF MEHMOOD KHAN

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan men's cricket team have heartened their female counter parts in a casual meeting at a hotel in Leeds, England, where the two squads will play matches against the Englishmen in the upcoming days.

In the meeting that took place on Sunday, skipper Babar Azam, senior team Manager Wahab Riaz, fast bowler Shaheen Afridi and other cricketers wished women players all the best for their remainder matches part of the England tour.

Pakistan women's cricket team will take on England today (Sunday) in the 3rd T20I match at Headingley Cricket Ground in Leeds.

Meanwhile, Pakistan men's cricket team will



play their first match of the four match T20I series against England at the Headingley Cricket Ground on May 22.

In the second T20Is, England women defeated Pakistan to win the three-match series by 2-0 on May 17.

After deciding to bat first, the hosts had scored 144-6 thanks to the efforts of Maia Bouchier (30), Alice Capsey (31), and Nat

Seiver-Brunt (31). Nida had spearheaded Pakistan's bowling attack with 2/33 in her four overs, while Waheeda



Akhtar, Diana Baig, and Fatima Sana each claimed one wicket. Pakistan were sent packing for 79 in 15.5

line as Sophie Ecclestone claimed three wickets for 11 runs, Capsey two for four and Sarah Glenn two for 10.

Capsey was declared player of the match for her performance with the bat and bowl. Leeds will now host the dead rubber final today. Pakistan: Cull Ferroza, Sidra Ameen, Sadaf Shamas, Muneeba Ali (wk), Nida Dar (c), Aliya Riaz, Fatima Sana, Diana Baig, Waheeda Akhtar, Nashra Sandhu, Saadia Iqbal.

England: Bouchier, Danielle Wyatt, Alice Capsey, Nat Seiver-Brunt, Heather Knight (c), Amy Jones (wk), Danielle Gibson, Sophie Ecclestone, Charlie Dean, Sarah Glenn, Lauren Bell.

Key changes expected in Pakistan's lineup for first T20I against England

RIZWAN HAIDER

ENGLAND: Pakistan is contemplating three significant changes to their playing XI for the first T20I against England on May 22 in Leeds. Fast bowlers Naseem Shah and Harris Rauf, alongside top-order batter Usman Khan, are poised to make the lineup. Consequently, opener Saim Ayub and pacer Hasan Ali, who played in the recent third T20I against Ireland in Dublin, may be excluded. Harris and Usman were not part of the squad during the three-match T20I series against Ireland, which Pakistan won 2-1.

The team management is also considering dropping a pacer to create room for either Shadab Khan or Abrar Ahmed. Pakistan aims to field their full-strength team in the England series to test



their combination for the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup2024, being co-hosted by the USA and the West Indies. A final decision will be made after consulting with head coach Gary Kirsten, who is set to join the Pakistan squad today. The four-

match series against England will serve as the final preparation for both teams before the T20 World Cup 2024, which starts on June 1 in the United States and West Indies.

PPP rejects in-house change proposal in Azad Kashmir

PAKISTAN SQUAD: Babar Azam (c), Abrar Ahmed, Azam Khan, Fakhar Zaman, Harris Rauf, Hasan Ali, Ifrikhar Ahmed, Imad Wasim, Abbas Afridi, Mohammad Amir, Mohammad Rizwan, Irfan Khan, Naseem Shah, Saim Ayub, Salman Agha, Shadab Khan, Shaheen Afridi, Usman Khan.

ENGLAND SQUAD: Jos Buttler (c), Moeen Ali, Jofra Archer, Jonathan Bairstow, Harry Brook, Sam Curran, Ben Duckett, Tom Hartley, Will Jacks, Chris Jordan, Liam Livingstone, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Reece Topley, Mark Wood.

SCHEDULE
May 22: First T20I at Leeds
May 25: Second T20I at Birmingham
May 28: Third T20I at Cardiff
May 30: Fourth T20I at the Oval.

Babar Azam, Rizwan get bats of their choice from factory

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Pakistan cricket team captain Babar Azam and wicketkeeper batsman Muhammad Rizwan got new bats from a bat manufacturing factory for the T20 World Cup.

Both the batsmen traveled from Leeds to Sussex to get the bats made from the factory of their choice.

They spent many hours in the factory and after much thought they got the bats made from



the factory. Babar Azam and Rizwan are determined to show excellent performance in the upcoming T20 World Cup and said they got bats of their

choice, adding playing cricket is a fun. T20 World Cup is starting from next month in America and West Indies in which 20 teams will participate.

Nida Dar becomes leading wicket-taker in women's T20Is

JAVED KHAN

ISLAMABAD: Nida Dar became the highest wicket-taker in women's T20Is during Pakistan's second match against England in Northampton.

Dar overtook Australia's Megan Schutt (136 wickets) to lay her claim at the top of the leading wicket-takers chart in women's T20I on Friday, 17 May. She is the only Pakistani woman in the top 10 list.

The Pakistan skipper and all-rounder was on 135 at the start of the game, having come close to the milestone in Pakistan's home series



against the West Indies earlier in the month. She went wicketless in the first encounter against England in Birmingham, which Pakistan lost by 53 runs.

Opting to bat first, England put on a modest 144/6 with useful contributions from Maia Bouchier, Alice Capsey, and Nat Seiver-Brunt. Pakistan bowlers were largely impressive, stem-

ming the flow of runs and picking up wickets at regular intervals.

Dar first took the wicket of Capsey in the 12th over, equalling Schutt and then dismissed Amy Jones while bowling the last over, another stumping courtesy wicket-keeper Muneeba Ali that gave Dar the milestone scalp.

However, Pakistan found themselves in trouble early in the chase as they struggled to build partnerships. Muneeba and Aliya Riaz offered some fightback but it was not enough to keep the English bowlers at bay.

Sweeping Disciplinary Measures and Reforms Announced at PBBF General Council Meeting

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN: In a decisive move to uphold integrity and discipline within its ranks, the Pakistan Basketball Federation (PBBF) held a critical General Council meeting at the Best Western Hotel in Islamabad. The meeting saw the suspension of his membership of the club.

Mr. Chulham Muhammad Khan, President of the Karachi Basketball Association (KBBA), on grounds of regulatory violations and misconduct. Present at the meeting, Mr. Chulham Muhammad Khan accepted his mistakes, tendered an apology, and recommended Senior Vice President Muhammad Yaqoob as his interim successor. Amidst this central decision, the PBBF council also ratified the establishment of a Scrutiny Committee. This body is tasked with assessing the clubs in Karachi, aiming to pave the way for transparent elections within the next 90 days for KBBA, followed by elections for the Sindh Basketball Association. Further disciplinary actions were imposed on two KBBA.



GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING PAKISTAN BASKETBALL FEDERATION

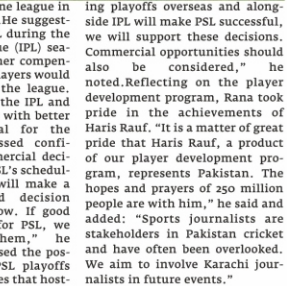
SJAL XI Triumphs Over RISJA XI by 63 Runs in Friendly T20 Match

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: The Sports Journalists Association of Lahore (SJAL XI) triumphed over the Rawalpindi Islamabad Sports Journalists Association (RISJA XI) by 63 runs in a friendly T20 match at the Lahore Qalandars High Performance Center on Saturday. The match's standout performance came from Murtaza Ali, whose unbeaten century was crucial to SJAL XI's victory. After winning the toss, SJAL XI elected to bat first, posting a formidable total of 149 runs for the loss of seven wickets. Murtaza Ali led the charge with an impressive 109 not out, while Muhammad Waqas added 20 runs. In reply, RISJA XI struggled and was bowled out for



86 runs. Ayaz Yusufzal was the notable performer for RISJA, scoring 66 runs. For SJAL XI, Sanaullah took three wickets, while Imran Sohail and Muhammad Waqas each claimed two. Ehtesham-ul-Haq, Yusuf Anjum, and Aqib Qureshi each took one wicket. At the match's conclusion, Lahore Qalandars owner Atif Rana presented commemorative shields to journalists from both teams, celebrating their participation and sportsmanship. Speaking at the event, Atif Rana emphasized the shared ambition of the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), fans, and the franchise to establish the PSL as a premier league. "Our collective goal, along with the PCB, is to make



the PSL the number one league in the world," he stated. He suggested organizing the PSL during the Indian Premier League (IPL) season and offering higher compensation to attract top players would significantly benefit the league. "Holding PSL during the IPL and attracting top players with better pay would be ideal for the league," Rana expressed confidence in PCB's commercial decisions regarding the PSL's scheduling. "We hope PCB will make a commercially sound decision about the PSL window. If good decisions are made for PSL, we will appreciate them," he added. He also addressed the possibility of hosting PSL playoffs abroad. "If PCB believes that host-

ing playoffs overseas and alongside IPL will make PSL successful, we will support these decisions. Commercial opportunities should also be considered," he noted. Reflecting on the player development program, Rana took pride in the achievements of Harris Rauf. "It is a matter of great pride that Harris Rauf, a product of our player development program, represents Pakistan. The hopes and prayers of 250 million people are with him," he said and added: "Sports journalists are stakeholders in Pakistan cricket and have often been overlooked. We aim to involve Karachi journalists in future events."

Training on reducing industrial trans fatty acids for healthier Pakistan' organized

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: By adopting ITFA-free alternatives and reformulation strategies, Pakistan can contribute to healthier food options for consumers and align with evolving regulatory standards, says SDPI's joint Executive Director, Dr. Vaqar Ahmed. He was speaking at a session titled, "Empowering SMEs; Training on reducing industrial trans fatty acids for healthier Pakistan" organized by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute here in Islamabad on Sunday. Dr. Vaqar Ahmed, Joint Executive Director SDPI said the focus on crucial topics surrounding the reduction of industrially produced trans fatty acids (ITFA) remains crucial. From understanding the sources and health risks associated with TFAs to exploring national and international regulations, as well as ITFA-free alternatives and reformulation strategies, we discuss a wide spectrum of essential information. Discussions on the regulatory framework and compliance with ITFA have shed light on the importance of adherence to standards for the health and well-being of consumers. It is essential to reflect on the next steps for both SMEs and government institutions. For SMEs, implementing the knowledge gained here into their practices is important. By adopting ITFA-free alternatives and reformulation strategies, they can contribute to healthier food options for consumers and align themselves with evolving regulatory standards. On the other hand, government institutions must continue to provide support and guidance to SMEs, ensuring

compliance with regulations and fostering an environment conducive to innovation and reformulation. Mr. Muhammad Salman, Country Lead Cargill says that discussion aims to make the lives of our countrymen better. In a country like Pakistan, we don't have any legislative mandate to do so, Cargill complies with WHO-recommended tolerance levels and has stopped working with all the streams working with Oil and fat businesses. Labeling laws have been in place in the United States since 2006 and in 2013 businesses were asked to reduce the ITFA till 2016. Talking about the impact of trans fats on public health in Pakistan Dr. Razia Safdar, Senior Advisor Health Center at SDPI highlighted the significant impact of dietary choices on health outcomes. She says a balanced diet typically comprises three main components: carbohydrates, proteins, and fats. However, not all fats are created equal. Monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats are considered beneficial for health, while saturated and trans fats are linked to negative health consequences. Industrial trans fatty acids (ITFAs), found in partially hydrogenated oils used in products like shortening, margarine, banaspati, and non-dairy coffee creamers, as well as in fried and baked goods, are particularly concerning. These ITFAs are associated with an increased risk of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as diabetes and hypertension. In Pakistan, the prevalence of these conditions is alarming, with every fourth adult diagnosed with type-II diabetes and every third adult under the age of 45 suffering from high blood pressure. Regions like

Islamabad and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) report high levels of dietary risk associated with ITFAs. The high intake of trans fats is a significant dietary risk factor, contributing to 58% of deaths annually. Dr. Tahira Siddique, Deputy Director of Islamabad Food Authority said that trans fatty acids have been popular since the 20th century for taste, texture, and shelf life. As per WHO stats, Pakistan is the 2nd largest consumer of trans fatty acids in the Eastern Mediterranean Region after Egypt. WHO recommends legislative and regulatory measures to limit ITFA, i.e. not more than two percent of total fat in all food products. The 'REPLACE' initiative launched by WHO in 2018, is a roadmap developed to help accelerate the actions for the promotion of healthier fats. 53 countries have implemented best practice policies to lower major health risks for at least 40% of the world's population. Dr. Syed Muhammad Ghaffar Saad, Associate Professor, University of Karachi, talked about free alternatives and reformulations. He shared that the trans-fat contents of hydrogenated fats vary from 10% to 40% based on the extent of hydrogenation and hydrogenation conditions. More than 28000 deaths per annum are attributed to intake of the industrially produced trans fats. Five core strategic measures that can help in reducing or eliminating the trans fat content in food include formulation, modification of fatty acid composition through genetics, hydrogenation, fractionation, any interesterification. Addressing the Non-Communicable Disease Crisis in Pakistan Ms. Farah Ather, Deputy Director of Standard

and Accreditation at the Punjab Food Authority said that the rise of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Pakistan has reached an alarming level. With six out of ten deaths in the country attributed to NCDs, and a significant three out of those six due to cardiovascular diseases, the need for immediate action is clear. The situation is particularly concerning among the youth, with the prevalence of overweight children under five nearly doubling between 2011 and 2018. Additionally, four out of ten adults in Pakistan are facing obesity. These statistics point to a dire need for changes in dietary habits and public health policies. As of February 2024, while 79 countries have enacted legislation or regulatory measures to eliminate ITFAs, Pakistan remains in a less restrictive category according to the WHO scorecard, having missed the 2023 deadline. This calls for a critical evaluation of the current food policies and regulatory frameworks in place. Ms. Ather recommended a shift from the manufacturing of partially hydrogenated fats to an interesterification process, a potential technological solution to this pressing health issue. The session aimed to assist SMEs in the food industry to understand the health risks associated with ITFA and explore viable alternatives for product reformulation, empowering SMEs to comply with national and international ITFA standards, ultimately contributing to a healthier food supply in Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Extremely hot weather creates mirage on Jinnah Avenue, its like water on the road, as move toward it, the "water" disappears. Sometimes label a mirage as an illusion or as a hallucination.

APSUP strongly condemns recent attacks on Pakistani students in Kyrgyzstan

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: The Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP) Sunday strongly condemned the recent attacks on Pakistani students in Kyrgyzstan. "These reprehensible acts of violence against innocent Pakistani students studying abroad are deeply concerning and utterly unacceptable," the association said in a statement issued here.

"Education is a fundamental right and a beacon of hope for many young individuals striving to

build a better future for themselves and their families. Such violent incidents undermine this principle and create an atmosphere of fear and insecurity among international students. APSUP remains committed to ensure the safety and security of all Pakistani students in their country" adding that it is imperative that the perpetrators of these heinous acts be brought to justice and measures are put in place to prevent any recurrence of such incidents, they

stressed. They said we also call upon the government to take immediate steps to address this issue urgently and ensure the well-being of our students. A helpline should be made functional to provide updated information to the parents of the students, they recommended. APSUP stands in solidarity with the affected students and their families during this difficult time and committed to supporting all efforts to provide them with the necessary assistance and ensure their safe and peaceful continuation of studies.

TDCP makes best arrangement for Murree tourists

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: The Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP) has made comprehensive and best arrangements for the tourists in Murree to facilitate them with dignity. Talking to APP here on Sunday, a TDCP official said the sanitary workers are involved in collecting plastic waste and littering discarded items aimed to ensure a plastic-free environment, especially in green spaces where thronging to Murree due to its scenic beauty and clad mountains to enjoy their trip, he added. He said that the TDCP has already launched an effective cleanliness campaign at different points in the Murree hills areas not only to attract them but also to provide a neat and clean ambience. He said the sanitary workers are involved in collecting plastic waste and littering discarded items aimed to ensure a plastic-free environment, especially in green spaces where thronging to Murree due to

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Accountability for all

Addressing the PML-N's central working committee (CWC) meeting in Lahore on Saturday, Mian Nawaz Sharif called for the accountability of those who ruined and destroyed Pakistan. The PML-N leader made it a point to say that he had followed democratic traditions back in 2013 and asked the PTI to form a government in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa because it was the single largest party despite Maulana Fazlur Rehman's warning that he was making a mistake. Not holding back, Nawaz also said that he went to Banigala to ask PTI founding chairman Imran Khan to work together for the country, adding that Imran had apparently agreed to cooperate and then backstabbed him by starting his 125-day dharna after a meeting in London. Recounting the persecution he and his daughter went through, Nawaz also alleged that he had an audio recording of former chief justice Saqib Nisar saying that Nawaz Sharif and Maryam have been kept in jail so that Imran Khan could be brought to power. The PML-N supremo also questioned how three judges could disqualify an elected prime minister for life and then also give a decree that he could not hold an office in his own party. These not-so-new allegations by Nawaz Sharif are a reminder of how conspiracies are hatched in the power corridors against elected governments and how the country pays the price at the end for political experiments. It must be said that a country is not a laboratory where experiments are conducted just because of power grabs. A democracy can function like this. Democracies thrive on good governance, the power of the ballot, accountability, justice, freedoms and fundamental rights. When these things are snatched away, we are left with strange hybrid models - democracies without rights and disenfranchisement of voters.

Two days that smook Quetta

When you look at the map of Pakistan, the province of Balochistan pops up with its geographical expanse. But where - and how big - is it in the imagination and conscience of ordinary citizens of this country? It is an anecdote that I share with friends. A friend, who is a social development expert, recently addressed a large number of post-graduate students of a university in Lahore. One ambitious topic he posed to them was: can you name three cities of Balochistan, excluding Quetta? He told me that no one could. But I feel overwhelmed by the reality as well as the enigma of Balochistan as I write these words. This is so because I had the good fortune of participating in the Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF) held in Quetta on Wednesday and Thursday this week. And this column is an attempt to portray some aspects of an incredible experience. In itself, a literature festival is not something to write home about. It is a matter of routine in our major cities. But the very idea of holding it in Quetta in these troubled times would be fortuitous. However, the fact that it happened and on such a big scale is remarkable. Its success was underlined not just by the excitement it generated among the youth, with the presence of literary, show business and media luminaries. The highlight was the candid discussion it provided on very difficult and sensitive issues. To conceive and then design and execute such an ambitious project would not be easy. It goes to the credit of Mohammad Ahmed Shah, president of the Arts Council of Pakistan, Karachi, that he was able to bring all elements together to navigate through a very treacherous territory. Luckily, he pulled it off. Yes, it called for extensive security precautions and management. There was this feeling that it may have been a bit overdone. Or there may be threats we are not aware of. The festival was held on the sprawling campus of BUTEMS -

Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences. Students were encouraged to attend and register for the festival and their enthusiasm was so great that a limit had to be enforced. Eventually, the premises was overwhelmed with young people including women and there was a general environment of freedom and friendliness. They were obviously having great fun. At the same time, they seemed very serious and concerned in sessions that related to national policies and the socio-political affairs of Balochistan. Incidentally, the slogan of the festival was: 'Youth is the only way forward'. This theme was carefully woven across the proceedings. In fact, there were fireworks in an impromptu interaction between Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti and the young audience. Very tough questions about insurgency and the aspirations of the Baloch youth were asked and the chief minister had the opportunity to present his case. Unavoidably, the ticklish issue of the missing persons - enforced disappearances - surfaced in different ways in different sessions. There were direct, metaphorical and even plural references to the phenomenon. The chief minister spoke about it in some detail, arguing that the Baloch insurgents were actually separatists. In the session on the role of national media on Balochistan, it was argued that Balochistan was the 'missing person' from the national media. It is not possible for me to do a literature festival, the Quetta PLF had its vast canvas, including mushaira and humour. Still, the travails of the educated youth of Balochistan remain a poignant issue. A number of well-known political dissidents were very vocal in presenting their catalogue of injustices committed against the people of Balochistan. It is not possible for me to do a reportage of the festival. The point I am making is that it was a really big show and the people seemed a little puzzled by how grandly it was staged in an environment of political and social unrest, with a palpable

threat of violence. In a personal context, let me mention briefly that my wife Sadia was a participant in these sessions because of her work in social development and also because she was in Quetta during her college years when her father, Prof Karzar Hussain, was principal of the boys college, some years before he became the first vice-chancellor of the Balochistan University. By the way, Sadia's recollections about the Quetta of her youth were jarringly antithetical to what the city has now become. One message that the festival conveyed is that art, literature and creative pursuits are the ultimate saviours of a society in crisis. In troubled times, we need the advice that only writers and poets and thinkers can provide. There is hope in the knowledge that the young in Balochistan are also angry and politically active than their counterparts in other provinces. There is some evidence that they read more books and ask more questions. They are also angry and restless. 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"Clinic on Wheels" program providing modern health facilities to people: Khawaja Asif



SIALKOT: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Chief Minister Punjab Initiative "Clinic on Wheels" project in Sialkot here on Sunday.

PEAK POINT
SIALKOT: Federal Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif has said that the "Clinic on Wheels" programme is providing modern healthcare facilities to people at their doorsteps.
He said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of the Chief Minister Punjab Initiative "Clinic on Wheels" project in Sialkot here today.
The ceremony was attended by Member Provincial Assemblies (MPAs) Muhammad Manshullah Butt, Chaudhary Faisal Ikram, Deputy Commissioner Muhammad Zulqarnain, Chief Officer (CO) Huzefa R. Rehman Azhar, Program in-charge "Clinic on Wheels" Sialkot District Dr. Muhammad Adnan besides local

officials of the health department and field staff.
Addressing the ceremony, Khawaja Muhammad Asif said that the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) believes in the politics of public service and the government is providing necessary healthcare and education facilities to people, especially women.
He said that the provision of modern healthcare facilities is government's top priority. Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif has given the gift of health to the people of Punjab by starting the "Clinic on Wheels" program. Health facilities will be available at the doorstep of people through the mobile clinic, he added.
He said that the condition of the District Headquarters (DHQ)

hospital is a matter of concern. "On the instructions of the Chief Minister, I will visit the DHQ hospital tomorrow and steps will be taken to improve its condition. Maryam Nawaz is taking initiatives by following in the footsteps of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Nawaz Sharif. Apart from dental, eye facilities, mammography facilities will also be available at the clinic," he said.
"Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz will bring a pleasant change in the life of the common man through the clinic in Sotekh Punjab. Maryam Nawaz has laid the foundation of politics of service in three months. The focus of the Punjab government is on educational institutions, hospitals and roads.

CM Gandapur says, 'LGs role vital in resolution of public issues at grassroots'

PEAK POINT
PESHAWAR: A meeting was held here on Saturday with Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur in the chair regarding the issues being faced by the elected local bodies in the province. Besides provincial minister for Local Government, Arshad Ayub Khan, Secretary Local Government and administrative secretaries of the concerned departments, the meeting was attended by the representatives of Chairmen of Tehsil Councils, Village and Neighborhood Councils including Himayatullah Mayar, Inamullah Khan, Zubair Ali, Shahid Ali Khan, Sardar Shuja Nabi and others. The meeting discussed threedare issues of local bodies comprising thirteen different points and important decisions were taken to address those issues. It was principally decided in the meeting to release the required funds for the honorarium



and other perks and privileges of the elected representatives of local bodies, to enhance the honorarium of Mayors and Tehsil Chairmen to double, and to immediately table necessary amendments in the Local Government Act for formal approval to enable the province government to provide developmental grants to the local bodies. The Chief Minister while deciding to give shuhada package to the family members of those elected local bodies representatives on the analogy of government employees, directed the concerned authorities for necessary steps to give shuhada packages to the family member of the elected local body representatives of Merged

Districts who have lost their lives in terrorist incidents. It was also decided in the meeting to enhance the honorarium of the chairmen of Village and Neighborhood Councils and enhance the amount of rent being paid for the offices of Village and Neighborhood Councils. The Chief Minister directed the concerned authorities to get the details of vehicles available with Deputy Commissioners across the province so that the elected local bodies representatives could be facilitated with official conveyance facilities. Talking on this occasion, Sardar Ali Amin Gandapur termed the local bodies as of high importance to resolve public issues at the grassroots level, and said that local government system in the province would be strengthened and facilitated as per the vision of Imran Khan. He remarked that administrative and legal reforms would be introduced to improve and empower the existing local body system.

Punjab bans wheat smuggling to KP, flour millers criticize

JAVED KHAN
RAWALPINDI: Punjab government has issued a notification to take steps to curb smuggling of wheat to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, according to media reports on Sunday.
Provincial secretary food has directed for establishing check posts on main highways and handing over responsibility to eligible officers to prevent smuggling.
Meanwhile, the Flour Mills Association sources said that thousands of trucks have been parked outside warehouses in KP. "Khyber Pakhtunkhwa government has placed demand for supply of three Lac tonnes of wheat," sources said.
Flour Mills Association sources said that the KP government purchasing wheat at the price of Rs. 3,900 per maund. "The wheat being sold between 2,800 to 3,000 rupees per maund in the open mar-

ket in Punjab," sources said.
"The government creating more difficulties for farmers by imposing restrictions," sources added.
It is to be mentioned here that delay in the government's wheat procurement drive in Punjab has caught the growers off guard, which have produced bumper crop of wheat in this season. The farmers have been forced to sell the wheat at the price down to the government fixed price.
Recently Adviser Finance KP Muzammil Aslam had announced that the provincial government has also started wheat procurement from Punjab's farmers.
Talking to media reports, KP adviser said that his government has decided to include Punjab's farmers in its procurement drive of three Lac tonnes of wheat at the rate of Rs 3,900 per maund.

Kashmiri leader Hamid Lone meets US MP; apprises him of Indian atrocities

PEAK POINT
TEXAS: Hurriyet Leader Abdul Hamid Lone along with a delegation of Friends of Kashmir International met with US Member of House of Representatives from Texas, Terry Meza on Indian atrocities and human rights violations committed against innocent Kashmiris.
The Friends of Kashmir International delegation was led by Ghazala Habb including Lone and Social Leader Ashraf Basher, a news release said.
On the occasion, Terry Meza said the United States believes in the high values of human rights and condemns the violation of human rights in



any region of the world.
Terry Meza was informed about Indian atrocities and serious human rights violations in Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindutva policies that turned the entire valley of IOJK into a human prison.
The US member of the House of Representatives was told that the entire Hurriyet leadership was

incarcerated in the worst and notorious prisons in India.
The delegation of Friends of Kashmir International also presented a dossier to Terry Meza and presented international guidelines regarding the issue of Kashmir and booklets regarding half-widows of Kashmir.
Terry Meza assured the delegation that she would soon introduce a resolution on the plight of Kashmir in the Texas House of Representatives.
On this occasion, the Chairperson of Friends of Kashmir International, Ghazala Habb presented Terri Meza with a traditional Kashmiri dress "Fern" and a Kashmiri Shawl.

China invested in Pakistan in difficult times: Ahsan Iqbal

ARSHAD MALIK
ISLAMABAD: Minister for Planning Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal has said that China invested in Pakistan under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) project when the country was passing through difficult times, which helped to turnaround the local economy and put it on the sustainable growth and development trajectory. "When China decided to invest \$25 billion in Pakistan, this is [in] 2013, when we had 18

hours of power shortages and frequent suicide bombings at that time they decided to come to Pakistan and support Pakistan," he stated in an interview with VOA. This shows they have trust and confidence in Pakistan, he said adding that recent bullish performance of the country's stock exchange showed that the local investors had full confidence in the direction the government was following. "I think it is the same sense of confidence that Chinese investors and Chinese government

has in this government," he said adding that "China considers Pakistan as a strategic friend and has confidence in Pakistan," Regarding the security of the Chinese nationals, the minister reaffirmed the government's commitment for ensuring security of Chinese nationals and said that a special security unit as well as local law enforcement were tasked with ensuring their safety. To another question regarding issues of security threats, the minister maintained that when

you were fighting terrorism, the terrorists always tried to find a way somewhere. Ahsan Iqbal said that the Chinese government had made it very clear that such cowardly incidents would not deter them from pursuing CPEC. The minister further informed that Pakistan was not opposed to Afghanistan's inclusion in a Chinese-funded mega-development project, but would like Beijing to persuade Kabal to crack down on terrorist groups operating on its soil.

Hot and dry weather to persist in country

PEAK POINT
LAHORE: The country is in the grip of hot and dry weather with Lahore on Sunday becoming the second most polluted city in the world.
According to the Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD), the air quality index (AQI) of Lahore was recorded at 181 in the morning.
Meanwhile, the weather in the provincial metropolises of Punjab will remain hot and dry on Sunday. The Met Office forecast that the maximum temperature is likely to go up to 43 degrees Celsius. The humidity in the air in the morning was 37 percent.
The Pakistan Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) director, issued an alert that the Punjab will likely remain in the grip of a heatwave from May 20 (tomorrow) to May 27.
It also according to the instructions of the Punjab chief minister, an alert has been issued to the district administrations. The PDMA director also urged people to take extra caution while going out of homes.
Karachi is also sizeliving in the Met Office forecast that maximum temperature will likely to be between 38 to 40 degrees Centigrade. The humidity was recorded at 49 percent. The maximum temperature in the city on Saturday was recorded at 40.2 Celsius. Similarly, Quetta is also experiencing hot and dry weather.

'Mingora greater water supply scheme to mitigate climate change impacts on water resources'

FROM SHAISTA HAKIM
MINGORA: The Mingora greater water supply and neighborhood park project under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cities Improvement Project aimed at mitigating the impacts of climate change on groundwater resources, promoting tourism, and significantly improving the overall health of the city's inhabitants, Commissioner Malakand told five-member team of directors of the Asian Development Bank. The team comprised of directors Moushomi Khan, Ms. Keiko Tahakashi, Alberto Cardena, Noor Ahmad, Senior Project Officer Umar Ali Shah, and Asad Aleem. The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Cities Improvement Project (KCIIP) management unit, under the chairmanship of Commissioner Malakand Saqib Raza Aslam, briefed the ADB team. KCIIP Director Technical Milan Muhammad Shaukat gave briefing on technical



aspect. Director Compliance Amir Alam Khan on social safeguard and environment aspects while Director Finance Qazi Raees on financial aspects of the project. The commissioner emphasised the importance of the water supply project for the city, especially given the rising population. He also highlighted the city's historic and cultural significance, with special reference to Buddhist heritage sites. "Population growth has significantly increased the burden on water resources, and climate change has exacerbated the situation further," he said. He noted that the floods in 2010, 2015, and 2022 had severely impacted the district's infrastructure, particularly in the city. The commissioner expressed hope that the water supply scheme would address the water shortage and help preserve groundwater resources for future generations. Under the scheme, water from the River Swat will be tapped and supplied through a pipeline to a water treatment plant, where it will be treated using a rapid treatment system. The treated water will then be distributed through a 485-kilometer-long pipeline network. The treatment plant will process 30 million gallons per day and serve 80 percent of the population, covering 850,000 residents.



Chairman, Pakistan Prime Minister's Youth Program, Ran Mashhood Ahmad Khan arrives in Dhaka, Bangladesh to attend D-8 Youth Ministers and Senior Officials, Meeting being held in Dhaka.

Event organized to mark International Nurses Day at MTI Bannu

UMER DIAZ KHAN
BANNU: International Nurses Day, organized by MTI Bannu Department of Nursing in honor of nurses who provide medical services. In the library hall of Khalifa Gulnawaz Teaching Hospital MTI Bannu, a grand ceremony was organized under the supervision of Nursing Director Zafra Gul on the occasion of International Nurses Day. Hospital Director Prof. Dr.

Muhammad Akram, Medical Director Prof. Dr. Attaulah, Associate Dean Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nadeem, Dr. Khalid Naseem and Deputy Director HR Raheel Khan and other departments were present in the ceremony. Addressing the ceremony, Hospital Director Professor Dr. Muhammad Akram said that on this day, we express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the nurses for their unwavering dedication, compassion and expertise. You are the backbone of health care. There are guiding lights for patients and silent heroes who work tirelessly to make a difference in countless lives. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for your selfless service and the good of others. In the end, the hospital director also distributed certificates of appreciation.