



Mohib Mirza tied the knot with Sanam Saeed

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PM, Qatari Amir discuss mutually beneficial cooperation, economic opportunities

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DOHA: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and Amir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on Sunday discussed a wide array of mutually beneficial issues and exchanged views to further strengthen the excellent cooperation between the two countries in diverse fields including in the economic and investment sectors.

During a meeting, the prime minister appreciated Qatar's consistent support to the development projects in Pakistan and highlighted the vast opportunities of cooperation between the two countries.

The Amir of Qatar lauded the contributions of Pakistani manpower in his country's development and especially referred to the role of Pakistani security forces during the

FIFA Football World Cup 2022 hosted by Qatar, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

During the meeting, both leaders also discussed further cementing of bilateral cooperation, investment, trade and sending of further Pakistani skilled workers to Qatar.

The Qatari Amir welcomed the prime minister and reiterated his keen interest in strengthening the economic cooperation between Qatar and Pakistan. He also reiterated his resolve to continue Qatar's complete cooperation and support in the development and progress agenda of Pakistan.

The Amir of Qatar accepted an invitation of the prime minister to visit Pakistan.

Earlier, the Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Sunday arrived Qatar on a two-day

official visit where he would participate in the 5th United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

The conference, being held from 5-9 March, will consider steps for accelerating sustainable development in the LDCs, helping them make progress on the road to prosperity.

The prime minister will address the conference on March 6, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister will also attend a reception hosted by the Amir of Qatar in the honour of heads of state and governments.

In Doha, the prime minister will hold bilateral meetings and interactions with participating leaders and heads of delegation on the sidelines of the conference.

NA Speaker, Deputy condemn deadly bomb blast in Bannu

ARSHAD MALIK

ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf and Deputy Speaker Zahid Akram Durran on Sunday strongly condemned the deadly bomb blast in Bannu.

The bomb blast resulted in the loss of precious human lives and left many injured. Expressing their deep sorrow and grief over the tragic incident, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and extended heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved families.

They acknowledged the pain of the aggrieved families and stated that the sacrifices made by security personnel would remain alive in people's hearts.

The Speaker and Deputy Speaker also vowed to deal with the terrorists, who were enemies of humanity, with iron hands.

They called for punishment on the nefarious agenda of the enemy in accordance with the law.

Coalition parties criticise Imran for 'avoiding arrest'

PEAK POINT

FAISALABAD: Leaders of the ruling coalition parties on Sunday reacted to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan's possible arrest, stating that the deposed prime minister is "afraid to get arrested".

Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President Maryam Nawaz took to Twitter to criticise Imran and said that "today the country knows the difference between a leader and a jackal". "Even if the lion is innocent, he holds his daughter's hand and comes to Pakistan from London to give his arrest and if a jackal is a thief, he hides by making other people's daughters a shield for fear of arrest" she said.

In another tweet, PML-N's chief organiser asked the party supreme Nawaz Sharif to lend some of his courage to Imran. Meanwhile, Minister Rana Sanaullah said that "the day the government decides to arrest Imran, it will not be a difficult task to do so and he will be arrested within no time".

Imran demands public hearing of Toshakhana case after 'arrest fiasco'

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan demanded on Sunday the public hearing of the case against him.

Addressing the party workers, Mr Khan said, "The country was witnessing extreme difficulties." Reiterating the claim, Mr Khan said the former army chief has saved Prime Minister Shehbaz.

Taking a dig at the political opponents, Mr Khan said, "The people of the country are getting poorer, while the rulers are getting rich." He also schooled Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah.

Lashing out at Pakistan Muslim League-



Nawaz (PML-N) senior vice president Maryam Nawaz, Mr Khan said the latter was exposed in the Panama Papers.

Retiterating the case of PTI leader Shahbaz Gill, Mr Khan bashed the political opponents.

Bashing the political opponents over the ECL, Mr Khan said, "I will not be afraid if my name is placed on the ECL."

Pakistan becomes 'a banana republic', Imran Khan reacts to his arrest

warrants

PTI Chairman and former prime minister said Pakistan had "become a banana republic".

"What future can a country have when crooks are thrust as rulers upon it? SS [Shehbaz Bureau] was about to be convicted by NAB (National Accountability Bureau) for R8 billion money laundering and by FIA (Federal Investigation Agency) for another R86 billion corruption when he was rescued by Gen Bajwa who kept getting NAB cases trial postponed," he said in a tweet in connection with the issuance of arrest warrants and presence of Islamabad police at Zaman Park.

Public support resides with PTI even before election campaign: Musarrat Cheema

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Musarrat Javed Cheema said on Sunday the people of Pakistan have given their clear decision in favor of PTI even before the start of the election campaign.

In a statement on Twitter, Musarrat Cheema said the PTI chairman Imran Khan will be hosting a welcoming ceremony on Sunday in honor of those who were arrested in the jail-cramming movement. She further targeted the opposition parties saying that the gathering of thousands



at different places to listen to Imran Khan's address was a referendum against the stubbornness of the PDM group. It is also time to get wise and announce general elections across the country, she said.

The PTI leader while lambasting the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz leadership stated that it has been heard that

PML-N leader Hamza Shabbaz, who was cornered, was also persuaded to return by the lure of a big position.

Showing utmost confidence over PTI's victory in the forthcoming elections, she advised the opposition party to bring back the 'fugitive leader' [PML-N supreme Nawaz Sharif] so that they don't get a chance to say after the defeat that our leader was not in the country.

Muslim League (N) should form a preliminary committee to find out the facts of the disastrous defeat in the elections," added Musarrat Cheema.

Maryam Nawaz dares Imran to surrender to police

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LAHORE: Reacting to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers' reaction to the Islamabad Police's attempt to arrest former prime minister and the party Chairman Imran Khan, Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senior Vice President Maryam Nawaz asked Imran on Sunday to be brave and surrender to



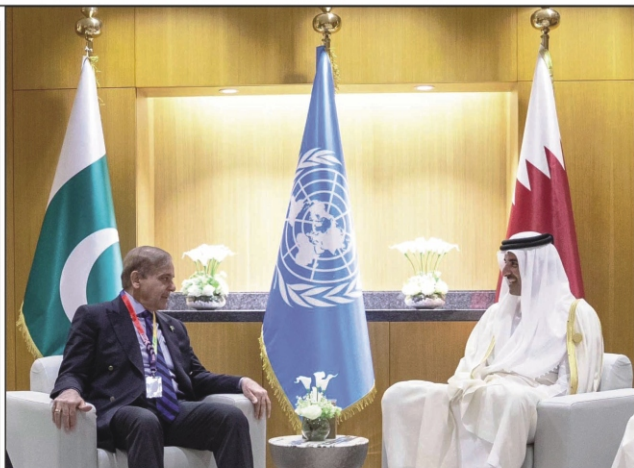
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rendered to police while he was holding her hand.

"And for that, he had to travel all the way from London," she recalled, and added here the case was exactly the opposite.

PML-N senior vice president was of the view that the nation had now recognized who was brave and who was a coward.

She also asked the PTI chief not to panic.



DOHA: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif meets the Amir of the state of Qatar H.H. Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani on the sidelines of 5th United Nations Least Developed Countries (LDCs) Conference.

Pak-US counter-terrorism dialogue to begin today

SAMAR ATHAR

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the United States (US) are scheduled to kick off a two-day counter-terrorism dialogue on March 6 (today), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced on Sunday.

The two countries will hold a Counter Terrorism Dialogue on 6-7 March 2023 in Islamabad, the statement said.

According to details, Syed Haider Shah, additional secretary (UN and ED) will lead the Pakistan delegation and the US delegation will be headed by Acting Coordinator for Counterterrorism Christopher Landberg.

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Mariyum slams Imran for 'escaping' from Zaman Park's residence in arrest anticipation

IQRA ZAHOR ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Mariyum Aurangzeb said on Sunday that Imran Khan who allegedly stole the Toshakhana gifts and was "responsible" for economic destruction and inflation in the country had "escaped from Zaman Park residence fearing imminent arrest".

In a tweet, she said that the PTI chief had allegedly "dodged his daughter", and now the latter escaped from Zaman Park residence by "dodging children, party workers and women".

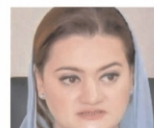
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The 70-year-old former prime minister, who has been recovering from a gunshot injury from an assassination attempt in Wazirabad last year, has



gathered at outside his Zaman Park residence. Sharing a picture of Nawaz Sharif, she said that genuine leaders bravely face arrest even in sham cases, but "jackal criminals like Imran flee away/fearing arrest".

Meanwhile, according to media reports, reacting to Pakistan

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PTI threatens mass protests as police attempt to arrest Imran from Zaman Park residence

HASSAN NABEEL

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police along with their Punjab Police counterparts on Sunday reached PTI chairman Imran Khan's Zaman Park residence in Lahore to take him into custody for his persistent absences from Toshakhana court hearings.

The 70-year-old former prime minister, who has been recovering from a gunshot injury from an assassination attempt in Wazirabad last year, has

thrice skipped indictment hearings in an Islamabad sessions court in the case.

Imran is accused of allegedly concealing, in his assets declarations, details of the gifts he retained from the Toshakhana—a repository where presents handed to government officials from foreign officials are kept. Officials are legally allowed to retain gifts provided they pay a pre-assessed amount, typically a fraction of the value

of the gift. In a series of tweets today, the Islamabad Police said an operation to arrest Imran was being conducted with the cooperation of the Lahore police.

It stated that the PTI chief was "avoiding" the arrest, adding that the superintendent of police had "gone into Imran's room but he was not present there". "Islamabad Police will transfer Imran Khan to Islamabad under their protection.

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LAHORE: First Lady Begum Samina Arif Alvi addressing a ceremony of soliton Welfare Foundation.



PSL 2023: Islamabad United trounce Quetta Gladiators to secure playoff spot

ARFI MEHMOOD KHAN

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad United reached the PSL playoff stage of the tournament by defeating Quetta Gladiators. Remember that the Islamabad United team has won 4 out of 6 matches in the tournament so far. In the match played at the Rawalpindi Cricket Ground, Yasir Khan and Will Smead started the innings on behalf of Quetta Gladiators, but Will Smead got out without scoring any runs. Yasir Khan also proved to be a guest for 5 runs, while captain Sarfaraz Ahmed was observed. Khan led the way to the pavilion with a brilliant catch on the boundary. Iftikhar Ahmed was also dismissed for just 2 runs on a total of 57, after four wickets fell early, a partnership of 104 runs was established between Muhammad Nawaz and Najeebullah Zadran and Muhammad Nawaz was dismissed for 52 runs. Najeebullah Zadran too. He got out after playing a good innings of 59 runs, but Umar Akmal raised sixes as soon as he came in



and scored 43 runs with the help of 5 sixes and 2 fours in just 14 balls to take his team's score to 79 runs. For Islamabad, Fazal Haq Farooqi dismissed 3, Faheem Ashraf 2 and Ruman Raees 1. Chasing the target given by Quetta Gladiators, Islamabad did not start well and

Rahmanullah Garbaz got lbw on the very first ball but Colin Munro batted aggressively and played a brilliant innings of 63 runs off 29 balls. At one stage, 6 players of Islamabad had returned to the pavilion for 11 runs, but after that, Azam Khan and Faheem Ashraf again

batted responsibly and pushed the team's score forward and Azam Khan scored 35 runs on a total of 169. Earlier, Islamabad captain Shadab Khan won the toss and decided to bowl first. Quetta Gladiators have given a target of 180 runs to Islamabad United thanks

to the excellent batting of Najeebullah Zadran, Muhammad Nawaz and Umar Akmal in the eighth edition of the Pakistan Super League. In the 21st match of the eighth edition of the Pakistan Super League being played at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium, Islamabad



United captain Shadab Khan decided to test the bowlers after winning the toss and invited the gladiators to bat. The start of Quetta Gladiators' innings was no less than a nightmare and they returned to Will Smead Pavilion in the first over. Gladiators were not even

able to recover from the loss that after Yasir Khan scored only 5 runs on a total of eight, Fazul Haq became the second wicket of Captain Sarfaraz Ahmed's problems continued and after suffering from failure in this innings too, he gave the wicket to Faheem Ashraf while in the next over, Faheem also walked Iftikhar Ahmed. After the loss of four wickets for 17 runs in the sixth over, Afghanistan's Najeebullah Zadran and Muhammad Nawaz took the field and started to push the score forward by batting responsibly and aggressively in difficult times. Both the players put on a brilliant performance and put on a partnership of 104 runs in just 64 balls to bring the Quetta Gladiators team back into the match.

Finals played during COMBAXX - Roshan Khan National Team Championship 2023



SAMRA ATHAR

ISLAMABAD: On the fifth & final day of COMBAXX - Roshan Khan National Team Championship 2023, the finals were played in Men's & Women's event. The following are the results: Position 5-7 Balochistan 2-1 Navy Abdul Waqar Beat Syed Saad 11-3, 11-4, 11-3 (9 mins) Jahanzaib Yousef



Lost Anas Khan 3-11, 11-8, 10-12, 6-11 (19 mins) Muzhar Ali Lost Awais Yousef 1-11, 8-11, 7-11 (16 mins) Women's Final [1] WAPDA 0 - 2 [2] Army Sammar Anjum Lost Amna Malik 11-4, 10-12, 9-11, 6-11 (34 mins) Noot UI Ain Beat Lost Mariam Malik 6-11, 13-11, 5-11, 8-11 (34 mins) Women's Final Standing: Gold ARMY, Silver WAPDA, Bronze KP & PUNJAB 7th Position Navy, 7th Position

Punjab Men's Final [1] WAPDA 1 - 2 [2] Army Farhan Mehbub Lost Hamza Khan 9-11, 4-11, 6-11 (23 mins) Nasir Iqbal Beat Sadiq UI Haq 11-1, 11-8, 11-5 (21 mins) Noor Zaman Lost Ashab Irfan 3-11, 2-11, 7-11 (20 mins) Men's Final Standing: Gold ARMY, Silver WAPDA, Bronze KP & PUNJAB 6th Position Balochistan, 6th Position Navy, 7th Position

Sindh Squash Legend Mr. Jahangir Khan was the Chief Guest at the Medal ceremony, the other present at the occasion were Mr. Omar Saeed CEO COMBAXX Sports, Mr Adnan Asad President SSA, Lt Cdr Ramatullah, Tournament referee Naveed Alam, tournament director Tahir Jameel Khanzada.

National Women's Baseball Championship start from March 11

PEAK POINT

ISLAMABAD: 17th National Women's Baseball Championship will start from March 11 at Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad. Pakistan Basketball Federation President Saeed Fakhr Ali Shaikh will participate in the first over. Gladiators were not even



WAPDA, HEC and Police will participate in the championship. The final of the championship will be played on March 16.

UoP, Karachi University win All Pakistan Inter-University Men, Women Throwball titles

PEAK POINT

PESHAWAR: University of Peshawar and Karachi University clinched the titles of the All Pakistan Inter-University Men and Women Throwball Championship organized under the aegis directorate of Sports University of Peshawar at Shahbazda Abdul Nayyem Indoor Hall on Sunday. Former International gold medalist athlete and Director General Sports University of Peshawar Bhyre Karam was the chief guest on this occasion and before the start of the matches, both the final and third position, the players of Men and Women teams were introduced to him. In the All-Pakistan Inter-University Throwball Championship, the University of Peshawar defeated Islamabad College University Bahar Karam distributed prizes to the winning players along with Deputy Director Higher Education Arshad Hussain, Director Sports Benazir Women University Mariyauq Sameen and other important personalities were present. The Championship jointly organized by University of Peshawar and Higher Education Commission. The All-Pakistan Inter-University Throwball



In the Men's final, Peshawar University defeated Islamabad College University by 2-1, the score was 25-19, 22-25 and 25-19, while in the women final, Karachi University defeated Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University by 2-1, the score was 18-25, 25-21 and 25-19. In the Men category, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan recorded victory against Punjab University and secured third position, the score was 2-1, the score 15-25.

FG Polo clinches coveted trophy of 2nd President Polo Cup 2023

PEAK POINT

LAHORE: FG Polo clinched the coveted trophy of the 2nd President of Pakistan Polo Cup 2023 sponsored by Takmeel Square after edging past BN Polo by 9-5 in the main final here at the Jinnah Polo Fields. President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi graced the final as chief guest and witnessed and enjoyed the enthralling and entertaining final. The trophy also gave away to the winners and the participants.



life were present on the occasion. The main final of five rounds remained very enthralling and interesting. Raul

Laplicast was the hero of the final as he amused the spectators with his outstanding mallet and polo pony skills and techniques. He contributed with superb six goals while his teammates Ramiro Zavalta, Saqib Khan Khakwani and

Mian Abbas Mukhtar converted one goal apiece. For BN Polo, Hamza Mawaz Khan fired in four goals while Tito Ruiz Guinazu contributed with a hat-trick and Baber Naseem with a brace. The main final saw both the teams scoring one goal each in the first chukker to end it at 1-1. FG Polo started the second chukker with a conversion of 30-yard penalty to take a 2-1 lead but BN Polo bounced back well by thrashing in two back-to-back goals to earn a slight 3-2 lead. FG Polo then dominated the third chukker by cracking a classic quartet against one goal by BN Polo to gain a healthy 6-4 lead.

Marina, Sana, Urooj excited for Women's League exhibition matches



IQRA ZAHOOR ABBASI

RAWALPINDI: The three Women's League exhibition matches are set to take place at the Pindi Cricket Stadium on 8, 10 and 11 March with 10 foreign players from seven countries to feature in the two matches. Women's matches will start at 3pm and will be followed by the men's matches at 7pm. Bismah Maroof will captain

Amazons, which include Ireland's Laura Delany, England's trio of Lauren Winfield-Hill, Maia Boucher and Tammy Beaumont, and Australia's Tess Timofei, Nida Dar will lead Super Women which will comprise Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu, Danni Wyatt of England, Jahanara Alam of Bangladesh, South Africa's Laura Wolvaardt and Lea Tahuhu of New Zealand. Former Pakistan captains Sana

Mir and Urooj Mumtaz and former international player Marina Iqbal, who are all part of the commentary panel for the HBL PSL 8, expressed their delight on leading the hosting of the women's exhibition matches next week in Rawalpindi. Marina Iqbal, who represented Pakistan in 78 matches in a statement said: "The hosting of exhibition matches is a step forward in the growth of women's cricket. The matches provide a huge

opportunity to the emerging players to share the dressing room with international stars. When we used to play, we always looked forward to such opportunities, meeting with the stars, interacting with them and asking them about their skills and fitness. "It is an opportunity for budding cricketers to play alongside top cricketers, learn from them, compete with them and also see where they stand in the game."

Eight held for gambling on PSL matches

PEAK POINT

RAWALPINDI: In a recent crackdown on illegal online gambling, the New Town Police Station team on Sunday apprehended eight suspects allegedly involved in gambling on Pakistan Super League (PSL) matches through phone apps and other means. Upon conducting the operation, the police were able to seize seven mobile phones, a plastic ring used in gambling, and a total of Rs8,000 in cash from the suspects. The arrested individuals were identified as



Muhammad Hanif, Muhammad Arshad, Muhammad Imran, Waqar Mehmood, Muhammad Nisar, Imran Ail, Nasser Ahmad, and Muhammad Shaukat. The success of this operation has been attributed to the efforts of CPO Syed Khalid

Mahmood Hamdani, SP Rawal, and Newtown Police. The CPO has emphasized that those involved in such negative activities would not escape the law. The crackdown on illegal gambling by the Rawalpindi Police is a welcome development in the effort to curb criminal activities. The authorities are expected to continue such operations to ensure that the law is upheld and that the citizens are safe from harm.

PDM demands postponement of polls in Punjab, KP

Says, Maulana Fazlur Rehman



RAWALPINDI: Visitors are busy in buying books on a stall during education expo organized by RCCIA, in the City.

PRCS reached out 1,267,281 people across the country since August 2022

PEAK POINT
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has distributed 247,586 hot meal packs under "TASTAR KHAWAN" Project while 31,474 family tents and 3,124 individuals were provided first aid services under the Monsoon Emergency Flood Response Operation 2022.

The PRCS also has provided 42,000 people with access to water, 493,488 to food items and 253,760 to health services during the period.

It has been six months since Pakistan was hit by massive floods since then, people who lost their homes, livelihoods, and livestock due to the unprecedented flooding have been living in dire need. Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) has collaborated with the International Federation

of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to respond to the need of flood-affected populations of the country.

Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC) is a humanitarian organization, dedicated to improving the lives of vulnerable segments of society, since 1947.

PRC endeavours to strengthen humanitarian and social values by promoting the ideals of tolerance, non-violence, sympathy, love and respect for others in society.

AIOU to hold final exams of Int'l students from March 10

PEAK POINT
ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) is conducting final examinations Matric, Intermediate and I.Com programs for international students offered in the semester autumn 2022 from March 10.

These exams will be held online, and the university has done all the arrangements for these online exams.

Students' accounts have been created on aghi LMS portal while date sheet and instructions have been uploaded on the university website (www.aiou.edu.pk). Moreover, admissions in the second phase of semester spring 2023 are open for national and international students. The programs offered in

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Justice Qazi Faez Isa voluntarily declares his assets

PEAK POINT
ISLAMABAD: Supreme Court judge Justice Qazi Faez Isa has declared his assets voluntarily, reported by a private news channel on Sunday.

The details have been released on the Supreme Court website.

According to assets details, the earnings of Justice Qazi Faez Isa in 2020 were Rs21.23 million and he paid tax amounting to Rs.2.68 million.

In 2019, he earned Rs17.14 million and paid Rs.1.79 million tax. In 2018, his earnings were

Rs.15.11 million and the tax he paid was Rs2.22 million.

According to documents, Justice Qazi Faez Isa while serving as Chief Justice Balochistan High Court and later as a judge in Supreme Court did not acquire any official plot. The learned judge was offered official plots but he turned down such offers.

Justice Qazi Faez Isa has 800 sq feet residential plot in Karachi's DHA Phase II which he had bought during practice as a lawyer and also completed construction over it during his practice as an advocate.

He further revealed in the

documents that during practice as a lawyer, he had bought a commercial plot of 200 sq feet in Karachi's DHA Phase V. He has given his old house situated at Canal Road Lahore on rent.

He said he had inherited from his late father a plot adjacent to Qaid-e-Azam's residency in Ziarat and a part of the same has been occupied illegally by Balochistan government.

According to documents, Justice Isa has Rs24.33 million in his bank balance. He also has Rs4.1 million bank balance in his foreign currency account.

He owns a Honda Accord, a

Honda Civic and a mini jeep. He also owns two Honda Civic for which he gets 600 litre petrol. He refused to keep prohibited arms despite special permission by interior ministry.

According to Justice Isa, he is given 300 free minutes for national calls. After retirement Justice Isa will get free 2000 electricity units. He will also get free 25 HS and 300 litre petrol.

Justice Isa said that his wife Serena Isa was not dependent upon him and she submits her tax returns separately in the UK and Pakistan.

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Judging the judges

Ghazi Salahuddin

There is this "gripping story of the Supreme Court's transformation from a measured institution of law and justice into a highly politicised body dominated by a right-wing supermajority, told through the dramatic lens of its most transformative year".

A bit confusing, isn't it? What do these words actually relate to? Well, I have taken this quote from the publisher's blurb for a recent book on the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Its title is: Justice on the Brink: A Reckoning for the Supreme Court'. Its author is the highly respected law columnist for The New York Times, Linda Greenhouse. The book depicts, as one critic said, "the struggle for the soul of the Supreme Court".

The issue involved here has shaken the civil society and the legal community of the United States. In June 2022, the US Supreme Court declared that the constitutionality of the abortion, upheld for nearly half century, no longer exists.

This debate is, of course, not for us. I have used it as a peg only to wonder if we may have similar studies on the conduct of the Supreme Court of Pakistan in these critical times and if those studies could generate serious, open debates on why and how certain judgments are made and what their social and political implications could be. And this thought is particularly prompted by the Supreme Court-related headlines of this week. We already had some intimations about it but certain things have come to fore now that certify that this vital national institution is severely divided. Questions have been raised about the composition of

benches that are formed to hear important and specific cases. There have been charges of bias and impropriety.

Yes, we are divided and dangerously polarized at all levels in our society. These passions could cast their shadows on the inner workings of our institutions. But because of the role that the higher judiciary is assigned to play in these critical times, one would expect the justices to remain, like Caesar's wife, above suspicion.

After all, we are repeatedly reminded of how judicial lapses have played havoc with Pakistan's destiny, beginning with that judgment of the Federal Court of Pakistan in the case of Maulvi Tamizuddin Khan in 1955. Then, there were other instances of how the doctrine of necessity was embraced to bow before military dictators, with just a few laudable exceptions. Bhutto's judicial murder remains a cautionary tale for our superior judges. All that we believe, was in the past. In the present circumstances, with things falling apart all around us, we may be tempted to expect that our higher judiciary would rise to the occasion and would somehow rescue us from our loss of hope in Pakistan's democratic future. Among all national institutions, the higher judiciary is more respected and considered to be better endowed intellectually and capable of analytical and rational thinking. (As an aside, I was not surprised when I learnt, through Geo fact-check, that retired Justice Saqib Nisar, the former chief justice of the Supreme Court who retired in January 2019, receives a monthly pension of Rs860,000.) Anyhow, this week's major concern for the

The Power of NLP: How Language Learning Can Shift Your Mindset

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Language and mindset are deeply interconnected, and understanding this connection is crucial for anyone interested in language learning. The way we approach language learning, and the beliefs we hold about our language abilities, and the strategies we use to learn and practice new languages are all shaped by our mindset. In this article, we will explore the connection between language and mindset, and how NeuroLinguistic Programming (NLP) can help learners shift their mindset to achieve better language learning outcomes. Firstly, it's important to understand what we mean by mindset. A mindset is a set of beliefs, attitudes, and assumptions that shape how we approach learning and personal growth. There are two main types of mindset: a fixed mindset and a growth mindset. A fixed mindset is the belief that our abilities are fixed and cannot be changed or improved upon. On the other hand, a growth mindset is the belief that our abilities can be developed and improved through hard work, dedication, and practice. When it comes to language learning, our mindset can have a significant impact on our success. For example, someone with a fixed mindset may believe that they are not good at learning languages and may give up quickly when faced with difficulties. They may also be more likely to avoid challenging language tasks or situations, such as speaking with native speakers or practicing in public. In contrast, someone with a growth mindset may view language learning as a challenge and an opportunity for growth, and may be more willing to take risks and seek out opportunities to practice and improve. NLP techniques can help learners shift from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset, which can have a transformative effect on their language learning outcomes. For example, one NLP technique that can help learners develop a growth mindset is reframing. Reframing involves changing the way we think about a situation or challenge, by looking at it from a different perspective. In the context of language learning, reframing can help learners view mistakes and setbacks as opportunities for growth and learning, rather than as indications of failure or inadequacy. Another NLP technique that can help learners shift their mindset is visualization. Visualization involves creating mental images of oneself achieving a desired outcome, such as speaking fluently in a new language. By visualizing themselves achieving their language learning goals, learners can build confidence and motivation. They stay focused on their objectives. In addition to these techniques, NLP can also help learners develop more effective learning strategies and habits. For example, one NLP technique that can help learners improve their language learning efficiency is chunking. Chunking involves breaking down complex tasks into smaller, more manageable pieces, which can make the learning process less overwhelming and more motivating. This can help learners stay motivated and avoid burnout, which is a common challenge in language learning. Furthermore, NLP can help learners overcome common language learning obstacles, such as fear of making mistakes, lack of motivation, and difficulty retaining new vocabulary. By using NLP techniques such as anchoring, association, and submodalities, learners can reprogram their thinking patterns and develop new habits that support their language learning goals.

Elections in Punjab

We finally have a firm date for the Punjab Assembly elections. After a protracted legal tussle over who would make the announcement and when elections could be held, which was recently settled by the Supreme Court, the president, in consultation with the Election Commission, has chosen Sunday, April 30, as the day lawmakers will be elected to Pakistan's largest provincial assembly for the next five years. In the context of Pakistan's electoral politics, it is often said that whoever takes Punjab takes Pakistan. We can therefore anticipate an intense political battle in the lead-up to the polls. The announced date places the election on the weekend after Ramadan ends, which gives rise to some interesting questions. How will the parties manage their campaigns during a month that is usually devoted to religious activities? How will public sentiment be shaped by the fervent spirituality of the month? What will drawing-room debates be like during the Eid festivities? Since the matter has been settled by the Supreme Court — the Constitution, in any case, had been abundantly clear about the timeline for elections to the assemblies — both the government and the state are now bound to extend every possible facilitation to the ECP. Excuses like shortage of funds and unavailability of personnel hold no water, considering that the electoral exercise is the central feature of parliamentary democracy as conceptualised in our Constitution. The armed forces, too, should be ready to provide security to the polling process when and wherever it is requisitioned. The ECP, too, should fully prepare itself. Election day should not see any disorganisation or disruption in the voting, counting and results transmission processes.

BISP beneficiaries to get 25 per cent increase in quarterly installment: Faisal Kundi

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ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Faisal Karim Kundi on Sunday said the beneficiaries of Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) would get 25 per cent increase in quarterly installments from March as per the government efforts to extend relief to the masses of the country.

Addressing a press conference, the SAPM said that Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) is providing relief to 8.9 million people across the country and decided to increase the number of quarterly installments keeping in view of the suffering of people of Pakistan owing to the current inflation.

He said that the government is also providing subsidies on essen-

tial food items through Utility Stores Corporation to the beneficiaries of BISP aiming to extend the maximum relief to the vulnerable segment of the society.

Talking about the Dynamic Registry survey, Faisal Kundi said that survey has been inaugurated in all districts across the country including Gilgit-Baltistan and Kashmir to identify and register more deserving beneficiaries living below the poverty line.

He said that all the people who do not have BISP cards can visit Dynamic Registry offices adding that it is not a door to door survey and invited beneficiaries have to visit survey offices for the registration.

Faisal Kundi said that the present government is fully cognizant

of the suffering of the people of Pakistan and has serious concerns about inflation which is affecting the downtrodden segments mostly.

He at the outset also lauded the efforts and working of BISP team and said that in case of any grievance the beneficiaries could register their complaint in the district offices and we are committed to resolve the issues within 24 hours. About Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) resignations, he said that resignations of the PTI members of the National Assembly (MNAs) were accepted at their own request but later they went to court and said they were not serious. He said that Shah Mehmood Qureshi on the floor of the house said that they want to resign now how he can deny his own statement.

Will quit federal ministries 'if promises to flood victims not fulfilled': Bilawal

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KARACHI: Expressing his annoyance at his own coalition government, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has warned the Centre of quitting ministries "if the promises made to flood affected in Sindh are not fulfilled".

He made the remarks while addressing a ceremony after the inauguration of Seed Subsidy programme under BISP for flood-affected farmers in Karachi on Sunday.

"The promises to flood victims are needed to be fulfilled otherwise it will be difficult for us to hold our [federal] ministries," Bilawal said.

In December last year, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, during his visit to Pir Guddu and Kot Diji flood-affected areas in the Khairpur district, inspected the post-flood rehabilitation work and announced the construction of houses for flood



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The PPP leader, while expressing his severe concerns and regret, said that the promises made to the flood affected by the federal government could not be fulfilled. The flood-hit community is going through a difficult time amid rising inflation in the country, he added.

The Centre, he further said, should give priority to the flood affected. "If the federal government or the prime minister [Shehbaz Sharif] made promises, then they need to be fulfilled.

According to the PPP chairman, the ruling party in Sindh would raise the issue in the National Assembly as well as before the prime

minister. He also expressed hope that their concerns would be redressed by the federal government.

Forming the first-ever digital census in the country a "flawed exercise", the foreign minister said that Sindh Chief Minister Murad Ali Shah had grave concerns over the ongoing census.

"We had objected to the results of the 2018 census," he said, adding that there was a massive difference in the results of the Housing Census in Sindh compared to the other provinces.

The PPP leader said that they had demanded the recounting of 10% of the housing census.

Sindh had been raising objections over the census in the intra-provincial meetings, he went on to say, adding that his province had already sent its objections over the digital census to the federal government. "Even I did not know that the census would also be held online."

Punjab govt won't hinder Aurat March in province, promises minister

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LAHORE: Punjab Interim Information Minister Amir Mir has promised that the caretaker government will not place any obstacles for Aurat March protesters in the province, adding that all the reservations of the event's organisers had been addressed.

The Aurat March organising committee had last month requested a no objection certificate (NOC) from the district administration to hold a rally on March 8 at Nasser Bagh, Lahore, followed by a march around the perimeter of the park.

However, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Rafia Haider had rejected the plea citing "the current security scenario, threat alerts, and law and order situation, and in light of activities like controversial cards and banners for awareness of the women's



LAHORE: Leader of PTI Fawad Chaudhry talking with media persons outside residence of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, in Provincial Capital.

reservation of the general public and religious organisations, especially Ji's (Jamaat-e-Islami) women's and student wings, who had also announced a programme against the Aurat March."

Subsequently, Aurat March organisers petitioned the Lahore High Court on Saturday night, saying that the DC's order was "arbitrary, discriminatory and ultra vires" of various constitutional articles.

The petition has been filed for March 6 (Monday) and will be heard by Justice Muzammil Akhtar Shabbir.

In a statement released today, Mir said that the government has decided to provide security to Aurat March protesters. "Complete police security will be given to the participants."

Pemra imposes ban on broadcasting Imran's speeches, statements

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Pemra) on Sunday imposed a complete ban on the broadcast of speeches, talks or public addresses of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) supreme Imran Khan.

In a issued notification, the regulatory body stated that the PTI chairman has been making false accusations against state institutions in his speeches, "which is prejudicial to the maintenance of law and order and is likely to disturb public peace and tranquillity."

Pemra has directed all satellite television channels to refrain from airing any of the PTI chief statements, addresses, and conversations, whether recorded or live or from a press talk. The regulator's decision to ban the broadcasting of Imran's speeches was made under



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Section 27 of the Pemra Ordinance 2002. It added that "airing of baseless allegations, hateful, slanderous and unwarranted statement against state institutions and officers are in sheer violation of article 19 of the Constitution."

The media watchdog's decision to ban the broadcast of Imran Khan's speeches is not a novel occurrence. In fact, the media regulator had previously implemented a similar ban on August 21 last year. The blanket ban was enforced after Imran allegedly made threatening remarks against Additional District and Sessions Judge Zeba

Chaudhry, as well as the Islamabad Police IG and DIG. The alleged remarks came after the judge had handed over Imran's aide Shahbaz Gill to the police for physical custody for two days.

Imran Khan had challenged the ban on his speeches in the Islamabad High Court (IHC), which subsequently overturned the decision on September 6, 2022.

However, Pemra once again imposed a ban on Imran's press conferences on November 5 of the same year. The regulatory body took this step after Imran, in his first press conference following an assassination attempt on him, accused Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, and a senior intelligence official, identified as Major General Faisal Naseer, of plotting to eliminate him without providing any evidence.

Ambassador Zafar Hilali, Mushtaq Lasharie for supporting J Salik's global debts write off movement

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ISLAMABAD: Former diplomat, Ambassador Zafar Hilali and Chairman Third World Solidarity, Mushtaq Lasharie on Sunday announced their full support to World Minorities Alliance (WMA) Convener, Julius Salik's global movement to write off International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s debts on the poor countries. In a joint message, both the dignitaries appreciated WMA Patron in Chief, Muhammad Saeed Faisal, WMA Chairman David Salik and Convener Julius Salik also

J Salik for leading a much needed cause to relieve the poor countries that are already facing serious economic crunch due to repayments of heavy loans of IMF. Ambassador (R) Zafar Hilali who served as Pakistani envoy in the Middle Eastern and European countries had a vast knowledge of global issues and is also an avid political analyst, columnist and expert on international affairs famous for his analysis on news channels. Hilali is the son of Agha Hilali, who served as Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States from 1966-1977. His uncle Agha Shahi served

as the Foreign Minister of Pakistan in the Zia ul-Haq government. In his special message, he said, "Your idea that the 2.6 million Christians in Pakistan should band together and raise funds for the flood affected communities in Pakistan and also help them overcome the near bankruptcy that threatens Pakistan is a splendid one. And so too is your suggestion that the effort be spearheaded by Cardinal Coombs whose stature in the Catholic Church and among the Christians of Pakistan is second to none." He added that for this purpose he had suggested

the Cardinal to be appointed Ambassador at large to demonstrate he had the support and blessings of the Pakistani government in his endeavour to access Christians world-wide and their respective governments. Ambassador (R) Hilali underlined that the official recognition by the government of Pakistan would have the added advantage of enabling the prospective Ambassador at Large of enrolling support of the country's embassies for such assistance and introductions that may be needed to schedule meetings, etc.

SBP to resolve exporters' issues proactively

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LAHORE: The Pakistan Export Manufacturers and Exporters Association (PCMEA) has urged the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) to resolve the issues of exporters proactively besides getting them on board in taking any step or decision as the exporters were facing numerous problems due to uncertainty and frequent fluctuations in the US dollar rate against Pak rupee. Chairing the association's meeting here on Sunday, PCMEA Senior Vice Chairman Usman Ashraf said that the SBP should properly consider the letters forwarded to it by the authorized focal persons facing their problems. PCMEA Senior Central Leader Abdul Latif Malik, Chairperson Carpet Tanning Institute (CTI) Ijazat Rehman, secretary members Parvez Hanif, Riyaz Ahmed, Saeed Khan, Akbar Malik, Major (Retd.) Akhtar Nazir, Shahid Hasan, Ummeed Usman and others were also present.

Senior Vice Chairman Usman Ashraf also urged the government to appoint authorized focal persons for solving exporters' problems. The participants of the meeting expressed serious concern over the difficulties faced by exporters especially due to political uncertainty and fluctuations in the US dollar rate. They were of the view that political stability was inevitable for economic development therefore all political leaders should sit together for this national cause.

Pak-China coop to upgrade Pakistan's steel industry: Experts

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BEIJING: China can transfer its technology and equipment to Pakistan to promote the upgrading of Pakistan's steel industry, highlighted Li Sheng, General Manager of China Fostek Metallurgical Group Co., Ltd.

"With China's transfer of technology and equipment, Pakistan's steel industry can be more concentrated and more environmentally friendly, because it can make better use of the existing low-quality mineral resources," Li said in an interview.

"The output of the steel industry in Pakistan is far from enough to meet the needs of its domestic market.

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Statistical Yearbook, 2020 and data from World Steel Association, Pakistan's domestic demand for steel is relatively backward, the overall potential for development is huge."

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KARACHI: Special Assistant to Prime Minister Mr Atta Ullah Tarar talking to media at Press Club, in Provincial Capital.

Prize distribution ceremony for prosecutors held in Swat

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SWAT: A grand prize distribution ceremony for district prosecutors was organised by the Regional Director Prosecutor here on Sunday, at Regional Director's Prosecution office Saidu Sharif. Director General Prosecution Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Dildar Muhammad participated in the function as a chief guest. The chief guest was warmly welcomed with police presenting a guard of honor at the arrival of the chief guest. On this

occasion, Saeed Naem, Regional Director Prosecution expressed his views and offered suggestions for the improvement of the prosecution department and informed the Director General Prosecution Khyber Pakhtunkhwa about the problems faced by the prosecution officers in Malakand Division in which non-availability of offices and government accommodation for prosecutors, and the delay in the promotion cases of officers and subordinate staff due to non-avail-

ity of section posts, and the low salary of prosecutors are worth mentioning. Addressing on the occasion, Dildar Muhammad Director General of Prosecution Khyber Pakhtunkhwa appreciated the performance of Regional Director Prosecution Malakand Division and assured them to solve the problems they are facing. Later, he distributed appreciation shield to the officers who showed the best performance in the year 2022.