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Imran Khan gives green signal for talks with govt: **Barrister Gohar**



RAWALPINDI:

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Barrister Gohar said Tuesday party's founder Imran Khan has given a green signal for talks with the government:

"We told the PTI founder that dialogue is necessary, as the distance is widening. He agreed with us [on this]," said Gohar, when speaking with journalists outside the Adiala jail.

High-powered Chinese delegation to visit Pakistan soon: PM Shehbaz

Collective efforts will lead to swift and successful execution of the second phase



Soon Times Correspondent
ISLAMABAD
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on
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Tuesday said that his recent five-day
visit to China remained successful as
a high-powered Chinese delegation
would visit Pakistan soon
The prime ministers, chairing the
meeting of the federal cabinet, told
the members that the collective
efforts by his team including the
federal ministers and federal
secretaries came to fruition and that
the visit was a great opportunity to
strengthen the Pakistan-China
bilateral relations.
He said that despite the security issue
highlighted during the engagements
with the Chinese leadership and
business community, the visit
concluded with a "positive note."
"I can say unequivocally that the
visit ended with a positive note.

During the conversation with the Chinese ambassador at the banquet hosted by the Communist Party Secretary during my visit to Shanxi province, I got a deep feeling that the visit reminded very successful," Prime Minister Shebbaz remarked while apprising the eabinet members of his visit. The prime minister thanked all of his eabinet members particularly Ishaq Dar, Ahsan I qbal, Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Dr Musaddik Malik and Shaza Fatima Khawaja, and relevant federal secretaries for their collective efforts which led to the successof the visit. He expressed confidence that the collective efforts would lead to the swift and successful execution of the second phase of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor.

Three Eidul Azha holidays in Pakistan



oon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD

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The federal government has announced three holidays to eelebrate Eidul Azha, says a notification issued by the Cabinet Division on Tuesday. The Eid holidays will be observed from June 17 to 19 (Monday to Wednesday), and all public and private offices will resume their activities on Thursday (June 20). Earlier this week, the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee announced that Eidul Azha would be eelebrated on June 17 (Monday) across the country. The Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee, headed by chairman Maulana Syed Abdul Khabir Azad, presided over the meeting. The committee saf for a couple of hours and after gathering evidence, announced the onset of the new month.

Deputy PM calls for immediate, unconditional ceasefire in Gaza

Soon Times Correspondent Islamabad

Islamabad Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mohammad Ishaq Dar has called for immediate conditional ceasefire

He made the call during

He made the call during his meeting with the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres in Jordan, on the sidelines of the high-level conference on prevailing situation in Gaza.

The Foreign Minister also called for unimpeded humanitarian assistance to the besieged people of Gaza, return of the displaced Palestinians, and ensuring accountability for the war crimes and crimes against humanity being committed by Israel.

He reiterated Pakistan's strong and unequivocal condemnation of the indiscriminate and brutal use of force by Israel against the Palestinians.

During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister lauded the UN Secretary General's initiative to

jointly hold the conference along with Jordan and Egypt at a time when the people of Palestine are in dire need of international support and urgent

dire need of international support and urgent humanitarian assistance. He also commended the leadership and proactive role of the Secretary-General in raising concern at the situation in Gaza on the international stage. The Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister also urged the UN Secretary-General to use his good offices for the just resolution of the outstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions. Related Topics

Security forces kill

11 terrorists in

Lakki Marwat IBO

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At least 11 terrorists, involved in
the martyrdom of seven army
men, have been killed during an
intelligence-based operation in
the Lakki Marwat district, the
Inter-Services Public Relations
(ISPR) said Tuseday.
In a statement, the military's
media wing said that the IBO was
carried out in response to the
recent Improvised Explosive
Device (IED) explosion that
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Device (IED) explosion that
claimed the lives of seven brave
soldiers to bring the perpetrators
of the hemous act to justice.
The martyred soldiers included
Captain Muhammad Faraz Ilyas
and Subedar Major Muhammad
Nazir.

Nazir.
During the conduct of the operation, own troops effectively engaged the terrorists' location,

as a result of which elever

terrorists were successfully neutralised while multiple terrorist hideouts were also

busted.

A sanitisation operation is being carried out to eliminate any other terrorists found in the area as the security forces are determined to wipe out the menace of terrorism from the country, it concluded.

Last month, security forces conducted a series of intelligence-based operations (IBOs) in Klyber Pakhtunkhva (KP) province from May 26 to 27 and neutralised 23 terrorists.



Passport Office Staff should refrain from creating obstacles for the citizens in renewing the passports of children: Shafqat Awan

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi should focus on solving the problems of the people to know the performance of the staff of passport offices

Sargodha:
Parents are being humiliated for months at the passport offices to get and renew their children's passports.
Obtaining or renewing a passport or identity eard is a

he warned that Chief Minister Ali

Amin Gandapur was losing control of the province and ned that not a single meeting of

the statements issued by Gandapur, the governor remarked and said that he didn't think Gandapur

could attack Islamabad.

Responding to various questions, he was commenting on the repeated threats hurled by Gandapur that he would

lead a march towards the federal capital if their demands are not met.

fundamental constitutional right of every citizen. Parents are facing severe difficulties in passport renewal in passport offices established in different areas, especially in Islamabad. Inspite of having all the necessary

IHC allows electronic

documents, they are asked to bring the the direction from courts. While all this is said verbally and they are reluctant to give anything in writing to applicants' requests. These views were expressed by MNA Malik Shafqat Abbas

Awan He said, passport office staff should refrain from creating hurdles for applicants in renewing children's passports. Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi should focus on solving the problems of the people to know the performance of the staff of passport offices. He should at least visit the passport office in Islamabad and listen to the problems of the citizens. In this regard, we will raise the matter on the assembly floor.

One is clear. PTI won't get any NRO: Kundi

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K h y b e r
Pa kh tunk hwa
Governor Faisal
Karim Kundi on
Tuesday said he
would perform his
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party's involvement in May pervents.

Earlier on Monday, it was reported that Imran, who is known for his aggressive

Blasting the provincial government over rise in



approach as reflected by the May 9 violence and the stance taken afterwards, may write a letter to the Supreme Court which should, according to him, convey his desire for talks to the relevant circles.

circles.

But Kundi told reporters on Tuesday that the PTI wasn't even a political party and holding talks with the grouping would be a wastage of time.

media for court reporting in light of SC orders

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Islamabad High Court
on Tuesday allowed
electronic media for

media.
The application of Pakistan
Federal Union of Journalists
(PFUJ) against the PEMRA
notification was also heard
together. High Court Bar
President Riasat Ali Azad and
Adil Aziz Qazi appeared in the
court on behalf of the petitioners.
Chief Instite Amir Farong said



the Supreme Court decision Riasat Ali Azad said now

could adjourn hearing of the case as per its will. Later, the Islamabad High Court accepted issumance (Figh Court accepted the adjournment request by PEMRA and put off the hearing. It should be noted that the Isla mabad High Court Journalists Association and the Press Association of the Supreme Court had challenged the PEMRA notification in the court.

IHC to hear Imran Khan, Bushra Bibi's petitions in illegal

Correspondent ISLAMABAD

Correspondent ISIA.AMABAD The Islamabad High Court (IHC) will hear the petitions of PIT founder Imran Khan and his spouse Bushra Bibi in illegal marriage case Tuesday. Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb of IHC will conduct the hearing. The registrar office has earlier raised objections on both the petitions. Bushra Bibi has pleaded in her petition that high court should take a notice over a pending case with the sessions court regarding the suspension of her conviction in illegal marriage case.

The PIT founder pleaded in his petition that high court should intervene and direct the District



and Sessions Judge Shahrukh
Arjumand to announce the reserved
verdiet in the case.
Bushra Bib i filed the petition
through her lawyers, Barrister
Salman Safdar and Khalid Yousof
Chaudhy.
Meanwhile, Advocate Salman Akram Raja moved the petition on
behalf of Inran Khan.
It is pertinent to note that a civil
court sentenced the PTI founder
Imman Khan and Bushra Bibl seven
years imprisonment on Feb 3 in
illegal marriage case. years imprisonmen illegal marriage case



Editorial & Opinion

London Tech Week 2024

Pakistan is proudly presenting its technological advancements the "Tech Destination Pakistan" brand to the global tech community at London Tech Week 2024, taking place from June 10 to 14. The Tech Destination Pakistan Pavilion was inaugurated today by the High Commissioner of Pakistan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, H.E. Dr. Mohammad Faisal, London Tech Week is a global celebration of technology, technology, uniting the most innovative thinkers and future talent in a week-long festival.Pakistan's participation at London Tech Week is made possible through a collaborative effort between the Pakistan Software Export Board (PSEB), Pakistan IT industry

Association (P@SHA), and the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP). Techdestination Pakistan Pavilion is showcasing 9 top tier IT/ITeS companies from diverse IT verticals, highlighting cuttingedge solutions. Their domains include Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Cloud solutions, Software development, Cybersecurity, Robotics, and Ecommerce, among others. The IT industry in Pakistan has experienced remarkable growth, with the UK consistently being the second-largest destination for IT/ITeS exports for the past two years. This growth is supported by over 100 Software Technology Parks, a skilled workforce of 600,000 IT professionals, an annual addition of

startup community. Pakistan is rapidly emerging as a prominent global tech destination due to its abundant human resources Furthermore, Kearney's 2023 Global Services Location Index identifies Pakistan as the most financially attractive location for offshore outsourcing services.H.E Dr. Muhammad Faisal in an official statement expressed his enthusiasm for Pakistan's participation in London Tech Week, stating, "I am delighted that Pakistan is showcasing its technology prowess and innovation at this prestigious global event. Our participation demonstrates the ncredible potential of our IT industry and the remarkable achievements of our talented professionals."

(PSEB) is actively exploring various avenues to promote Pakistan's thriving IT industry on the global stage. Mr. Shahbaz Hameed, Director Business Development and Partnerships of PSEB, sharing his organization's vision of positioning Pakistan as a leading Techdestination added that, PSEB along with TDAP is providing comprehensive support to Pakistani IT companies. includes offering platforms for international exposure to foster business expansion and forge new partnerships.Sirbuland from VIsnext appreciated the efforts and facilitation provided by PSEB and TDAP, while sharing his valuable feedback about the participation at London Tech Week

When celebrations turn into an adversitv



Saad Akhund

The cities are adorned with welcoming lights, and the roads are lined with pamphlets advertising sales People are flocking to the main boulevards to purchase the latest fashion designs.Indeed, Eid is just around the corner. For Muslims worldwide, this day holds great significance. It is celebrated with representing a time of generous warmth, and brotherhood

By sharing meat, love, and expressing dignity towards the less fortunate, Eid embodies a spirit of unity. However, when the day arrives and animals are slaughtered, the essence of Eid is often overshadowed by chaos. The remnants of slaughtered animals are carelessly discarded in the streets, attracting swarms of flies and creating a stench that makes the air unbearable. The improper disposal of animal remains clogs the sewerage system, turning what should be a joyful occasion into an adversity.Moreover, traffic congestion becomes a significant issue as people flood the streets, leading to accidents and prolonged travel times. Public spaces and parks, usually places of relaxation and enjoyment, are littered with waste diminishing their beauty and usability. Noise pollution also escalates, with the sounds of animal cries and the bustling of overcrowded streets disrupting the peace that Eid is supposed to bring.Additionally, the health risks increase as unsanitary conditions ereate breeding grounds for diseases. The lack of proper sanitation measures puts public health at risk, potentially leading to outbreaks of infections. The community's well-being is compromised, overshadowing the spirit of generosity and compathat Eid is meant to foster. In light of these issues, it is crucial for the community to adopt more responsible practices during Eid celebrations Proper waste disposal, improved traffic management, and heightened awareness of public health can help preserve the sanctity and joy of this

An Analysis of Pakistan's Economic Growth Trends

growth. A key component of



At the time of independence, predominantly agrarian, contributing over 50% to the GDP, with minimal industrial presence. The lack of essential infrastructure further undermined Pakistan's economic sovereignty. The government's focus on industrial development led to the neglect of agriculture in the early years This neglect is evident in the agricultural growth rate, which was half that of the population growth rate. Contributing factors to this slow growth included water shortages and the impacts of partition, such as the water dispute with India and fluctuating rainfall and floods in the 1950s. Between 1947 and 1952, Pakistan's average GDP growth was 3%, but the outbreak of the Korean War in 1952 boosted demand for goods. increasing GDP growth to 9%. Despite a global recession following the Korean War, Pakistan's economy remained resilient due to its position as the sole exporter of jute at the time. The sustained high growth rate in the industrial sector during this period was achieved through deliberate policies that encouraged private industry investment and attracted substantial foreign aid. Import substitution and excessive protectionism also played crucial roles in maintaining the high growth rate in this sector.

The second decade of Pakistan's history was characterized by the dictatorial regime of Field Marshal Ayub Khan. The 1960s were marked by robust economic performance. The these reforms was the process of nationalization. Initially, the policy targeted large firms, and within two years, all private banks, small nanufacturing units, and colleges were nationalized without compensation to their former owners. Although intended to uplift the poor, these reforms quickly proved counterproductive. The inefficiency and incompetence of the nationalized institutions in the subsequent years demonstrated that nationalization was not in the national interest.Bhutto introduced land reforms aimed at enhancing the social and economic status of rural populations, over 80% of whom were directly involved in agriculture. Bhutto also announced a Labor Policy in February 1972, designed to elevate labor dignity. establish mechanisms for striking, promote labor-employer adjudication in labor courts, and extend material benefits to workers. This policy provided some relief through increased wages and welfare measures, including minimum wage hikes, injury

free education and medical facilities. During Zia-ul-Haq's regime. nomic growth rate averaged 6.6% annually. There was a significant increase in remittances, although this did not translate into a higher rate of savings and investments. Agricultural growth, while improved compared to previous years, remained relatively low. The manufacturing sector, however, experienced substantial growth, averaging 9% per year. This growth was driven by extensive public sector investments initiated during Bhutto's era, the introduction of a flexible exchange rate policy, increased export rebates, and assurances against future nationalization. Special industrial zones were established to attract private investment, and regular

compensation, old age benefits, and

have plunged Pakistan into significant debt, compromising its economic sovereignty. Successive governments have depended heavily on borrowing from domestic and international sources, often neglecting the long-term economic consequences

Analysts are divided or Musharraf's tenure; some praise his liberal policies, while others criticize their short-sightedness. During Musharraf's rule, the economy experienced robust growth, with an average GDP growth rate of 5.3%. His liberal economic policies attracted substantial foreign direct investment (FDI), restoring investor confidence and spurring growth across various sectors. However, his import-led growth strategy created an economic bubble. The surge in imports, particularly in the telecommunications and automotive sectors, strained the supply side of the economy. This issue was exacerbated by inadequate electricity supply, leading to an energy crisis that persists today. The resultant inflation eroded economic gains and reduced purchasing power, eventually bursting the economic bubble and eausing significant economic decline.

Under the PPP government, challenges necessitating difficult decisions at both the micro and macro levels. These decisions, including a macroeconomic stabilization program developed in consultation with the IMF, led to notable achievements. Inflation was halved by 2009, the fiscal deficit was reduced to 4.3% of GDP, the current account balance improved to 5.3% of GDP, and foreign exchange reserves surpassed \$13 billion. These improvements were largely due to cuts in oil subsidies and development spending. The sudden drop in GDP growth exacerbated the situation, and the low tax-to-GDP ratio posed a significant threat to future growth Rising public debt further strained revenue as interest payments

The Ripple Effect: How the Israel-Hamas Conflict Shapes Pakistan's Public Diplomacy and Global Image

Malaika Shahbaz

The ongoing Israel-Hamas war has faraching consequences worldwide, but its impact on Pakistan's public diplomacy is especially remarkable This article investigates how the war affects Pakistan's diplomatic efforts, public opinion, and media representation, with an emphasis on current events in Pakistan, such as boycotts of Israeli products, statewide rallies, media coverage, and the ban on Palestinian flags at sporting events and how these domestic challenges influence the public diplomacy goals of Pakistan and its global imag

Historical context of Pakistan's stance

Pakistan has continuously backed the Palestinian cause, seeing it as a moral and political obligation that aligns with its overall foreign policy goals. This historical stance is the result of religious solidarity, political coalitions within the Muslim world, and ongstanding opposition to Israeli policy in occupied regions.

Public Diplomacy Defined Public diplomacy refers to the means that a country employs to influence public opinion and achieve foreign policy objectives through communication with foreign populations. For Pakistan, public diplomacy is an important tool for communicating its position on the Israel-Hamas conflict. Pakistan hopes to gain international support and demonstrate its solidarity to the Palestinian cause through cultural diplomacy, international broadcasting, and social media. This strategic communication serves to strengthen its historical position while also addressing current geopolitical

Impact on Pakistan's International Relations:

realities

Strengthening ties with Muslimmajority countries.

One of the most immediate effects of Pakistan's public diplomacy activities has been the development of its relations with other Muslim-majority countries. Pakistan joins Turkey, Iran, and Saudi Arabia in condemning Israeli activities and fighting for Palestinian rights. This unity is frequently reflected in platforms such the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), where Pakistan takes an active role. Such unity not only strengthens Pakistan's status in the Muslim world, but also on a worldwide scale

However, Pakistan's position on the Israel-Hamas conflict may hamper its

Relations with Western Countries.

diplomatic relations with Western countries, particularly those with strong pro-Israel policies, such as the United States. While Pakistan is still dedicated to advocating for Palestinian rights, it must manage the complications of maintaining diplomatic and economic relations with these countries

This careful balancing act demonstrates Pakistan's complex approach to foreign policy, seeks to preserve its beliefs without alienating vital international partners.

Domestic Impact Public Opinion and Protests

War between Israel and Hamas has struck a deep chord with the Pakistani people, prompting huge public demonstrations in support of Palestine Thousands of people have protested in Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad, demanding justice for Palestinians and opposing Israeli atrocities. These protests demonstrate strong public emotion and strengthen the government's diplomatic stanc emphasizing the congruence of public opinion and official policy.

Boycotts for Israeli products In response to the conflict, there have been widespread calls in Pakistan to boycott Israeli products. Civil society organizations, student organizations. and political parties have led campaigns to encourage citizens to avoid purchasing Israeli-related goods. These boycotts are part of a larger movement to exert economic pressure on Israel while also demonstrating solidarity with the Palestinian cause This grassroots campaign demonstrates the level of public interest in the subject and its impact on Pakistan's diplomatic initiatives.

Media Coverage

Despite widespread popular interest, Pakistani media has been chastised for failing to provide significant coverage of the protests and public acts supporting Palestine. While major news channels cover the violence itself, domestic movements and demonstrations frequently receive little attention

This gap in coverage has spurred discussions regarding media priorities and journalism's role in highlighting important public sentiment. The media's selective attention raises concerns about its ability to shape public perception and diplomatic

Ban on Palestinian flags in stadiums

Another major occurrence was recent prohibition on Palestinian flags in Pakistani stadiums during matches. This decision, apparently made to avoid politicizing sporting events, has sparked controversy. Many supporters see it as a violation of their freedom to demonstrate solidarity with Palestinians. The ban has spurred new debates about the relationship between politics and sports, as well as the boundaries of public discourse. This event exemplifies broader issues in Pakistan over how public diplomacy and domestic policies converge in

Impact on Pakistan's Global Image 1) International Perception Pakistan's outspoken support for Palestine strengthens its image as

leader in pushing for Muslim concerns sting its standing in the Muslim world. However, this stance presents complications. Western countries, particularly those who support Israel, may see Pakistan's posture as unfriendly, affecting diplomatic ties. Given this dual picture, Pakistan must carefully balance its diplomatic commitments in order to preserve a positive worldwide image. How Pakistan manages these views is critical to its overall diplomatic strategy and international statu

2) Soft Power and Cultural

Diplomacy Pakistan's efforts to support Palestine through cultural diplomacy, such as art exhibitions, literary events, and media content, strengthen its soft power. These campaigns present Pakistan as a nation dedicated to human rights and international justice, engendering goodwill among sympathetic worldwide audiences. Pakistan hopes to develop a narrative that transcends political pronouncements, engaging diverse international populations via common values and cultural

Challenges and Criticism Pakistan faces a tremendous issue in combining its strong support for Palestine with preserving diplomatic and economic connections with major powers, particularly the US. This delicate balancing effort necessitates subtle diplomacy in order to avoid nsequences while remaining true to its ethical position. The capacity to negotiate these complicated relationships is critical to Pakistan's overall strategic objectives and diplomatic effectiveness Further, Critics contend that the focus on the Israel-Hamas conflict can often overshadow more serious domestic concerns. While worldwide solidarity is critical, a balanced approach is required to address internal concerns such as economic stability, security, and social welfare. Ensuring that domestic objectives are not overlooked is critical for preserving popular

Conclusion

support and national stability. The Israel-Hamas war has had a significant impact on Pakistan's public diplomacy, affecting international ties, domestic dynamics, and worldwide image. Pakistan's unwavering support for Palestine strengthens its position in the Muslim world and shapes its international diplomatic interactions However, in order to maintain balance international relations with big nations, this posture must be navigated carefully. Despite the intricacies of the Israel-Hamas conflict. Pakistan continues to project its position on the world arena by strategically using public diplomacy techniques and responding to local popular sentiment. How Pakistan addresses these multiple difficulties will be critical to its future diplomatic success and international



Kegional News

SC orders closure of all restaurants in Margalla Hills including Monal

Top court also seeks details of the other restaurants established in national park



ISLAMABAD

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the closure of all the eateries in the Margalla Hills National Park (MHPN)

including Monal Restaurant in Islamabad. The directives came in response to a March 11 court order in which it had sought the complete record of the land

sought the complete record of the land ownership of the restaurant. A three-member bench of the apex court, headed by Chief Justice Qazi Faez. Isa, heard the petitions filed by Monal Restaurant, established in the Margalla Hills, as well as the Wildlife Department. Earlier on March 8, the apex conductive to the period of the petition of the petitio

ordered the de-sealing of the eatery after suspending the Islamabad High Court (IHC) verdict. The court had asked the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to furnish original records about the 8,600

The additional attorney general had informed the court that the Military Estate Office claims the land as military

owned. However, the chief justice observed that there is no military-owned land; the land belongs to the government of Pakistan. He said that a simple question has been asked whether it is owned by the CDA or

by someone else. During the hearing today, the top court summoned the CDA chairman on an immediate basis while rejecting the report submitted by the regulator.

CJP Isa said that the court had sought the

details of Monal and other restaurants

details of Popular and other restaurants from the CDA. At this, a CDA lawyer said that they have provided a report which contains all the details of all constructions in

Margalla Hills National Park. The CJP said that a sports club, Pak-

National Monument are also included in

"Is this the CDA's honesty?" questioned the chief justice, asking whether the SC building also falls under the jurisdiction

of the national park.
The lawyer said that he would have to look at the map to answer this question.
"The world knows how many restaurants

there are besides Monal except the CDA. C.P Isa remarked, questioning whether the CDA's office is also located in the national park.

He questioned how many times the Margalla Hills have caught fire, to this, the CDA chairman said 21 times this

The Supreme Court then also directed all other restaurants in the National Park including Monal to relocate within the three-month period. In its remarks, the court said that its aim is

to ensure the protection of the National Park. It added that apart from National Park, the unnecessary notices issued to all other restaurants are terminated.

other restaurants are terminated.
The court said that it is only focusing on
the National Park. "All the leases granted
to restaurants located in National Park are
declared null and void," said the court.
CJP Isa also ordered that all the
commercial activities in the Klyber

Pakhtunkhwa's National Park should be

stopped.

The Supreme Court said it will issue the written order of the Monal restaurant case

Two new election tribunals formed under presidential Ord, retired judges appointed

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Web Desk
The Election Commission of Pakistan
(ECP) has established two additional
election tribunals under the new
presidential ordinance.
According to ECP sources, Justice
(Rtd) Zafar ląbal will be additional
election tribunal judge of Bahawalpur
and Justice (Rtd) Slakoop Paracha will
be additional election tribunal judge of
Rawalpindi.
For three constituencies of Islamabad, For three constituencies of Islamabad,

former justice Shakoor Paracha will be additional election tribunal judge.



According to sources of the Election Commission, the notification for establishment of two new tribunals was issued on June 7, the federal government had empowered the Election Commission to appoint retired judges for tribunals under the Presidential Ordinance. The Election Commission members had suggested the names of several retired judges. However, two retired judges expressed their willingness to head the tribunals.

According to Election Commission sources, the appointment of tribunal judges is the sole authority of the Election Commission.

Commission.
They said under the Presidential
Ordinance, the ECP is not bound to make
consultations for appointment of retired
judges with others. So the Election
Commission members have suggested names of several judges.

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IESCO Operations Circles Incharge will conduct E-Kachar via Facebook live & telephonically today: IESCO Spokesman

To provide suitable and proper forum to valuable IESCO Customers regarding redrassal of their electricity issues, online redrassal of their electricity issues, online E-Kacharies are being held in IESCO region regularly and same are creating Customers. By following same practice facebook E-Kacharies will held on 12th June, 2024 (Wednesday) From 09:30 AM to 11:30 AM in all 06 Operational Circles of IESCO. Operational Circles Incharge

will attend customers complaints through Facebook live and telephone calls. Islamabad Circle customers can participates in facebook live E-Kachary by using face book ID SE IESCO Islamabad E-Kachery Phone No. 051-9260194. For Rawalpindi City Circle, SE IESCO Rawalpindi-City E-Kachery Phone No. 051-9292675, For Rawalpindi Cantt Circle, SE IESCO Rawalpindi-Cantt E-Kachery Phone No.

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es quoted online by the contractor will be downloaded from website and will be 13.19 PM. Ing in E-Tendering will be bound to submit their Original CDRs, paid tender fee to the office of the undersigned. Otherwise, the contractor will be declared as

Sr. #	Name of Work	Estimated	Earnest Money @2%	T.S No & Date	Tender Fee	Time
^	Construction of Police Station City, District Sargodha ADP No. 6370/2023-24 (April to June)	Rs.188.899 (M)	Rs.3777980/-	29-05-24	Rs.20000/-	24- Month

ing to prevailing Rules of Finance Department, in case the amount of work exceeding 60 (M) 5% of the bid price will be applicable as performance guarantee in addition to

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Standard Standard Standard Standard Standard Standard Staget (DHP) Project. The funds will be used for phase one of the project, aimed at enhancing and expanding the country's electricity supply.

"Pakistan's energy sector suffers from multiple challenges to achieving affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy," said sustainable energy," said Najy Benhassine, World

n Times Correspondent Bank Country Director for

Pakistan. According to the World Bank, the project will improve electricity provision and expand access to socio-economic facilities.

economic facilities.

The Dasu Hydropower Project is expected to be a significant development for Pakistan, contributing to the production of affordable electricity.

DHP is a run-of-river project on the Indus River about 8 km from Dasu Town the capital of from Dasu Town the capital of

from Dasu Town, the capital of the Upper Kohistan District of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province. Upon completion. said

ANF recovered 57 kg drugs & arrested 2 in 3 operations

Rawalpindi:

continues crackdown on drug ANF ANF continues crackdown on drug trafficking. ANF recovered 57 kg of drugs in 3 operations and arrested 2 suspects. ANF recovered 6.2 kg of ice from a parcel sent to Australia from DHL office Sialkot, 3 kg of narcotic pills were recovered from

the accused on GT Road Peshawar. According to the spokesperson of ANF, the investigation has been started by registering cases under the Anti-Narcotics Act against all the arrested accused.

Govt to install firewall to control social media

The government of Pakistan has decided to install a firewall to control "unwanted

messages' on social media.

It is learnt that the internet service providers have agreed to the government proposal to install a

It will have special feature called "deep packet

inspection".

According to sources, the deep packet inspection will be able to see up to Layer 7 of data. It can filter data, while firewall can block

data at the IP level instead of at the application level. They said that the firewall will identify propaganda points on social media and the firewall will block them and IDs from where the matter is unloaded the matter is uploaded.

The firewall will be installed on the interne service provider companies and the cost will be shared by the government and the companies.

companies.

Sources said the internet service providers have agreed to the PTA (Pakistan Telecommunication Authority) proposal.



SNGPL disconnected 66 connections & imposed fine of Rs 1.8 million in crackdown against gas pilferers

Lahore: During the ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers, SNGPL continued raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad. It disconnected 66 connections and imposed fine of Rs 1.8 million. In Lahore, the team Time of Rs 1.8 million. In Lahore, the feam disconnected 08 connections on illegal use of gas, imposed fine of Rs 0.75 million against gas theft cases and lodged 1 FIR against gas pilferer. In Multan, the team disconnected 11 connections on illegal use disconnected II competents on lilegal use of gas and 03 on use of Compressor. In Peshawar, the company disconnected 31 connections on direct use and illegal use of gas and booked Rs 0.07 million against gas theft cases. The regional team of Shiekhupura disconnected 02 connections on illegal use of gas, booked Rs 0.18 million against gas theft cases and lodged 2 FIRs. In Faisalabad, the team disconnected 03 connections on illegal use of gas and imposed a fine of Rs 0.04 million against gas theft cases. In Karak, the team disconnected 02 connections on illegal use of gas, booked Rs 0.14 million and lodged 2 FIRs against gas theft cases. In Bahavalpur, the team disconnected 02 connections on the legal use of gas. The regional team of Sahiwal disconnected 03 connections on the illegal use of gas. In Gujrat, the team disconnected 01 connection on illegal use of gas. The regional team of Gujranwala disconnected 01 connection on illegal use of gas and imposed a fine of Rs 0.62 million against gas theft cases.

ازدفتر ميونيل تميثي سابيوال ضلع سرمودها

روناس وما م كوست كيا جانا يديك موشل كمن ساورال هن مركودها كرسان دهيك جائدة دان والدائدة كال سال 2024 وكر الال و 2024 11:00 و 24-6-2 الم المام المراح الم المراح الم المراح المر بيكان نيئام مام يكيمها كور همد فرايع في سكد والمعارض والمواجعة والمراول على هدفيل عن هدفين المداد كهوان فا بحراء گیر۔ گردنسٹ سے دعز المکیماری اے ال مال 2024ء کی جی سے کے اس اور کے ۔ بول سے گل برطانی افزار ارجانے ۱۵۷۸ء بردہ پاکس کرا با بینال کے فقر مگر کردانا اورک - کا م بند ان دومنات اکدوروائی کردی بات کی کام باب بر لودینده به ان عموم کی اطاع عرصول بوت کے دورت کے م سنا عرکی زریطا کا 1/10 حسیقی کردائے اور معاہدہ جی ایم ہی ماری مائی ارتباع کا بیٹرین کا کہا کا جائے ہیں۔ 40 سادی افساند عی دمس کی جائے۔ إندقه عراوى باغ عروخ تك ومول كاجائ ومقروة وخ تك قداداندكر في كامورت عراوش وياغراي فيكينسل كرن كاجاز بوك و يوت أي سابوه فبك کی رقم کے برابر بک کا دوفتنی حالت و بینا ہوگی۔ ویکم شرائقا بلنام موقع پر پڑ مرکز مانی میا کرے اندان کا مرتب موقع پرى اضافى شدەرقم نقد ياكال دايان كىممورت عى دمول كى جائے كى - يام كى كانسان دومان نان ان ان الدوائے واساكو يول وسينا سے داك و س

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UK's Sunak offers more tax cuts as election polls refuse to budge



SILVERSTONE, England
British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak
pledged to cut billions of pounds of
taxes and provide help for first-time
homebuyers if he wins the July 4
dection, launching one of the last
throws of the dice for a leader badly
lagging inthe polls.
With surveys showing the
Conservatives consistently about 20
points behind Keir Starmer's Labour
Party, Sunak has stepped up his
argument that the opposition would
derail the economic recovery and
cannot be trusted in government.
Launching the party's manifesto,
containing the policies it will pursue if
it forms the next government.

Trump completes mandatory presentencing interview after less than 30 minutes of questioning



NEW YORK
Donald Trump completed his
mandatory presentencing interview
Monday after less than 30 minutes of
routine, uneventful questions and
answers, a person familiar with the
matter told The Associated Press. The
person was not authorized to speak
publicly and did so on condition of
anonymity.
The former president was quizzed by a
New York City probation officer for a
report, required by law, that trial judge
Juan M. Merchan can use to help
determine Trump's punishment.



Malawi's Vice President Saulos Chilima killed in plane crash

Malawi president vows not to end search mission until VP Saulos Chilima's missing plane is found

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Malawi's Vice President Saulos Chilima has been killed
in a plane crash along with nine other passengers,
President Lazarus Chakwera announced Tuesday
Chakwera said. "The search and rescue operation I
ordered to find the missing plane that carried our vice
president and nine others has been completed.
"The plane has been found. And I am deeply saddened
and sorry to inform you that it has turned out to be a
terrible tragedy."
Chilima, 51, and nine others including ex-first lady
Shamil Dzimbiri, were travelling within the country to
attend the burial of former government minister Ralph
Kasambara, who died four daysago.
Their military aircraft, which took off from the capital,
Lilongwe, disappeared from airport radars in
Chikangawa Porest, prompting a search operation to
find the plane.
Rescuers had been combing a fog-cloaked forest south
of Mzuzu on Tuesday, after authorities located the last
tower it transmitted to before the plane disappeared.
Earlier, army commander General Paul Valentino Phiri
said other countries, including Malawirs neighbours,
had been aiding the search effort, with support including
helicopters and drones.
The group departed just after 9.00am (0700 GMT) from
Lilongwe on Monday to attend the funeral of from
Lilongwe on Monday to attend the funeral of prome
cabinet minister some 370 kilometres (230 miles) away
in Mzuzu.

Gaza civilian deaths in Israel's hostage raid may be war crimes, UN says

GENEVA
The UN human rights office said on Tuesday the killings of civillans in Gaza during the Israeli operation to free four hostages, as well as Palestinian armed groups holding of captives in densely opulated areas, could amount to war crimes.

crimes.

Israel said the operation, accompanied by an air assault, took place on Saturday in the heart of a residential neighbourhood in central Gaza's Nuseirat area where Hamas had kept the hostages in two separate apartment blocks.

The operation killed more than 270 Palestinians, according to Gazan health officials.

officials.

"The manner in which the raid was conducted in such a densely populated area seriously calls into question whether the principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution - as set out under the laws of war - were respected by the Israeli forces, Jeremy Laurence, spokesperson for the U.N. human rights office, said. Laurence added that the holding of hostages in such densely populated areas by Palestinian armed groups was "putting the lives of Palestinian civilians, as well as the hostages themselves, at added risk from the hostilities."

What are tactical nuclear weapons and why is Russia holding drills?



LONDON

ia and its ally Belams are out exercises to practise the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons. What are these weapons, how might they

be used and what do we know about the

WHAT ARE TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND HOW POWERFUL ARE THEY?

Tactical nuclear weapons are intended for battlefield use, as opposed to strategic weapons designed to be fired across vast distances to wipe out enemy cities.

distances to wipe out nemy cities. The underlying physics is the same, using nuclear fission and fusion reactions to release vast amounts of energy. The destructive power of tactical nuclear weapons, while typically smaller than strategic weapons, is still comparable still comparable. with the atomic bombs used by the United States to destroy the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World WarTwo. HOW MANY DO RUSSIA AND THE

US HAVE?

The United States has about 200, half of which are at bases in Europe. Russia has about 1,558 non-strategic nuclear warheads, experts at the Federation of American Scientists estimated, opens

These could be delivered by different means including being dropped as bombs or fitted to a variety of missiles that are or fitted to a variety of missiles that are capable of carrying either nuclear or conventional warheads. WHAT DO THE RUSSIAN EXERCISES LOOK LIKE? Russia said the first phase, conducted last

month, involved Kinzhal and Iskander missiles. It took place in the southern region of Akhtubinsk, according to geolocation confirmed by Reuters.



Sports & Showbiz

It's time to change the team, says Wasim Akram

NEW YORK
The Pakistan cricket team's dismal performance in the T20 World Cup 2024 has saddened flans far and wide.
Equally upset are the well-wishers such as Wasim Akram who has expressed his resentinent over the way the team played against the USA and India.
Akram, who wore the crown of champion fast bowler in the 1990's, demands wholesale changes to the team. He says the whole team should be changed as it doesn't deserve to play at this level.
"Pakistan j players think that if they don't perform well, the coaches will be saked, and nothing will happen to them. It is time to keep the coaches and change the entire team." Akram told a sports



channel after Pakistan's surrender against arch-rival India at New York's Nassau County International Cricket Stadium. The former captain slated the batsmen for "failing to read conditions and losing wickets while playing unnecessary shots." He said Iftikhar Ahmed had been part of the team for years but didn't know how to bat. "I can't go and tell about the game awareness to Fakhar Zaman," he said. As for Rizwan, he said the batsman should have played Jasprt Bunrah's over with a great deal of caution as he was brought back to take wickets for his team. "They have been playing cricket for 10 years, and 1 can't teach them. Rizwan has no game awareness," Akram blasted.

What filmmaker Saqib Malik says about Meera as actor

Says about 191

(Web Desk)

Appearing on a TV show, filmmaker
Saqib Malik shared his experience
working with actor Meera in film Baaji,
calling it a wonderful time with a desire
to again work withher.

The filmmaker conveyed that
collaborating with Meera was an
incredibly enriching experience.

There were numerous tales any
speculations around her, but the film
reached its completion successfully. It
graced the screens and achieved
resounding success, he said.

Admirring Meera's talent, Saqib said, "I
would love to work with Meera again
because she is incredibly talented. She
has a very expressive face that
communicates so much.

You don't need to do much with her

"You don't need to do much with her face, as it tells thousands of stories on its own." However, Saqib Malik also candidly revealed some of the challenges he faced while working with Meera. He pointed out: "Meera Prings great energy to the set, but her drawback is that she is castly influenced and tends to believe others too readily.

Pashto drama actor found murdered in Nowshera

NOWSHERA (Web Desk) Fam F a m o u s Pashto drama industry actor
Khushboo
was found
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murdered on Monday. Her brother told police two persons of the area were giving life threats to his sister for acting in drams. He told the police the suspects asked his sister to leave drama industry, claiming when his sister refused to quit the showbiz, they killed her and threw her body infields in Akbarpura, Nowshera. According to police, a case has been registered against two suspects on the complaint of the brother of the slain actor. Police shifted the body to hospital for postmortem and started investigation.

The law enforcers have launched a manhunt for the arrest of the suspects nominated in the FIR.

Khushboo of Swabi was a well-known actress in Pashto drama industry.

Paolini beaten again as Gauff, Siniakova win French Open doubles

PARIS
French Open singles runner-up
Jasmine Paolini suffered another defeat
in Sunday's women's doubles final as
she and partner Sara Errani lost 7-6
(7/5), 6-3 to Coco Gauff and Katerina

Siniakova.

Gauff, the reigning US Open singles champion, won her first Grand Slam doubles title. The 20-year-old American was a losing finalist at the 2021 US Open and 2022 French Open in doubles.

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Siniakova, 28, captured her clighth Grand Slam doubles crown and third at Roland Garros. She claimed the other seven titles with fellow Czech Barbon Krejickova.
Today is tough to accept, 'said Paolini, who was beaten in straight sets by world number one Iga Swiatek in Saturday's singles final.
Gauff entered into a last-minute pairing with Siniakova after Jessica Pegula pulled out due to interest.

injury.

She said she hadn't expected to play in the doubles --



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"Idefinitely didn't think it would happen to me, to be frank," said Gauff, who made the last four in the singles before losing to Swiatek.

"I think that was, like, one of the few times in my life after I lost the first two finals, I thought, well. 'Okay,' I reached that point, maybe I should focus on singless.

"It's just one of those things that when you least expect it to happen, it happens."

Will Cristiano Ronaldo play for Portugal against Ireland tonight?



Sports Desk Cristiano Ronaldo's fans can take a sigh of relief as Portugal boss Roberto Martinez has revealed that he is set to unleash the football legend on John O'Shea's Ireland on Tuesday night, PTE reported.

O'Shea's Ireland on Tuesday night, RTE reported. Martinez, 50, told a press conference "The plan is to have minutes. We need to have training, so I don't know if they will start or finish the game, but Pepe, Ruben and Konaldo will have minutes. Players need to play minutes, have connections, enjoy the game, work on collective concepts. Ireland has a competitive capacity that is good for us because the tactical structure is similar

to that of Georgia, for example."

Martinez's remarks came days after
Ronaldo, 39, was benched in
Portugal's international friendly
against Croatia which resulted in his

against Croatia which resulted in his team's 2-1 loss. Many fans linked the defeat to the absence of the former Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus tar on the field.

star on the field.
However, fans can hope for a victory as Ronaldo will return to the field against Ireland which has steadied the ship in the three games, beating Hungary 2-1 last week after drawing with Belgium and losing narrowly to Switzerland in March.