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US wants to support Pakistan for economic development: Donald Blome



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American Ambassador Donald Blome has said it is high time for Pakistan to improve its economy, adding America wants opportunities to support Pakistan in its efforts for economic development. Talking to journalists, Donald Blome said, "America is an important partner of Pakistan in terms of trade and investment. America is the biggest export market and investor for Pakistan." American firms bring high-quality investments to Pakistan, which is making short-term efforts to address its economic position.

IHC to hear contempt case on malicious campaigns against Justice Babar Sattar on June 3



Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD

The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has fixed contempt of court cases against the elements who initiated smear campaign against Justice Babar Sattar for hearing. The hearing has been fixed for June 3, which will be headed by IHC Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani. Justice Tariq Mehmood Jahangiri and Justice Sardar Ejaz Ishaq Khan are also part of the bench. It is pertinent to mention here the hearing could not be held on May 23, due to the absence of larger bench. The court has sought report from the FIA, PTA and IB.

Fazl lashes out at institutions for constitutional violations

JUI-F chief criticized anti-terrorism efforts, alleged that violence continues to rise in Balochistan, K-P province



Soon Times Correspondent MUZZAFARGH:

Jamat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rahman lashed out on Sunday at institutions, stating that the entities which break the constitution are the ones responsible for carrying out the rebellion. While addressing a rally in Muzaffargarh, the JUI-F chief asserted that certain institutions played no part in the creation of Pakistan but contributed to its disintegration. Fazl accused the establishment of tampering with the constitution, asserting that those who break it are the true rebels, not them. He criticized the current government setup while reflecting on the ongoing fight against terrorism, noting, "The [government] declared a war against terrorism, yet terrorism continues to rise." "If terrorism is crossing the borders, then where are you standing on the borders?" Fazl stated

while questioning the military's effectiveness. Discussing the deteriorating law and order situation, the JUI-F chief noted, "The people of KP and Balochistan are suffering from severe unrest." He asserted that under the constitution, the nation should be given an Islamic system and economic rights. He asked whether supporting the institutions in establishing peace could be considered a crime for the scholars. Touching upon the Fourth Schedule during his address, the JUI-F chief declared, "The fourth schedule will not stop us." The JUI-F chief announced that on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Khatam-e-Nabuwat, the party will celebrate "Youm-e-Fatah" on September 7th in Islamabad-Pakistan. Expressing solidarity with Palestinians over Israel's ongoing horrific assault on the besieged Gaza Strip, he stated that the Muslims of Palestine have sacrificed a lot.

Punjab, KP governors Vow to work together for country's progress

Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi called on Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in Lahore.

They reaffirmed commitment to strengthen coordination between the provinces and vowed to work together for the progress and stability of the country.

Both the counterparts congratulated each other on assuming the office of governor. Speaking on the occasion, Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem said that everyone should play a role for the development and stability of the country. He said that all the parties including the opposition should be on the same page for the



development and prosperity of the country. "I'll play a positive role in improving the communication between the federation and the province," said Punjab governor. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi said that the law and order situation is his top priority.

Minister orders expedited passport issuance for overseas Pakistanis

Soon Times Correspondent LONDON

The interior minister, during his visit to the Passport and Nadra centres in London, issued orders to expedite passport issuance for overseas Pakistanis.

Taking notice of the delays in passport issuance, Mohsin Naqvi ordered that overseas Pakistanis opting for urgent service be provided with passports within seven days. However, overseas Pakistanis selecting normal delivery will receive passports within 30 days.

According to Naqvi, this policy will apply to all Pakistani missions abroad. He warned that delays in passport issuance would not be tolerated under any



circumstances, and action would be taken against responsible officers. It should be noted that currently, overseas Pakistanis are receiving passports under normal delivery within four months, while passports under the urgent delivery category are provided within one-and-a-half months. Reportedly, the minister has established a monitoring cell to ensure passport delivery within the stipulated timeframe.

Massive debts, costly pacts with IPPs damaging economy: JI

- He demanded the government review agreements with IPPs and introduce land reforms
- Jamaat-e-Islami has developed a national agenda to spearhead a movement for reform, Rehman said



Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE

Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Emir Hafiz Naeemur Rehman has said massive debts, costly agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), tax exemptions for feudal lords, and the ruling elite's lavish spending of state resources are key factors for damaging the national economy.

Addressing a press conference at Mansoorah on Saturday, he said a government established on a

'fraudulent mandate' cannot effectively address these issues. The Jamaat-e-Islami has developed a national agenda to spearhead a movement for reform, he said, adding he would present this agenda to the public in two days.

He demanded the government review agreements with IPPs and introduce land reforms.

He said the government must provide relief to the small farmers and also reduce the prices of bread and flour.

Rehman said the JI appreciated the talks between Islamabad and Kabul, adding the governments of both Islamic neighbours should reflect responsibility in the wider interest of the betterment of the people of two countries and piece in the region. He said the completion of Iran-Pakistan Gas Pipeline Project was solution to the problem of energy shortages in the country. The rulers must shun US pressure and start construction, he emphasises.

The JI Emir said the US perpetual support and backing to Israeli's terrorism in Gaza was not a hidden fact. But, he said the silence of rulers of Islamic world on these atrocities was badly hurting the sentiments of Muslim Ummah. He said the JI would hold Gaza Million March in Karachi and appealed the people to ensure their full participation in it.

Gwadar set to achieve international recognition as world-class port city, Minister

Soon Times Correspondent (Web Desk)

Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal has stated that Gwadar would become an internationally acclaimed world-class port city, which would offer tremendous opportunities for its people. "We hope that Gwadar will become an internationally acclaimed world-class port city, which will have tremendous opportunities for its people," the minister told a Chinese news agency while applauding the development of Gwadar Port under the China Pakistan Economic



Corridor (CPEC). Describing Gwadar as a highly significant and strategic port in the region, Iqbal said that China had shown remarkable contribution to the development of different regions of Pakistan, including Gwadar, under the CPEC. "In Gwadar, we have seen that China not only

developed the port facility but also contributed towards socioeconomic development of its people." The minister noted that China had established a state-of-the-art modern hospital in Gwadar, providing facilities comparable to those in major cities like Karachi or Lahore. "Similarly, China has helped set up a technical training institution. It has also assisted poor people to provide them electricity and has undertaken other initiatives to improve the lives of local people."

Punjab government to launch 'Say No To Plastic' campaign from June 5

Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE

Punjab government spokesperson Mariyam Aurangzeb has announced that provincial government was launching "say no to plastic" campaign from June 5, on the directive of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz, aimed at protecting against deadly diseases caused by plastic. According to the spokesperson, in line with the "say no to plastic" campaign, preparations have been completed for strict enforcement against the preparation, production, distribution, and sale of illegal plastic bags. She emphasized that the use of plastic led to cancer and other hazardous diseases.



exacerbates environmental pollution. She stressed that crackdown will be initiated against factories producing illegal plastic products starting from June 5th. Several warnings have been issued to such factories prior to this action, she added. Mariyam Aurangzeb stated that stringent actions will be implemented against hotels, restaurants, and other food points serving meals in plastic bags after the deadline.

Another fire on Margalla Hills doused as heatwave sweeps Pakistan

Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD/PINDE/RAWALPINDI

Authorities on Sunday doused another forest fire that erupted on Margalla Hills as the country remains under the grip of a heatwave. The latest fire erupted only a day after authorities in the federal capital controlled fire in two separate locations in the Margalla hills. However, Deputy Commissioner Islamabad Irfan Memon said the fire erupted again on the Margalla Hills part located in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa earlier today. He said the Capital Development Authority (CDA) teams were present on the site to control the fire and added that 36 firefighters participated in the firefighting operation.



The deputy commissioner said authorities established a firewall to stop the flames from entering the federal city. The Islamabad administration undertook joint efforts with the KP government to contain the flames, he added. The Margalla range, part of the Himalayan foothills, has experienced bushfires relatively often in the summer months. Lately, the fire intermittently erupted in the Islamabad hills. Officials are yet to confirm if the fires are related to the high temperatures or due to arson.



Digitalize registration system of pesticides

Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain said Sunday that a comprehensive strategy would be formulated to improve the fumigation system and that the number of fumigation companies would be further expanded. Talking to Director General of Plant Protection, Dr. Tariq Khan, he said, "The Plant Protection Department plays a significant role in the agriculture sector." The Director General of Plant Protection briefed the

minister on the department's functions, performance, and the challenges it faced. Speaking on the occasion, Rana Tanveer said, "Efforts will be made to develop a comprehensive strategy to further improve the performance of the department, and it will be brought up to high standards, ensuring its operations meet top quality benchmarks." "We have a strong commitment to promoting merit and transparency within the department. Corruption and inefficiency will not be tolerated

in any form within the department," he added. Rana Tanveer said, "The system will be digitalized to ensure transparency in operations." The minister said, "DPP will be developed on modern lines to enhance its efficiency and effectiveness, and all resources will be utilized to address staff shortages within the department." The minister said, "The registration system for pesticides will also be digitalized to streamline the

processes." Rana Tanveer said, "An effective system for the inspection of rice and mango plants must be established, and inspections will be conducted in a timely manner to ensure quality." "Exporters will be provided with all possible facilities within the law to boost exports, but compromise on quality and standards will not be acceptable," he added. He said, "The government has a strong commitment to increasing exports."

When Asif Zardari fainted in the President's House

Ishak Soomro

Dear Mr. Jinnah's book of memoirs of Pakistan's famous bureaucrat Salman Farooqi, who is an eyewitness and aware of many important events of Pakistan, has become popular these days. Which is the story of his 70 years of government service. Salman Farooqi was born in the royal city of Patiala in Indian Punjab but his official life was spent in Pakistan created by Jinnah. Salman Farooqi was President Zardari's secretary. A chapter in his book "Dear Mr. Jinnah" is on President Asif Ali Zardari's role in the Memo game scandal, which was alleged to have been approved by President Zardari. At that time, Hussain Haqqani, Pakistan's ambassador to the United States, had written a letter to the American general that after the death of Osama bin Laden by American soldiers in Abbottabad, if the Pakistani army rebelled against his government, he would help the American civilian government. And help. Meanwhile, Chief of Army Staff General Kayani, ISI Chief General Ahmed Shuja Pasha were under such pressure on President Zardari that he fainted and his condition became critical. At the same time, he received a call from the President's House protocol that President Zardari has fainted. I ran away, the doors of the presidential palace were closed, the soldiers prevented me from entering. This is the sensational story that remained hidden from the public and media for 15 years, which Salman Farooqi has written in his book "Piyaara Mr. Jinnah". Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani, Rehman Malik and surprisingly famous businessman Riyaz Malik were also present in the President's House when he managed to get inside. President Zardari was shifted to Rawalpindi CMH, Army Neurologist said that President Zardari's mental condition and other ailments are at the stage that he will

not be able to remain in the presidency for long and he needs further treatment. The family decided to send him to Dubai. The next morning, Salman Farooqi arrived at the President's House and President Zardari was preparing to go to Dubai for treatment, at which time Hussain Haqqani was also ready to accompany him with his bag. On this, Salman Farooqi requested President Zardari that it would not be appropriate for Hussain Haqqani to go to Dubai with him. President Zardari told him that this is my decision. I have done, Salman Farooqi addressed Prime Minister Geelani and said that you are there as Prime Minister. The court may ask you because the memo game inquiry is going on in the Supreme Court, on this President Zardari asked Rehman Malik whether Hussain Haqqani's name is in the exit control list. And write letters from me to the heads of all institutions that Hussain Haqqani's life is in danger, he is going to Dubai with me and will come back with me. Salman Farooqi refused to sign such a typed letter as the President's secretary which angered President Zardari. And so President Zardari left for Dubai by air ambulance for treatment. Hussain Haqqani was taken by Prime Minister Gilani to the Prime Minister House. Later, with the permission of the Supreme Court, Hussain Haqqani went back to America. In the absence of President Zardari, Senate Chairman Farooq H. Naik became the Acting President. Due to Salman Farooqi's disobeying President Zardari's order and his anger, he began to consider his responsibilities uncertain. On which Acting President Farooq H. Naik advised him to go to Dubai to meet President Zardari. Salman Farooqi was sitting in the plane to meet President Zardari when the Prime Minister's EDC ordered him not to go to Dubai. So he contacted Acting President Farooq Naik, through his efforts he got permission to go to Dubai. Asif

Zardari was admitted to the American Hospital in Dubai, three days later Salman Farooqi met President Zardari at his residence. Zardari asked Farooqi what you are doing here. Go back to Islamabad and help Naik, he didn't mind not signing the letter, which showed that President Zardari wanted me as his secretary. Me came back to Islamabad and began to perform his duties, meanwhile the editor of Pakistan Observer, Malik Sahib, met me, who told me that he had written the memo game letter on the request of President Zardari, according to an ISI major. Met with the general. I was worried because I had not written such a letter and President Zardari had told me not to. On which I spoke to Chief of Army Staff General Kayani, ISI Chief General Ahmed Shuja Pasha, both of whom knew. You have no role in this President Zardari returned from Dubai a few days later and despite his illness and weakness, continued his daily work in the Presidency. The pressure on him to leave the presidency grew until he received secret messages that he would be forcibly removed from the presidency, to which President Zardari was shocked, saying that he would do all he could to resist his forced ouster. Will do. In this situation, Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani in his first passionate address to the National Assembly said that a state within a state is being run, which was a clear indication of the situation at that time. In 2016, three years after the completion of the five-year presidential term, President Zardari repeated in the 2016 general meeting that he came for three years. We come to be permanent. We are not going anywhere. Today, General Kayani General Pasha has completed his term, after exactly 11 years, Asif Ali Zardari is the President of Pakistan again. Yusuf Raza Gilani is the Chairman of the Senate. And the predictions of the CMH doctors turned out to be wrong.

Budget, Budgeting And It's Types



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The sixth month of the year, June, is recognized for having the longest hot days. As the arrival of this month approaches in Pakistan, the buzz around the word "budget" also reaches its peak. Some people have high hopes for improvement associated with it, while others consider it a new bomb of inflation. However, at its core, a budget is a government's economic plan of action for a specific period, known as a fiscal year. Historically, the word "Budget" is derived from the Latin word "bulga" and the French word "bougette", which means a leather bag, pouch, or purse. In the 18th century, when Britain's Minister of Finance and first Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Walpole, would present the financial affairs to Parliament for approval, he would carry a leather bag with him. This bag contained important documents related to the country's financial matters. Later, this bag became to be known as "Budget". Thus, the concept of the budget historically began in Britain in 1745. Over time, this term expanded beyond just income and expenses to encompass the entire process of financial planning, financial management, and allocation of national resources. According to economists, if we define the term "budget", it is a financial or fiscal plan document that outlines a government's expected income from various sources and expenditures incurred during a fiscal year. It also includes estimates for revenue and expenditures for the new fiscal year and presents statistical data for revenue and expenses from the previous fiscal year. In simpler words, a budget is a financial plan. A government of any country has to perform three basic financial functions: 1. Economic stability? Which includes controlling inflation and deflation in the national economy, as well as reducing the level of unemployment. 2. Economic development. Which includes the development of a country's basic infrastructure, such as transportation, information, technology, and energy supply, as well as providing incentives to specific industries to increase national economic growth or GDP (Gross Domestic Product), whether industrial or agricultural. 3. Economic welfare. Which includes improving healthcare, education, security, defense, housing, and transportation facilities for the country's population. Any government needs income to run its affairs and fulfill these functions, so that it can successfully meet its expenses and provide these amenities to its citizens. The government generates revenue from taxes, foreign investment, loans, aid, and other sources, and spends it on various expenses. If the government's income and expenditures are equal, then such a budget is called a "Balanced Budget". In other words, a Balanced Budget is a situation where: Government Revenues = Government Expenditures. This means that the government is not borrowing or lending, and its income is sufficient to cover all its

expenses. A Balanced Budget is often considered an ideal scenario, as it indicates fiscal responsibility and stability. "Surplus Budget" occurs when the government's revenue exceeds its expenditures. Govt Revenues > Govt Expenditures. However, it is not considered a good condition by economists, as it indicates that the government is collecting too much taxes from the public but not spending enough on their welfare and economic development or economic growth. However, in today's circumstances, it is unlikely for a country's budget to be in surplus. Similarly, when a country's expenses exceed its revenue, it is referred to as a "Deficit Budget". Govt Revenues < Govt Expenditures. Developing countries often face the challenge of a deficit budget. To bridge this gap, governments rely on public debts, foreign loans, as well as aid. International organizations such as the IMF, World Bank, and other developed countries play a crucial role in providing loans to these countries. However, borrower countries have to face high interest rates and various conditions imposed by the lenders. The process of budget making is called "budgeting". The Ministry of Finance in a country, considering the statistics of the previous fiscal year and the goals and estimates of the new fiscal year, performs the budgeting process for the next fiscal period. For this purpose, the Ministry of Finance collects data from all important sectors of the country. In Economics, in the context of budgeting, there are 9 possible types of budgets: 1. Static Budget. In a static budget, the allocations and estimates are made at the beginning of the fiscal year, and no changes are allowed later, regardless of any changes in the economy or actual performance. This type of budget is often used in stable and predictable industries where there is little uncertainty or fluctuation in revenues and expenses. A static budget offers efficiency and careful decision-making, but it lacks flexibility and adaptability if circumstances change during the fiscal year. 2. Flexible Budget. A flexible budget is a type of budget that can be adjusted or revised as needed to reflect changes in the business environment or actual performance. It is a dynamic budget that allows for flexibility and adaptability in response to changing circumstances during a financial period. The advantages of flexible budget allow for changes in response to changing circumstances. It enables management to react to new opportunities and challenges, as well as make more informed decisions based on current data. Drawbacks of flexible budget are lack of budgetary discipline, time and cost consuming. It is difficult in tracking performance to evaluate against Budget sometimes. 3. Functional Budget. A functional budget is a type of budgeting that involves creating separate budgets for each department or sector of an economy or an organization, based on their specific needs and goals. This approach categorizes budgets according to functional areas, such as production, marketing, research and development, and administration etc. 4. Master Budget. A Master Budget is a collection of



functional budgets, where separate budgets for all departments or sectors of the economy are combined into a single, comprehensive budget. This integrated budget includes all the financial plans and projections for the entire organization, presenting a unified financial blueprint. For example, Master Budget = Production Budget + Marketing Budget + Development Budget + Administration Budget...etc. 5. Zero-Based Budget (ZBB)/Zero-Based Budget (ZBB). Zero-Based Budget (ZBB) is a budgeting approach that is introduced in 1970s. In this technique the budget is prepared by ignoring past financial data and solely considering current income and needs. It's a budget that is created from scratch, without any influence from the previous financial period. This approach is called Zero-Based Budgeting because it's like starting from the beginning or zero-balance on current expenses and goals. 6. Participative Budgeting. Participative budgeting is a budgeting method that involves various stakeholders, such as citizens, residents, or members of an organization, in the budgeting process. The aim of this approach is to increase transparency, accountability, and community participation in budgeting decisions. In simple words, this budgeting method involves seeking input from all levels of management, both top and bottom, in estimating revenues and expenditures, making everyone a part of the budgeting process. 7. Imposed Budgeting. In this budgeting method, only top-level management of a country or organization is involved in the budgeting process and the budget is imposed on lower-level management without participation. Imposed budgeting is the opposite of participative budgeting, where all stakeholders are involved in the budgeting process. 8. Rolling Budget. A Rolling Budget or Budget Rollover is also known as a Continuous Budget or Rolling Forecast that takes into account previous statistics and aligns with future estimations to create a new budget for the next fiscal period. Majority of countries and organizations use Rolling Budgeting. 9. Annual Budget. An Annual Budget is a financial plan or statement which a country or organization prepares for a financial year, outlining its estimated income and expenditures. It's a tool used by individuals, businesses, and governments to manage finances, allocate resources and achieve financial goals. A budget is like a dual-entry ledger where one side reflects a country's or organization's income and the other side reflects its current and future developmental expenditures. The budget is a plan that ensures a balanced match between the two sides for a specific fiscal period usually a year.

The Lamb of society!

Saad Akhund

Her eyes were afraid of being found out, something peculiar enough to appoint a great chaos. Her feet were trembling and demanded the god to freeze the beings around her. The clock was ticking 11 pm of midnight and there was a bride of darkness all over the way. Tahmina, a girl from a middle class family, her office work had a barnyard animal, sometimes throwing her to the main branch at Qasimabad Hyderabad or sometimes to a deserted corner of the city. It was the night of 14 August, due to the celebrations of independence day, she got off late. The night went too late and her deserted way to home had her exasperated. Her innocent feet: muddy as like a hoof of a war horse: struggled to escape the street alongside of hamming graveyard. Her breath had been appointed on a painstaking job of keeping her conscious. There were houses but no home, there were streets but no people, there was a sky but no stars. Her pitiful mind deeply desired for divine intervention. Brainstorming with the picture portrayed in her brain to trace an easy way out to home, a dim light of a motorcycle glanced at her deep sapphire

eyes. For her, Christmas came early, she comprehended that her prayers has got accept button and she had been bestowed with the angel of hope. Could any sense of foreboding have told her that this was gallubine enough to live a lie! The grisly motorcycle halted against her way and two bikist pointed the gun over her sheepish being. Trepidation had preserved itself in her mind, as a matter of fact. Instead, the angel of help, the master of demons asserted: "Hand off your purse and mobile you bloody lady!" Her heart skipped the beat. Lip fazed and she nearly turned paralyzed. The monster had his hand on her green kameez that portrayed the colour of Pakistani flag. Torn out shirt witnessed the helplessness of a daughter whose father has worked deadily to dress up his little angle. The darkness also shaded tears over a pitiful sister of a proud Pakistani brother, who never clipped the wings of her queen to go out and not to be dependent on her husband. Adversity got best of the daughter of Pakistan. In no time, she handover the every possession she had. The predators fade away in the darkness of the cruel night. Flood of tears overlap the banks of her eyes. Somehow, she gathered the courage

and motioned her feet to commence her journey. After a half hour painstaking journey her eyes finally caught the sight over her home. She instantly protested at door with a thunder bolt in vain. But all endeavours went in vain. Time started irritating her. The mist of the night roamed like an evil spirit, seeking rest but finding none. Her reformations attempts knocked the door to be yanked off. Her feudal lord, her husband, was blind drunk, fully intoxicated. He was furious on her late arrival and instantly took off his belt and started beating her like no less than an animal. She was still and quite, letting her beast to entertain his inhumanity. Tearfully, she went to kitchen and prepared dinner for a person who had made her victim of his inhumanity. Suddenly, a cry of her little baby screamed for her attention. With the speed of light, she rushed to give his her undivided love. Why?? There is always word SHE. Has become the synonym of victimisation or atrocities. Why always SHE suffers in the so called Muslim nation where everyone takes pledge to safeguard her honour. The answer of WHY is still unanswered. Every day is actually WOMEN'S (girls) DAY. The day of the queens with invisible thrones.

On the release of prisoners of 9th May incident, PTI leadership visited Mehr Mohsin's House



MNA Jamal Ahsan appreciated the efforts of Shafqat Abbas Awan & his team

Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha: MNA Jamal Ahsan Khan, MNA Malik Shafqat Abbas Awan, Former District President Youth Wing District Sargodha Rana Taimur Ikram, City President Youth Wing Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf City Sargodha Muhammad Shoab Gondal Advocate, Malik Waseem Abbas Advocate, Senior Deputy President Trade Wing Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf District Sargodha Zaigham Abbas, City President Labor Wing Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf City Sargodha Chaudhry Naem Jutt and other senior leaders of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf arrived at

the residence of Mehr Mohsin Raza Arain District President Trade Wing Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf District Sargodha and Former Candidate MPA PP 75-76 City Sargodha, located at Club Chowk. A dinner was arranged at his residence. All the officials had come to Sargodha in connection with the release of workers from Sargodha jail. They congratulated MNA Malik Shafqat Abbas Awan Advocate and his team for the release of the workers. Malik Shafqat Abbas Awan has played an important role in the release of workers. MNA Jamal Ahsan appreciated the efforts of Malik Shafqat Abbas Awan and his team.

Student unions should be restored in colleges & universities: Students



Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha: A Youth Dialogue on Political Polarization was organized under the auspices of Bedari, Shaheen Regional Network, People's Social Welfare Society Sargodha and Department of Criminology and Sociology, University of Sargodha. Young students belonging to different political parties expressed

their views in the dialogue. They said that the problems of youth should be solved. Governments will have to make a clear policy responsibly to solve the daily increase in fees, solve the problems of transport, scholarships and above all unemployment. They further said that student unions should be restored in colleges and universities. This will bring new leadership in the country's politics and reduce political

polarization. The young students said that special funds should be kept for youth in the upcoming budget to ensure the provision of laptops, scholarships, bikes, sports grounds and easy youth loans. Lecturer Criminology Zainul Abideen, Zaraq Azhar, Senior Program Officer Bedari Irfan Awan, Chairman District Coordination Council Abdul Manan Chaudhry and others participated.

SNGPL disconnected 176 connections & imposed fine of Rs 3.9 million in crackdown against gas pilferers

Soon Times Correspondent Lahore: During the ongoing crackdown against gas pilferers, SNGPL continued raids in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Islamabad. It disconnected 176 connections and imposed fine of Rs 3.9 million. In Lahore, the team disconnected 22 connections on illegal use of gas, imposed a fine of 2.57 million against gas theft cases and lodged 2 FIR against gas pilferers. In Multan the team disconnected 12 connections on illegal use of gas and 06 on use of compressor. In Karachi, the company disconnected 05 connections on account of direct use and illegal use of gas, booked Rs 0.75 million against gas theft cases and lodged 3 FIRs against gas

pilferers. The regional team of Shikhpura disconnected 06 connections on illegal use of gas and booked an amount of Rs 0.3 million against gas theft cases. In Faisalabad the team disconnected 05 connections on illegal use of gas and imposed a fine of Rs 0.13 million against gas theft cases. In Peshawar the team disconnected 115 connections on illegal use of gas and booked an amount of Rs 0.21 million against gas theft cases. In Bahawalpur the team disconnected 01 connection on illegal use of gas. The regional team of Gujrat disconnected 02 connections on illegal use of gas. In Sahiwal the team disconnected 02 connections on illegal use of gas.

Election Commission could not conduct election as per schedule: Sheikh Nadeem Khawar



Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha: Election on arbitrary list of opponents is not acceptable in any case. We propose one-Shutter-one-vote elections. The opposition group will not be allowed to run away from the election of Anjuman Tajirran. All unions by 2024 should be given the right to vote. The Election Commission could not conduct the election as per the schedule due to which the election schedule has been suspended. These views were expressed by Sheikh Nadeem Khawar, Khawaja Ahmed Hanif, Mirza Mukhtar, Mirza Sulaiman Mughal, Rukhat Qureshi and Anjad Mahmood Blatti while addressing an emergency press conference. They said that we

filled the voter list of 2012 as supporters of the election so that the election of the traders in the city would be held in any way. But the opponents are determined to hold elections on their own list. In the voter list 2012 given by the opposition to the Election Commission, they forged and added 72 new names of their choice and removed the old names of the opponents. Three members of the Anjuman Tajirran Sheikh Nadeem Khawar group raised an objection to this in the Election Commission, after which the decision should be scrutinized on the objections. The opponents filed 166 objections on the list of 198 voters, on which the process of scrutiny began, but the process of scrutiny ended only on the 17th objection. The Election Commission was supposed to

display the final list of voters on Thursday, May 30, 2024, but due to the stubbornness of the opponents, the process of the ongoing schedule was left behind. According to the constitution, the schedule will be issued again to conduct the election. In response to a question, traders asked that any trader who is a tax payer of FBR should be given the right to vote. In response to a question, the traders said that we want the election on Form 45, while the opponents want the election under Form 47. Elections should be fair and transparent. If we lose, we will accept our defeat. Sheikh Nadeem Group will issue a new plan of action soon for which continuous consultation with business organizations across the district is ongoing.

Timely promotion of APCA Attock President



Soon Times Correspondent Attock: Ahmad Khan's departmental promotion is the result of hard work and sincerity. He always worked for the welfare of the employees. These views were expressed by Chief Executive District Education Authority Madam Sajida Mukhtar. She was interacting with the promoted president of the APCA District Attock Ahmed Khan of education department and a delegation of All Pakistan Clerks Association. Ahmad Khan's departmental promotion was crowded with congratulators in the office of CEO Education. Friends, office employees and

union members showered flowers on Ahmad Khan while distributing sweets on this happy occasion. APCA Health Unit President Khalid Mehmood appreciated CEO Education Madam Sajida Mukhtar's compassionate attitude towards the employees and thanked her for issuing the promotion order on time. On this occasion, the members of executive body Malik Rifat Hayat, Abdul Sattar, Asad Ali, APCA Tehsil President Hasan Abdul Mubarak Ali, President APCA Population Welfare Department Nadeem Aslam Haidari, Media Coordinator Dr. Shuja Akhtar Awan and others were present.

Stop filing false cases against PTI workers, Malik Ahmad Bhachar

Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE Punjab Assembly Opposition Leader Malik Ahmad Khan Bhachar asserted to Punjab government to abstain from filing unfair FIRs against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) workers. In a press conference in Lahore, Malik Ahmed claimed that the incumbent government was a forged government formed on Form-47, backed by court verdicts. He stated that the government's reliance on retired judges for making fair decisions was flawed, saying "Retired judges can't issue fair judgments." He reiterated, "You (government) are binding a person



sitting in court to the decisions of the cabinet." The opposition leader warned the incumbent Punjab government that its unfair treatment and injustice towards PTI would stick in its throat and nip itself in the nose of its own making. He also disclosed that his party was all set to initiate a movement to end FIRs against party workers.

He criticized the Punjab government, labeling it as a Tiktoker government that was exerting pressure on PTI workers, actions that would eventually haunt them. Referring to the May 9 riots incident, he highlighted that 16 individuals from PTI were martyred, yet no FIRs were registered against the perpetrators. He insisted that the incumbent government was turning the state into a banana republic by resorting to such tactics and stressed that the party shouldn't be subjected to injustice. Punjab Assembly opposition leader announced plans to start a movement for the release of PTI founder Imran Khan from what he referred to as fake cases.

PAKISTAN NAVY
SCNI (NORTH) AT NAVAL COMPLEX, SECTOR E-8 (ISLAMABAD)
TRANSPORT CONTRACT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 2024-JUNE 2025
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- HQ SCNI (North) invites sealed bids from the reputed Contractors/ Transporters having vast experience in providing Transport Services, registered with Income Tax and Sales Tax department for supply of under mentioned vehicles for the Fiscal Year 2024-2025
04 x Double Cabin and 04 x Cars, Make/ Model 2020-2022, including fuel on monthly basis for usage at Islamabad/ Lahore or decided by SCNI (North) Authorized Officers. Quotes are to be submitted for 01 month price inclusive of all taxes.
- Bidding documents, which are containing detailed terms and conditions, procedure for submission of bids, bid security, bid validity, opening of bid, evaluation criteria, clarification/ rejection of bids, performance guarantee etc are available for the interested bidders at cost of Rs. 500/- (Non Refundable) at following address:
HQ SCNI (North)
Naval Complex Sector E-8
Islamabad
051-20064113
- The bids, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the bidding documents must reach at HQ SCNI (North) Islamabad addressed to undersigned, on or before 15 June 2024 at 1030 hrs. Bids will be opened on the same day at 1100 hrs.

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Zelensky accuses China of pressuring other countries not to attend upcoming Ukraine peace talks



SINGAPORE
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky accused China on Sunday of helping Russia to disrupt an upcoming Swiss-organized peace conference on the war in Ukraine.
Speaking at Asia's premier security conference, Zelensky said that China is pressuring other countries and their leaders not to attend the upcoming talks. He did not say which ones.
"Russia, using Chinese influence in the region, using Chinese diplomats also, does everything to disrupt the peace summit," he said at a news conference at the Shangri-La defense forum. "Regrettably this is unfortunate that such a big independent powerful country."

A mass parachute jump over Normandy kick off commemorations for the 80th anniversary of D-Day



CARENTAN-LES-MARAIS, France
Paratroopers jumping from World War II-era planes heralded themselves Sunday into new peaceful Normandy skies where war once raged, heralding a week of ceremonies for the fast-disappearing generation of Allied troops who fought from D-Day beaches 80 years ago to Adolf Hitler's fall, helping free Europe of his tyranny.
All along the Normandy coastline — where three young soldiers from across the United States, Britain, Canada and other Allied nations waded ashore through hails of fire on five beaches on June 6, 1944 — French officials, grateful Normandy survivors and other admirers



Biden's Gaza plan 'not a good deal' but Israel accepts it, says Netanyahu aide

Falk reiterated Netanyahu's position that "there will not be a permanent ceasefire until all our objectives are met".

JERUSALEM
An aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed on Sunday that Israel had accepted a framework deal for winding down the Gaza war now being advanced by US President Joe Biden, though he described it as flawed and in need of much more work.
In an interview with Britain's Sunday Times, Ophir Falk, chief foreign policy advisor to Netanyahu, said Biden's proposal was "a deal we agreed to — it's not a good deal but we dearly want the hostages released, all of them."
"There are a lot of details to be worked out," he said, adding that Israeli conditions, including "the release of the hostages and the destruction of Hamas as a genocidal terrorist organisation" have not changed.
Biden, whose initial lookstop support for Israel's offensive has given way to open censure of the operation's high civilian death toll, on Friday aired what he described as a three-phase plan submitted by the Netanyahu government to end the war.
The first phase entails a truce and the return of some hostages held by Hamas, after which the sides would negotiate on an open-ended cessation of hostilities for a second phase in which remaining live captives would go free, Biden said.
That sequencing appears to imply that Hamas would continue to play a role in incremental arrangements mediated by Egypt and Qatar — a potential clash with Israel's determination to resume the campaign to eliminate the Iranian-backed Islamist group.

US, South Korea and Japan agree to hold joint military exercises

SEOUL/TOKYO
The United States, Japan and South Korea agreed to hold new trilateral joint exercises this summer, a joint statement issued by US Department of Defense said on Sunday, after a meeting of the three allies' defense ministers.
US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, Japan's Defense Minister Minoru Kihara and South Korea's Defense Minister Shin Won-sik met on Sunday in Singapore on the sidelines of the annual Shangri-La Dialogue security summit there.
The three "committed to continue to strengthen trilateral cooperation to ensure peace and stability in the Korean Peninsula, the Indo-Pacific, and beyond," according to the statement.
The three also agreed to establish a Trilateral Security Cooperation Framework this year in an effort to institutionalize their three-way defense cooperation.
The top defense officials of the three countries criticized North Korea's recent launches of ballistic missiles and a military spy satellite using ballistic missile technology as a violation of United Nations Security Council resolutions.



Israeli leader Netanyahu faces growing pressure at home after Biden's Gaza proposal



TEL AVIV, Israel
Israel's prime minister faced growing pressure Saturday after US President Joe Biden announced a proposed agreement to end the fighting in Gaza, with many Israelis urging Benjamin Netanyahu to embrace the deal but far-right allies threatening to collapse his government if he does.
Netanyahu called a permanent cease-fire in Gaza a "nonstarter" until longstanding conditions for ending the war are met, appearing to undermine the proposal that Biden described as an Israeli one.
A huge demonstration in Israel on Saturday night, led by families of hostages held by Hamas, urged the government to act now. Mediators the U.S., Egypt and Qatar pressed Israel and Hamas, saying the proposed deal "offers a road map for a permanent cease-fire and ending the crisis" and gives immediate relief to both hostages and Gaza residents.
But far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich and Minister of National Security Itamar Ben Gvir said they would break up the government if it takes the deal. That could expose Netanyahu to new elections, scrutiny over security failures that led to the war and — if he loses the prime minister post — prosecution on longstanding corruption charges.
Netanyahu's statement said that "Israel's conditions for ending the war have not changed: the destruction of Hamas' military and governing capabilities, the freeing of all hostages and ensuring that Gaza no longer poses a threat to Israel. Under the proposal."

Sports & Showbiz

T20 World Cup 2024: US defeat Canada by 7 wickets in opener



The United States claimed victory in the opening match of the T20 World Cup 2024 against Canada by seven wickets at the Grand Prairie Stadium in Dallas. Canada set a 195-run target for the US after they were put to bat first by the hosts in the opening match.
USA's Aaron Jones played a belligerent knock of 94 runs in 40 balls, which included four fours and 10 maximums, as the hosts chased 195-run target in only 17.4 overs.
USA made a slow start to the run chase as they slipped to 42-2 in the seventh over of the innings with both the openers, Steven Taylor (0) and Monank Patel (16), back in the hut. However, at this stage, Andries Gous and Jones took charge of the innings and stitched a brilliant match-winning partnership of 131 runs in 58 balls.
Gous scored 65 runs in 46 balls with the help of seven fours and three sixes.
Earlier, the USA had put Canada to bat first after winning the toss. The latter had posted 194 with the loss of five wickets. Opener Navneet Dhalwal and middle-order batter Nicholas Kirton scored fifties for Canada to set the platform for a competitive total.



Babar Azam opens up on 'pressure game' as Pak vs Ind T20 World Cup clash on June 9

Sports Desk
As Pakistan gears up to kick off its journey in the T20 World Cup 2024, skipper Babar Azam has acknowledged that there will be some nerves in the match against arch-rivals India in the tournament.
"The whole world is focused on the day when the Pakistan-India match is held. Naturally, there will be nerves," Babar said while speaking on a Pakistan Cricket Board's (PCB) podcast.
Noting that the rivalry between the two countries is always the most talked about, Babar said that the team was focused on the June 9 match as the players too get a different vibe and excitement since the clash is always the most talked about and is discussed globally.
Stressing the need to focus and stick to the basics, the skipper said things will get easier if the players are able to keep themselves calm and maintain belief in their own skills and hard work.
"It is always a pressure game," he added.
Hopeful to lift trophy
Furthermore, despite coming off from a 2-0 defeat in the recently concluded series against England, Babar said that he hopes to lift the trophy and that they have to give their best in each match to materialise this goal.
"I am happy and excited because when you go to play in a major event [...] the hope is always to lift the trophy, but for that to happen, we have to play top cricket against every side," he noted.
On the conditions that the Men in Green might face in the United States, Babar acknowledged that they can in fact pose a challenge as it will be the side's first instance playing in the US.
"We are in the process of collating various cricket and match-related information from players who have played there, which can help and assist us in our preparations," he said.
Stressing that the team can only control their own efforts on the pitch and not the results, the right-handed batter underscored the significance of how the players present themselves in the ground, their body language and communication.
Reflecting on his own accomplishments as a captain, Babar said that although he has performed "decent" by winning a few series, he acknowledges that winning an International Cricket Council (ICC) tournament is a different thing altogether.
"Lifting the ICC trophy is a different motivation. You go to a different level and get a lot of pressure. So, the motivation, aspiration and dream remain to lift an ICC trophy and present it to Pakistan," he noted.

Netflix 'Bridgerton' star Phoebe Dynevor lands new role



Phoebe Dynevor, who is popular for her role as Daphne Bridgerton in Netflix's period drama, is reportedly headed for a new gig.
As per the new findings of Deadline, the 29-year-old actress has been offered a gig in an unnamed Australian shark thriller film.
The flick is said to be produced by Adam McKay's production company and the acting sensation is considering the Sony Pictures project Tommy Wirkola, the writer-director, will reportedly helm the flick and the shooting will commence in July 2024 at Docklands Studios, Melbourne, per Daily Mail.
It is pertinent to mention here that the actress recently got engaged to actor Cameron Fuller and flaunted her engagement ring at this year's Met Gala as well.

Cristiano Ronaldo makes big announcement

Sports Desk
Cristiano Ronaldo ended the record-breaking season with Al Nassr by recalling his personal achievements, saying his team will make a stronger comeback.
Sharing a number of feats he achieved during the season, Ronaldo said, "Play, learn, grow, repeat. Thank you all for your support this season. We will come back even stronger!"
Ronaldo, 39, had a bittersweet season with Al Nassr. However, his team, for the first time in history, won the Arab Club Champions Cup.
The Portuguese footballer said that he was also able to smash some records with everyone's help as he managed to score 50 goals in 51 games.
Not only that, the legendary player also received a Saudi Pro League's top scorer award.
"Only possible with the help of my teammates and staff," he expressed.
Recalling that Al Nassr fell twice in penalty shootout against Al Hilal in the Saudi King's Cup, Ronaldo vowed that his team will come back stronger in the



next season.
Al Nassr faced a 5-4 defeat from Al Hilal in the King's Cup final on Friday in Jeddah.
"Thank you all for your love and support. Now it's time to focus on the Euro and give everything I have for my country," wrote the star player.