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ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operations Centre has launched the "Pak Nigheban App" to provide convenience to the public searching for healthcare facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the NCOC, the application would help find out the availability of ventilators and beds including your nearest hospital in the patient's closest proximity.

Pak Nigheban app was connected to 1,110 hospitals across the country. Citizens can download the app from Google Play Store and covid.gov.pk official website.

This app will be very helpful in providing timely information about emergency hospital beds and ventilators and other medical facilities. <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.govpk.covid19>.

Saudi virus cases top 100,000

RIYADH: The number of coronavirus cases in Saudi Arabia surpassed 100,000 on Sunday, the health ministry said, amid a new surge in infections just weeks ahead of the start of the hajj. The total number of infections rose to 101,914 – the highest in the Gulf – while the death toll climbed to 712, the ministry added. The kingdom has seen infections spike as it eases stringent lockdown measures, with the number of daily cases exceeding 3,000 for the second day in a row on Sunday. On Friday, the kingdom announced a renewed lockdown in the city of Jeddah, gateway to the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca, to counter the jump in cases. – APP

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PM okays action against sugar mafia

Cases being sent to NAB, FIA; recommendation of the inquiry commission to be fully followed

NEHAL MIRAJ / DNA

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan on Sunday approved action plan against beneficiaries named in sugar inquiry report.

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Accountability and Interior Ministry and chief of the Assets Recovery Unit (ARU) Shahzad Akbar said that it is a historic day for the country as no previous government had the courage to form such a commission.

Addressing a press conference highlighting contents of Sugar Inquiry Commission report, he said that neither have investigations been conducted over such matters in the past, nor has any government had the courage to make the investigations public.

He said sugar inquiry commission was established to ascertain the reasons of increase in sugar prices in the last few years.

Shahzad Akbar went on to say that the sugar inquiry commission was set up because there has been a cycle of sugar price increases from December 2018 to August 2019, where prices were hiked up to 33%, which, in rupee terms, translates to Rs17 per kilogram. He said the report explicitly says that sugar mill owners pay an amount to sugarcane growers even lower than the support price. In addition, all sugar mills make cuts in the weight of sugarcane of 15 to 30 percent.

Shahzad Akbar said the Commission also found irregularities in the form of giving advance payments to farmers in the form of cash or commodity, which is akin to unregulated banking.



ISLAMABAD: Barrister Shahzad Akbar called on Prime Minister Imran Khan on Sunday. He briefed him about sugar case. – DNA

Two more envoys leaving after term completion

A.M.BHATTI



ing his tenure.

Ambassador Furqat has till the time of appointment of new ambassador.

Farewell receptions for these outgoing ambassadors and high commissioners will not take place because of a pandemic however some of their colleagues hosted a very selective farewell get-together in order to say goodbye to them.

78 Chinese return to Pakistan for CPEC

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ISLAMABAD: Metalurgical Corporation of China LTD. (MCC), China's largest steel structure producer sent Chinese technicians on a charter flight operated by Air China to Karachi. According to a Gwadar Pro's report on Sunday, the team of 78 Chinese technicians along with 1.7 tons of urgent

ly-needed epidemic prevention supplies and treatment medicines, including medical masks, protective suits, infrared thermometers and glucometers was sent to ensure projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) proceed.

These Chinese staff had returned to China for Chinese New Year Holidays earlier this year and had become stuck due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the flight ban.

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COVID-19: China publishes white paper

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BEIJING: China on Sunday issued a white paper on the country's battle against COVID-19. The white paper, titled "Fighting COVID-19: China in Action," was issued by the State Council Information Office. The Chinese government released the white pa-

per to keep a record of the country's efforts in its own fight against the virus, to share its experience with the rest of the world, and to clarify its ideas on the global battle, according to the white paper.

The COVID-19 global pandemic is the most extensive to afflict humanity in a century, it said. Facing the "unknown,



unexpected, and devastating disease," China

its spread, the white paper said.

Making people's lives and health its first priority, China adopted extensive, stringent, and thorough containment measures, and has for now succeeded in cutting all channels for the transmission of the virus, it added.

Besides the foreword and afterword, the white paper consists of four parts:

"China's Fight against the Epidemic: A Test of Fire," "Well-Coordinated Prevention, Control and Treatment," "Assembling a Powerful Force to Beat the Virus," and "Building a Global Community of Health for All."

Full text of the white paper is available on www.islamabadpost.com.pk and www.dnanews.com.pk.

Britain to reopen places of worship

LONDON: The UK government said Sunday it will reopen places of worship "for private individual prayer" on June 15 as it continues to progressively ease coronavirus restrictions. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's office said services and worship groups will still be banned for the time being due to concern that the virus spreads more quickly in enclosed spaces.

"People of all faiths have shown enormous patience and forbearance, unable to mark Easter, Passover, Ramazan or Vaisakhi with friends and family in the traditional way," Communities Secretary Robert Jenrick said in a statement. – APP

Punjab, KP CMs call on PM

ISLAMABAD: Punjab Chief Minister Sardar Usman Buzdar and Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mehmood Khan Sunday called on Prime Minister Imran Khan here. During the meeting, they discussed the COVID-19 situation and development projects in their respective provinces. – DNA

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PMNH great source of natural history

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH) has proved to be a great source of scientific knowledge for young generation on past-time living organisms. According to a report of the PMNH, this stuff represented the natural history of Pakistan through the ages in an excellent manner. There are different galleries which displays animals, birds and plants along with their habitats, found in different eco-regions, ranging from the alpine heights to the seashores of Pakistan, an official said.

He said the Tethys Gallery provided visuals on Pakistan's Salt Range via the rocks, fossils and minerals collected there. In addition, a 3D diorama of the Kewra Salt Mine is also available nearby, compelling locals and foreigners alike to visit the real location near Jhelum, Punjab. He further said about ECO Gallery which depicts rock formations, as well as the food webs and life-cycles of animals. – APP

Pakistan Monuments asset of provinces

ISLAMABAD: The national monument like its name depicts the legacy of the country's grand heritage and culture as well as remarkable history reflecting unity of provinces with the hallowing glory of three territories. The architecture of the monument is unique in itself as it employs the symbolism of fragile and tender petals to represent the four provinces of Balochistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, and Sindh, while the three smaller petals represent the three territories (Gilgit-Baltistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir and the erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas). Moreover, the petals are not merely designed as separate pieces of construction rather emerge in the shape of a blooming flower representing Pakistan's progress as a rapidly developing country. An official told APP that the process for developing the monument was very interesting and transparent as after a competition among many renowned architects, Arif Masood's plan was selected for the final design. – APP

Water shortage in Pindi

RAWALPINDI: As the temperature rising, water taps run dry in Dhoke Elahi Bukhush street No. 2, which speaks the volume of negligence of Water and Sanitation Agency (WASA). There is no proper planning and mechanism evolved for the distribution of water in the locality.

The residents namely Anjum Raja, Shoaib Malik, Latif Ch, Arshad Khan, Zahoor Ahmed, Rab Nawaz, Ghulam Abbas, Riaz, Fayyaz, Ali Nawaz, Shafeek Ahmed, Muhammad Javed and Muhammad Aslam expressed their grievance and threatened to lodge a protest demonstration against WASA for not providing the water regularly. – APP



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of European Union Androulla Kaminara had great fun planting in order to create a roof garden. Good exercise too. She planted these saplings with the hope they would grow. The saplings included Grapes, various flowers, figs, various spices for cooking, even some cactus plants. – DNA

PTI sets model of good governance: Kanwal

ISLAMABAD: Parliamentary Secretary Planning Development and Special Initiatives, Kanwal Shauzab on Sunday said opposition leaders should laud Prime Minister Imran Khan for taking wise decisions amid pandemic crisis to strengthen the economy.

Total lockdown was never a solution as millions of people would lose their jobs or businesses, only safety measures and precautions would contain the novel contagion, she remarked while talking to a private news channel. The federal government has set up a hospital of one thousand beds in a short period of time to serve masses, she mentioned. – APP

CNG price reduced

ISLAMABAD: All Pakistan Compressed Natural Gas Association (APCNGA) on Sunday announced to decrease the commodity price by Rs 7.5 per liter in federal capital and Punjab for the month of June.

"CNG price in Punjab and Islamabad, based on RLNG, has been reduced by around Rs 7.5 per litre with immediate effect," APCNGA Central Chairman, Ghiyas Abdullah Paracha said in a brief statement after OGRA significantly reduced the price of imported Regasified Liquefied Natural Gas (RLNG). Following the reduction, the commodity would be available at all CNG stations of Islamabad and Punjab at new retail price of around Rs 64.5 per liter. The previous CNG rate was Rs 72 per litre, which after Rs 7.5 decrease, stood at Rs 64.5. – APP

Govt decision on a tax-free budget is laudable: Baloch

The FBR should prepare the budget in the light of existing sources of income. If the guidelines of international organizations are followed, the ongoing storm of inflation in Pakistan will increase

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ISLAMABAD: Ajmal Baloch, President All Pakistan Traders Association and Traders Action Committee Islamabad. Secretary Khalid Mehmood Chaudhry, Malik Rabbinwaz, Shehzad Abbasi, Abdul Rehman Siddiqui, Syed Altaf Hussain Shah, Yousuf Rajput, Chaudhry Aftab, Zafar Iqbal Gujjar,

Chaudhry Ghaffar, Raja Khurram Niaz, Chaudhry Irfan, Raja Javed, Raja Shahid, Chaudhry Reyast Ali, Raja Ambassador, Iftikhar Abbasi, Chaudhry Shafiq, Zahid Hussain, Muhammad Fayyaz and Mehboob Khan attended a meeting via video link. The meeting approved proposals from businessmen for the federal budget. Expressing his views on the occasion, Ajmal Ba-

loch said that Finance Advisor Hafeez Sheikh has announced that the next budget will be tax free which is appreciated by the business community and it is a good government decision because in the last three months Pakistan has suffered a lot economically, the economy has shrunk, the business of traders is on the verge of collapse. Under these circumstances, trad-

ers cannot afford any kind of tax. Various packages were announced by the government but there was no benefit other than the concession given in the electricity bill. The lockdown continues in the country and the government is warning that there will be more hardships in the future. He urged the FBR officials not to think too harshly. Khalid Mehmood

Chaudhry, Secretary, Traders Action Committee, Islamabad, said that the FBR should accept the cases of total audit and withdraw the notices issued. The decision to install point-of-sale devices on large business units should be postponed for the time being as the business is 60% closed. He further said that the economy is shrinking and the economic situation will

not improve in the future. In such cases, new taxpayers will not be found. The FBR should prepare the budget in the light of existing sources of income. If the guidelines of international organizations are followed, the ongoing storm of inflation in Pakistan will increase. He demanded the government to make the suggestions made by the traders a part of the budget. – APP

Naval chief message on the occasion of world oceans day

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ISLAMABAD: World Oceans Day is celebrated globally to highlight the significance of oceans and to promote awareness for sustainable use of oceans and marine resources. This year's theme is, 'Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean'.



Oceans are an essential component of the earth's ecosystem and sustainable oceans are critical for sustenance of life on earth. As the challenges to the oceans continue to grow, so does the need for novel solutions to fight these challenges. The purpose of observing this day is to inform the public of the impact of human actions on oceans and mobilize global efforts for sus-

tainable management of world's oceans. It is a day to join hands and pledge for making coordinated efforts to protect our oceans from various types of threats. In line with the spirit of celebrating the World Oceans Day, Pakistan Navy is playing a leading role in promoting safe and sustainable use of ocean resources.

Some of the major PN initiatives undertaken over the years include: beach cleaning, construction of harbour debris collection boats, Mangroves plantation, banning use of destructive fishing nets, tackling oil pollution at sea and coordination

with industrial community to reduce waste dumping into the sea. A number of events and activities have been arranged on the day to highlight the spirit of the day and to raise awareness about oceans and their resources. An active and forthcoming participation, with due regard to the prevailing COVID-19 situation, by all under Command will help promote the essence of the day.

On this day, let us reaffirm our commitment and resolve for preserving sustainable use of the oceans and marine resources. PN will continue to play an important role in the global and national efforts to protect and preserve the oceans; mankind's shared resource for sustenance and prosperity. – APP

'Islamabad's markets to get facelift'

CDA seals various premises

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman, Capital Development Authority (CDA) Aamir Ali Ahmed, on Sunday said on the demand of business community, several development projects have been included in the forthcoming budget. These projects included development of various markets, expansion of Expressway, Rawal Chowk extension, 10th Avenue, Industrial Areas and Kautha Triangle development works. He stated this while talking to Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) President Ahmed Waheed. ICCI President said CDA board had approved amendments in industrial building by-laws many years ago but the same have not been implemented and urged that the issue would be resolved soon. – APP

and other concerned formations participated in the operation.

During the operation conducted on Saturday, 78 premises including multi-storey buildings, real estate offices, building material depots and several under construction buildings in Ghoti Town Phase III to Phase-IX, Rehman Residencia, Green Garcia by Green Spire, Green Nest and Marwa Town were sealed. Some elements tried to halt the operation however, ICT administration handled the situation and operation was completed accordingly.

Capital Development Authority had served several operations to the owners of the sealed premises before conducting the operation.

COMSATS and WHO Telemedicine Training for Doctors

Master trainers from WHO shall train a number of participants including those from COMSATS Tele-clinics, Human Development Foundation (HDF) and Sehat Kahani, by using various demonstration tools and equipment

FIAZ CHAUDRHY

ISLAMABAD: The prevailing corona pandemic has strongly underpinned the significance and practicality of digital tools and mechanisms with telehealth being the most recognized one as health systems around the globe are under increasing stress. These changing trends in healthcare systems towards digital means have further underscored the need for knowledge, skill development and



of the training will help build relevant capacity of the doctors in Pakistan working for maternal and child healthcare services, with the aim to aid the healthcare system suffering a major setback due to closure of regular OPDs in some areas of the country amid lockdown. Master trainers from WHO shall train a number of participants including those from COMSATS Tele-clinics, Human Development Foundation (HDF) and Sehat Kahani, by using various demonstration tools and equipment.

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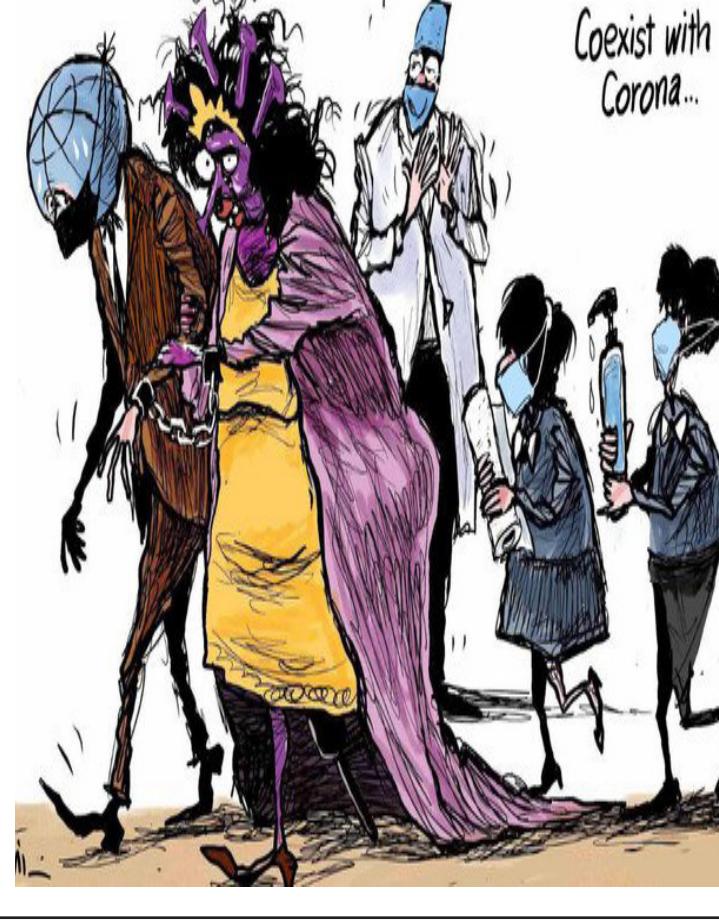
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Justice needed

THE brutal killing of a woman in the Dannuk area of Turbat in Balochistan last week has created a wave of anger among Baloch people. While news from Balochistan itself is thin on the ground, gatherings of protesters, most of them Baloch, from areas of Karachi such as Lyari and Malir, have drawn attention to the incident. Malika Naz, who was sleeping outside her house as is the custom in summer months, was killed while resisting a robbery attempt on her house (in Dannuk). Her four-year-old daughter Bramsh was severely injured with bullet wounds. The people of Turbat have been complaining for long that their lives and properties are constantly under threat at the hands of criminal gangs roaming around in that area. They have been trying to invite the attention of the authorities to do something about it, but to no avail. Two of the gang members have reportedly been arrested but the head of the gang is still at large. Kech district is not new to such reports. Locals have been saying that the ruling party has been unable to control rampant crimes of such nature in Balochistan generally, and in Kech particularly. The recent incident has sparked a series of protests across the province and must be tackled with respect and responsibility that can assuage the concerns of not only the victims of this crime but also of the local people who need to be assured that the government and the state institutions are there to protect the people from such criminals. Such inhuman acts of brutality must be stopped and the criminals brought to book. The wave of deaths in Balochistan has become more and more widespread over the years, with ethnic, criminal, nationalist and sectarian factors all involved. The violence simply adds to the feelings of unrest in Balochistan and the sense of insecurity amongst its people.

The Turbat incident must be investigated properly and peaceful protests be allowed so that people can vent their anger. Balochistan badly needs law and order, created by beginning a dialogue with all stakeholders and winning them over to the idea of a peaceful province which forms an important part of the federation of Pakistan. We need to do more for the people of a province whose voices are rarely heard and too often ignored. The government needs to devise a policy to ensure that the country's biggest province in terms of territory can find the potential it holds to contribute to the wellbeing of Pakistan and its people do not suffer the almost constant bouts of violence that have killed so many from various backgrounds.



Kashmir is a victim of Nehru - Mountbatten conspiracy

Justice (R) Ali Nawaz Chowhan



In the end I supplicate the people and the government of Great Britain to mitigate the great wrong done to the people of Kashmir by Mountbatten and his team by using its influence in stopping Indian aggression against civilian population in Kashmir, altering its disputed status, and by addressing the UN using the norm of Respect 2protection

THE red onyx clad room (khooni Kumra) where we judges met at tea break was a frequent reminder of the dishonest partition award for Punjab given by Radcliffe. Gurdaspur district a Muslim majority area adjoins Jammu And

Kashmir southern border was among the districts listed in the Indian Independence Act in Pakistan Punjab. But the 16th August Award 1947 changed this by giving Muslim majority theses to India. These were Gurdaspur, Batala, Ajnala, Jullundur, Nakodar, Ferozpur and Zira and part of Kasur.. This led to riots, huge exodus and massive killings of over a million people. While Radcliffe was flying back he was seeing below the bloodshed caused by the last minute dishonest changes he made in the award.

The book freedom at night gives us a factual picture of the consequences.

Why the award was altered so suddenly in favour of India.? According to Radcliffe to save the railways and the canal system. This argument was never convincing neither did he ever give better reasons for taking an excursion from the principle of contagious communal majority used for partition. Before leaving Radcliffe destroyed all his notes. .

Who influenced him ? All records and opinions point towards Mountbatten and Nehru who was influencing him although Mountbatten already had a Kashmir policy. Beaumont secretary to Mountbatten in a written statement he deposited in 1989 at the All Souls College Oxford had said that "Radcliffe had in fact allocated Ferozepore and Zira tehsils to Pakistan" That learning of this Mountbatten arranged lunch for Radcliffe and persuaded him to alter this position in favour of India under pressure from Nehru.. And this was done .According to Beaumont the viceroy was manipulating from behind the boundary award.

Alastair Lamb in his book the Kashmir dis-

pute 1991 argues that the so called accession to India on 27th Oct 1947 was the end result of deliberate planning, begun well before independence and that it was orchestrated to a considerable extent by Mountbatten..It is argued that origins of the dispute have to be sought in the strategic outlook that the British acquired in regards to India's vulnerable northern frontier. So changing the boundary award meant giving strategic access to India for Kashmir.

In his book the agony of Pakistan sir Ch Zafarulla Khan who represented Pakistan before the commission and later before the UN mentions how Mountbatten had been influencing the British Government and its U.N. representative at the UN against the strong case of Pakistan for self determination in Kashmir.

Ziegler the biographer of Mountbatten said there was good evidence that Mountbatten asked Radcliffe to change the award.

Mountbatten manipulated political changes by installing Justice Mahajan of Punjab as the Prime Minister removing Mr Kak who was not agreeing to the conspiracy.

He gave his own plane to carry Mahajan . The lady Mountbatten was in the plane as well .The Maharaja who was delaying his decision of accession to India too was influenced by Mountbatten and Sh Abdulla a friend of Mr Nehru of the National Congress.

I saw Sh. Abdulla at the Liquat gardens Rawalpindi when he visited Pakistan before Nehru's death. Perhaps he was regretful of his past conduct in becoming a part of the conspiracy. But it was too late. Kashmiris had been betrayed by their own leader.

Kashmir is bleeding since over seventy

years. The world is deaf towards the gross violations of their human rights and state led crimes against humanity. The two nuclear countries were at war three times. Daily there are breaches of the line of control .A lot of wasteful expenditure is being made for armament by both sides instead of amelioration of the teeming millions. So the pre-partition policy based on strategic considerations contemplated before partition and still nourished seem to be the great impediment .

Any way legally speaking India is an occupying force , the territory is disputed . Any change in the India constitution has no validity in international Law. We have to expose the Indian brutalities before the world . This is the best we can do and keep Pakistan strong united and prosperous . My salute to the Kashmiri martyrs of freedom and our soldiers who laid lives in defence.

In the end I supplicate the people and the government of Great Britain to mitigate the great wrong done to the people of Kashmir by Mountbatten and his team by using its influence in stopping Indian aggression against civilian population in Kashmir, altering its disputed status, and by addressing the UN using the norm of Respect 2protection.

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NAB's Destination-Corruption Free Pakistan

By Asim Ali

NAB has established Pakistan Anti corruption Academy in order to train its officers on modern lines. The conviction ratio of NAB is about 70 percent which is one of the highest as related to other anti corruption organisations in Pakistan. NAB has devised a state of art monitoring and evaluation system as well as annual grading system in order to judge the performance of its officers/officials on regular basis

THE elimination of corruption is voice of the whole nation. Corruption is a curse which is the root cause and mother of all ills being confronted by the country. Corrupt elements have no respect in the society. Corruption is the main hurdle in the progress and prosperity of the country. NAB was established for recovering the hard earned looted money from corrupt elements and to nab corrupt elements as per law.

Chairman NAB Justice Javed Iqbal immediately after taking over responsibilities of the Chairman NAB not only chalked our comprehensive anti corruption strategy by adopting Accountability for all policy zero tolerance.

Honourable Mr Justice Javed Iqbal's top priority is the eradication of corruption from country at all cost by utilising all resources as per law. He is an upright, honest and committed person and under his leadership today NAB is progressing excellent.

Justice Javed Iqbal had introduced various reforms in NAB. He believes in taking action against the corrupt elements without any discrimination and fear as per law. According to PILDAT survey 42 percent people expressed their confidence over NAB.

Other such institutions specially police enjoy 30 percent confidence of the people. The performance of NAB has also been appreciated by Transparency International, World Economic Forum, PILDAT and MISHAL Pakistan. NAB has himself changed its standard of Procedures and fixed time frame of 10 months from complaint Verification to inquiry to investigation and finally filling of reference in respected Accountability court which is yielding positive results. NAB has also introduced best of the best system of combine investigation team in each case in order to benefit from collective wisdom which has been not only put in place but the standard of investigation is improving day by day as well as this has improved the workings of investigation officers.

NAB has also established forensic science laboratory in Islamabad and anti corruption training academy in Islamabad to train NAB its officers to investigation officers about white collar crimes on modern lines. Positive results are being expected to pour in. More than 1229 corruption references of MAB are under trial in respected accountability courts as per law and approximately value is more than Rs 900. National Accountability Bureau (NAB) under the dynamic leadership of Justice Javed Iqbal has recovered Rs. 178 billion directly or indirectly

from the corrupt elements and deposited in the national exchequer which is exemplary achievement.

Pakistan is the only country which has signed anti corruption MoU with China in order to oversee CEPC projects being completed in Pakistan which is honour not only for Pakistan due to NAB. NAB is the role model for SARC Countries, due to which NAB was elected Chairman of SAARC anti corruption forum. NAB is the focal department of Pakistan under United Nations Convention against corruption which is pride for Pakistan.

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in order to train its officers on modern lines. The conviction ratio of NAB is about 70 percent which is one of the highest as related to other anti corruption organisations in Pakistan. NAB has devised a state of art monitoring and evaluation system as well as annual grading system in order to judge the performance of its officers/officials on regular basis. NAB strongly believes in self respect of every person as well as NAB is committed to have its own self accountability. On the directions of Chairman NAB, NAB has established complaints cells in

NAB headquarters as well as in all regional bureaus to address the complaints of people related to corruption and corrupt practices. More than 3500 people have met with chairman NAB personally in order for resolution of their complaints which are happy as their complaints are processed on merit. The anti corruption strategy of NAB is being acknowledged as the most effective strategy against corruption in Pakistan. Today NAB has become most prestigious and effective anti corruption institution of the country due to its effective measures taken in last 28 months under the leadership of present chairman NAB.

Chairman NAB always appreciates honest, hard working and committed officer working with dedication. He believes taking strict action as per law against diligent officers as per law. The Chairman NAB took notices of against 56 complaints in Punjab, fake currency accounts and 435 off shore companies as well as notice related to sugar, wheat and high prices of medicines as per law. Youth is the future of Pakistan, On the directions of Chairman NAB, NAB has signed MOU with higher education commission in order to award students in universities and colleges about the ill effects of corruption. Today more than 50 thousands character building societies have been established in universities and colleges due to NAB efforts.

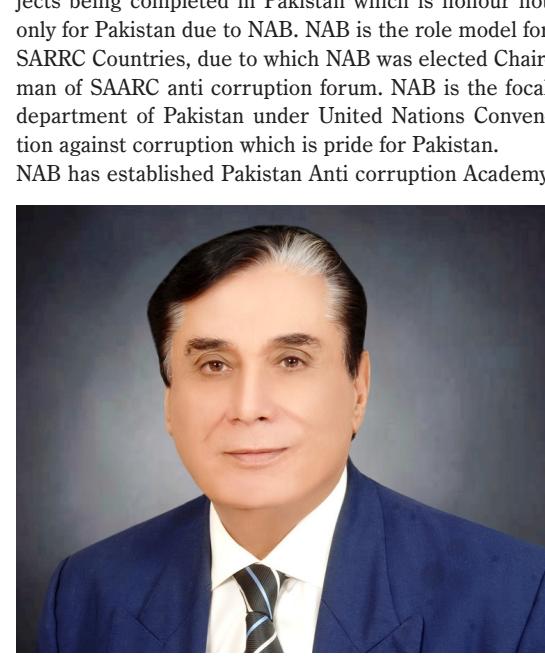
Honourable Chairman NAB Mr. Justice Javed Iqbal is absolutely committed to take all the mega corruption cases into logical conclusion as per law. It is important to note here that bail is not the logical conclusion of any case. NAB has decided to file appeals against the bail after receipt of certified copies of the decisions of the Honourable Courts as per law. NAB hopes that joint efforts of all stakeholders could materialise the dream of corruption free Pakistan into reality. NAB officers/officials are committed to eradicate corruption considering it as their national duty under the dynamic leadership of Honourable Mr. Justice Javed Iqbal, Chairman NAB.

Forgetting the front line

NEVERY day we hear about more doctors and para-medical staff succumbing to Covid-19 in their battle to save patients suffering from the disease. It is surprising that there is no regular update exclusively on the medical staff and if you want to find out how many of them in total have died or have been infected you don't have a single portal for such information, in fact you end up with the combined tally covering all the people without a separate dataset for medical staff in Pakistan. Moreover, the guard of honour and salutes presented to healthcare professionals in March have also evaporated in thin air and now practically nobody is talking about them anymore, apart from reports of their individual deaths or infections.

Healthcare staff are fighting at the frontlines of the Covid-19 outbreak and they must be properly respected and rewarded for their services that are now beyond their normal call of duty. It is distressing not only for the healthcare staff but also for their relatives that in many hospitals across the country they are forced to work long hours and that too without personal protective equipment. We have seen protests by healthcare staff in cities such as Dera Ismail Khan, Quetta, and Sukkur, where they complained about lack of PPEs and N-95 masks. In the absence of a regular supply of new PPEs and N-95 masks they are forced to work with used ones that are already exposed, and this may even be causing an increasing number of deaths and infections among the healthcare community.

A recent report from the health department in Lahore revealed that quite a few doctors and nurses are already infected with coronavirus across Punjab. The case may not be different in other parts of the country because healthcare staff get the most exposure to the virus. We have an alarming rate of infection among healthcare professionals and the trend must be contained. We suggest that everyday the number of deaths and infections among the healthcare community including the janitorial staff be made public and special allowances be announced for them and their security – in the face of the violence they face from a confused public. They are our frontline warriors and we need to protect and support them as much as we can.



C'wealth Points of Light Award: Queen honours Pak Volunteers

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ISLAMABAD: Her Majesty The Queen has honoured two outstanding volunteers with a Commonwealth Points of Light Award during a phone call hosted by British High Commissioner Dr Christian Turner CMG.

The award to Huzaifa Ahmad (Co-Founder and CEO Rizq) and Syed Hassaan Irfan (Executive Director, Rizq), recognised their work providing food security to local communities, especially during the coronavirus pandemic. celef the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering.

The call with Her Majesty The Queen also marked National Volunteering Week in the UK, an annual celebration of the power and contribution of volunteering. Huzaifa and Hassaan run social enterprise Rizq, which started as a university project in 2015 aimed at ensuring a hunger free Pakistan by distributing excess



food to the most vulnerable. During the coronavirus pandemic and in the holy month of Ramazan, Huzaifa and Hassaan mobilised a network of over 3,000 volunteers to distribute over 2.2 million meals to across 23 cities. **Huzaifa Ahmad said:** 'Food is a fundamental need. For every human to reach his or her true potential it is important that for this basic right to be accessible, affordable and available. "I want to thank

the Commonwealth for recognising our efforts and honouring us with this award. I would like to dedicate it to our amazing volunteers and Rizq heroes.'

Syed Hassaan Irfan said: 'We have more food than ever before yet more people than ever go hungry every day. We all have an individual responsibility to eliminate hunger - no one should go without a daily meal. "This award is a tribute to the people of



Pakistan, the work of volunteers in Pakistan, and our strong tradition of helping each other.'

The British High Commissioner, Dr Christian Turner CMG, said: "It was an honour to hear Her Majesty recognise Rizq's remarkable work to tackle food insecurity. Moments like this are examples of the profoundly positive relations between the UK, Pakistan and Commonwealth".

Briefs

SBP provides liquidity of 1 trillion

ISLAMABAD: After announcing the relief package for the people affected by lock downs across the country to contain COVID-19, the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) has so far provided liquidity relief of over Rs 1 trillion to various sectors. According to data issued by SBP, under the Rozgar Scheme, 291,172 businesses with around 865,000 employees have so far been provided Rs 92 billion financing. Similarly 697,294 borrowers have been benefited with Rs 495 billion principal amount deferred while Rs 71 billion restructured or rescheduled. – APP

Chinese docs treat Pak soldier

BEIJING: The Chinese peacekeeping medical team treated Pakistani peacekeeping soldiers who recently sustained injuries in Mikingi, Democratic Republic of Congo, local Chinese media reported. Two Pakistani soldiers were injured by illegal armed gunmen in an attack on Pakistani peacekeeping camp in Mikingi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and were soon transported to the secondary hospital of Chinese peacekeeping force, "China Military the only official English-language news website of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) reported. – APP

Sixth special flight from US on 14TH

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ISLAMABAD: A special charter flight of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) will depart from O'Hare International Airport of Chicago on June 14, to repatriate stranded Pakistanis from the United States (US). This will be the sixth special flight from the US to repatriate Pakistanis who were stuck up there following the suspension of flights operations in the aftermath of COVID-19 pandemic.

Pakistan staff part of Chinese style-safety system

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ISLAMABAD: Eighty-seven Pakistani staff of SK Hydropower Station project participated in a grid management system to ensure the safe project production during the spread of COVID-19.

SK Hydropower Station project is one of the priority projects under CPEC, with a large occupied area in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. According Gwadar Pro, considering the severe situation of COVID-19 pandemic, the project adopted a grid management system which separates the whole station area into several apartments so that staff can manage safe production. Whole SK Hydropower Station occupied area is



separated into 40 independent management units, 401 grid cells, and arranged a total of 407 grid managers, including 87 Pakistani staff. Each grid manager is responsible to take prevent-

tion measure of their own grid cell. Therefore such a huge project can be supervised so that whole station remain safe amidst COVID-19 outbreak.

According to Akhabab Sharif, a leader of epidemic

prevention who works as a bridge between Chinese staff and Pakistani staff, ever day since grid management system implemented, staff's temperatures is taken and staff's physical situations recorded and sorted into archives. He often teaches both Pakistani and Chinese staff how to prevent epidemic and reminds them washing hands. "China has achieved great success in COVID-19 pandemic control."

Ambassador Moin holds virtual meeting with Kashmiri Diaspora

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Qureshi has raised the Kashmir issue with the United Nations and his counterparts in all important capitals. He also informed them of the positive role being played by the various human rights organizations, parliamentarians includ-

ing members of the European Parliament, and journalists around the world in condemning the Indian excesses in IOKJ and raising their voice for the fundamental rights of the people of Kashmir. While appreciating the efforts made by Kashmiri

and Pakistani diaspora in France for the Kashmir cause, the Ambassador urged to intensify them and not to forget their Kashmiri brothers and sisters at a time when the world's attention is focused more towards the coronavirus pandemic.

The Kashmiri and Pakistani community members shared a number of suggestions with the Ambassador so that they could better project the Kashmir cause with one voice. They also assured of their full support to the Embassy and the Government of Pakistan in highlighting the Kashmir issue at all forums in France.

PTI Govt to finalise budget on Monday

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ISLAMABAD: The government is expected to finalise budget 2020-21 tomorrow (Monday) as experts predicted more focus and allocation for the health sector and the decision to ban indirect subsidies, in accordance with the IMF's demands.

"The estimated loss to GDP growth has been worked out at Rs2.6 trillion which will also be finalised in the June 8 meeting," officials at one of the economic ministries said. The IMF has also asked the government to erode.

French army kills al-Qaeda's Abdelmalek

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PARIS: France said on Friday that its military has killed al-Qaeda's North Africa chief Abdelmalek Droukdel, a key fighter who its forces had been hunting for more than seven years, during an operation in Mali.

"On June 3, French army forces, with the support of their local partners, killed the emir of al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, Abdelmalek Droukdel, and several of his closest collaborators, during an operation in northern Mali," French Armed Forces Minister Florence Parly wrote on Twitter. There

was no immediate confirmation of his death from al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, known as AQIM. Droukdel's reported death comes almost six months after French President Emmanuel Macron and the leaders of the G5 Sahel group - Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad - launched a new plan combining their military forces under one command structure to fight armed groups linked to al-Qaeda and the ISIL (ISIS) group. France, a former colonial power in the region, deployed 600 additional soldiers to its Barkhane force, raising the number of troops there to 5,100.

Uzbek President pays visit to Uz-Segang

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TASHKENT: The Head of the state got acquainted with the activities of Uz-Segang joint venture in Tashlak district of Ferghana region.

About 20 fruit, vegetable and viticulture clusters were created in 6 specialized districts of Fergana region. This year they plan to produce 288 thousand tons of products and export 120 thousand tons. For this, there are refrigerated warehouses with a capacity of more than 330 thousand tons, 25 logistics centers and 90 processing enterprises.

Uz-Segang is capable of processing and exporting 16 thousand tons of agricultural products per year. A modern logistics center worth 100 billion UZS has been created here, which is equipped with advanced technologies from Italy, Turkey, South Korea and China. So, according to Italian ICEOL technology, cherries are sorted and packaged by color and size. The line is capable of detecting and isolating defective fruits with a laser. The South Korean SNP line sorts pomegranates in the same way, showing which fruits have not ripened or started to rot. This contributes to gaining customer confidence and supplying only selected products to the market. The company's products have Global G.A.P. international certificate.

This year, products worth US\$20 million will be exported to China, South Korea, the United Arab Emirates, Poland, Russia and Kazakhstan. 250 young men and women work here.

I will fight them with truth: Cynthia

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ISLAMABAD: American journalist Cynthia D Ritchie, who had accused PPP leader Rehman Malik of raping her in a video message a couple of days ago, said that the former interior minister should be asked about "that night".

"The flowers, the electronic device (unusual) gift & the drugged drinks he gave me," she tweeted. Cynthia alleged that the PPP was harassing her to write in favour of the party. In response to a question about whether she was ready for court or not, Cynthia tweeted: "Absolutely. As I said before, I'm ready for a court. All the documents, voice notes, filthy images and rape threats from PPP, the data scientists who've assisted in putting together this nexus [sic] of harassment. I hope PPP is ready for my suit."

Germany providing direct assistance only to Uzbekistan among Central Asian countries

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TASHKENT: Germany will change one of the cooperation directions in foreign policy and suspend active cooperation projects with a number of countries. The Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) will undergo serious changes: the number of partner countries that Germany has previously assisted will be reduced from 85 to 60. In particular, Germany is expected to maintain broad economic cooperation only with Uzbekistan in Central Asia. A final decision on the so-called BMZ-2030 reform has not yet been made. The ministry is still considering a concept that is



expected to be approved this summer. Minister Gerd Müller explained the news by saying that Germany wants its support for the development of the countries to be "more effective and substantial". Closing projects in 25 countries under the BMZ-2030 is explained by the fact that some of these countries are no longer underdeveloped and do not need support, while others are failing to achieve positive results in the fight against corruption, human rights and governance. According to the ministry, these changes do not necessarily mean that Germany is "no longer a partner state" with these countries – it is just a "change in the form of cooperation". However, according to the DW,

the reform will effectively eliminate direct bilateral relations between Germany and more than 20 countries, mediated by two institutions - the GIZ International Development Association and the

KfW State Development Bank. The only partner of BMZ in Central Asia will be Uzbekistan.

"Our cooperation will be strengthened due to the progress made as a result of reforms over the past three years," the ministry said.

It was noted that in 2019, BMZ agreed to support new projects in Tashkent to reform health care, small and medium enterprises and vocational education. The ministry added that the projects launched in cooperation with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan will be completed. Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan are also absent on the list. It was explained that "they have never been bilateral partners of BMZ, but were only involved in a number of regional projects."