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Ruckus in SA as PTI MPAs sit on Opp benches

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly witnessed a noisy session on Monday as the disgruntled lawmakers, who announced to vote for Pakistan People's Party (PPP), sat on opposition benches. As per details, opposition parties of Sindh including PTI objected on seating in the assembly and asked Speaker to make disgruntled lawmakers leave opposition benches and sit on treasury seats. PTI leader Khuram Sher Zaman demanded to de-seat the lawmakers who 'sold their votes' and asked Election Commission of Pakistan to take notice of the floor crossing in the Assembly. He further alleged the members of ruling PPP make money through illegal means than buy vote of MPAs like Aslam Abro

and Shahar Yar Khan Shar. **Women empowerment is our manifesto: Bilawal**
The Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, in his message for Women's Day said that women empowerment and gender equality was the dream of Benazir Bhutto. Bilwal said that PPP is working leaps and bounce to fulfill Benazir Bhutto's dream. Swift global changes on economic, political and societal fronts are taking place. This century will be the century of women's resilience. PPP's chairman further said that party will work for women independence and gender equality regardless of being in opposition or government. Pakistan People's Party (PPP) provincial government in Sindh gave loans to women on easy conditions for busi-



Islamabad: Prime Minister Imran Khan chairs meeting on provision of direct subsidy on food items to deserving persons held.

Wellbeing of the poor, deserving people govt's top priority: PM

PTI senators receiving offers for chairman slot: PM

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The election for the post of Senate chairperson hasn't already begun and PTI senators are being offered money to sell their votes, claimed Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday. The prime minister was chairing a meeting of the party's members where he said that the recently-held Senate elections proved the suspicions that the PTI government had. "The Opposition used money to win the Islamabad seat," he said, referring to Dr Abdul Hafeez Shaikh's surprise loss to former prime minister Yousaf Raza Gilani. The prime minister urged party representatives to highlight the issue of the Opposition allegedly buying votes in the Senate elections, adding that the PPP and the PML-N have been using money as a tool to influence elections in the past as well. "These people first spend money to get elected and then spend the same money [on illegal activities]," said PM Imran Khan.

The premier continued his criticism of the Election Commission of Pakistan, saying that its role had remained controversial even in the past. "The ECP said the same thing even in the Daska by-election," he said. PM Imran Khan lashed out at PDM's joint candidate for the post of Senate chairman, former premier Yousaf Raza Gilani, adding that the PPP leader had "destroyed [the concept of] morality [in politics] and the entire nation is watching his actions". Urging his party members to push back against the Opposition's narrative, the PTI chairperson said that his party's senators were already receiving offers to sell their votes for the upcoming Senate elections. "I know very well which senator was offered what," said the prime minister, adding that money was used to influence the Senate elections not only in Islamabad but also in KP. Another report adds: Prime Minister Imran Khan says wellbeing of the poor and deserving people is top priority of the government. He was talking to Sen-

ator Faisal Javed and Senator Zeeshan Khanzada about expansion of Panagahs' network and implementation of the Program "no one sleeps hungry," in Islamabad today (Monday). The Prime Minister said the government is endeavoring to help the deserving people at individual as well as institution level in consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders. **PM discusses 'no one sleeps hungry' programme**
PM Imranon Monday has met Senators Faisal Javed and Zeeshan Khanzada and discussed the implementation of the program "no one sleeps hungry." During the meeting, the participants also deliberated upon expanding Panagahs' network. On the occasion, the PM said that wellbeing of the poor and deserving people is top priority of the government. He said the government is endeavoring to help the deserving people at individual as well as institution level in consultation and cooperation with all stakeholders.

PSX sheds 786 points on raise in oil prices

KARACHI: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) nosedived on Monday owing to high inflation risk following rise in international oil prices and the bench KSE-100 Index shed 786.3 points (-1.72 percent) to close at 45,051.05 points. The KSE-100 Index opened up on a positive note and gained almost 600 points during the initial hours of the trading activity on account of rising political stability. However, the situation quickly took a turn for worse after crude oil prices surged more than two percent following a missile attack on facilities owned by energy giant Aramco in Saudi Arabia. The KSE-100 Index traded in a range of 1583.3 points, showing an intraday high

of 46,432.3 and a low of 44,849 points. Among other indices, the KSE All Share Index shed 437.11 points (-1.39pc) to close at 30,964.91 points. Likewise, the All Share Islamic Index shed 391.23 points (-1.71pc) to close at 22,437.3 points. A total of 405 companies traded shares in the stock exchange, out of them shares of 85 closed up, shares of 311 closed down while shares of 9 companies remained unchanged. All share volume increased by 142.63m to 459.87m shares, while market capitalisation decreased by Rs109.07b. The number of total trades increased by 47,169 to 167,248, and value traded increased by Rs8.81b to Rs24.75b. —TLTP

6th Sense Women Awards today

LAHORE: The Business Super being the media partner of the 6th Sense Women Awards 2021 powered by 6th Sense Group, Scaryammi and Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This grand event will be held at the Governor House, Punjab today (Tuesday) at 2:30 pm. The 6th Sense Women Awards which are being powered by 6th Sense Group, the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and Scaryammi. 6th Sense is a leading real estate consultancy group based in Lahore. Women Awards are being powered by Scaryammi, Pakistan's leading mothering platform led by Ayesha Nasir. The co-sponsors for the events are: Nestlé, Molty Foam, Milkpak, Cheetay, Happy Cow, Lacas, Butter-

fly and many more. Such events are important since they provide our women with the acknowledgment and appreciation they deserve. Excited to be a part of the start studded event where Sunita Marshall, Naveed Raza, Zhaley Sarhadi, Natasha Hussain, Nadya Hussain, Hajra Yamin, Ayesha Omar, Sophiya Anjum, Nomi Ansari, and many others. Women are the real celebrities as put their heart and soul into their homes for the real celebrities and they deserve applause for this great service. The women's awards are a joint initiative between 6th Sense, Scaryammi and the Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The 6th sense is a real estate marketing company! —Abdullah Khan

PDM nominates Gilani as joint candidate Sit-in will start from 26th till goals achieved: PDM

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The sit-in of the opposition parties after long march would continue until the goals are achieved, Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) said in its recommendations on Monday. A meeting of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) was held in the federal capital under the chairmanship of JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman. The meeting was attended by Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz among others. Matters pertaining to the proposed candidates of joint opposition for the forthcoming elections of the Senate Chairman and deputy Chairman came under discussion during the meeting. Sources said that the matters regarding anti-government movement of the 11-party opposition alliance and in-house change in Punjab were also reviewed in the huddle. Sources said that the recom-

mendations of the PDM's committee have also been presented in the meeting. According to the recommendations, the long march will start from Karachi on March 26 with a public gathering. All the processions will reach Islamabad by 3 pm on March 30. According to the recommendations, all parties should be mobilised to bring in as many people as possible. A central camp will be set up in Faizabad to welcome the participants. Camps will be set up at Rawat Chowk, Chungi No 26, Bara Kahu and other important places. The parties will organize their processions separately. The recommendations further stated that, all parties will bear their own expenses. The senior leadership of PDM should immediately visit all the four provinces. A joint poem should be prepared to mobilise the people for the long march. Committees should be formed immediately. The various committees include Control Room, Media and Advertising Committee, Reception Committee. According to the recommendations of

the committee, the formation of security committee, facilities committee, legal committee, finance committee, program committee, food committee and medical committee are included. Arrangements should be made before the participants arrive at the site of the sit-in. The sit-in will continue till the objective is achieved. Traders, farmers and trade unions should be contacted and fully mobilised. Another report adds: The PDM on Monday nominated newly elected PPP Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani as joint candidate in the forthcoming Senate chairman election. A meeting of PDM was held in the federal capital under the chairmanship of JUI-F chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and attended by PPP Chairman Bilawal Zardari and PML-N Vice President Maryam among others. Mehmood Khan Achakzai, Aftab Sherpao, Usman Kakar, newly elected Senator Sajid Mir, ANP's Mian Iftikhar Hussain, Senator Yousuf Raza Gilani, former PM Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Raja Pervez Ashraf

NCOC to review reopening schools amid rise in virus

ISLAMABAD: The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) on Monday decided to review the decision to reopen schools amid the rising trend of coronavirus cases across the country. The NCOC meeting, presided over by Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Asad Umar, was attended by National Coordinator Lt Gen Hamood Uz Zaman Khan as well as representatives from each province via video link. Last month, Federal Minister for Education Shafiqat Mahmood had announced that schools in major cities would resume routine classes from March 1 in view of the declining trend of Covid-19 cases across the country. But the trend now appears to be reversing, with Special Adviser to the PMon Health Dr Faisal Sultan, issuing a stark warning to "remember that the pandemic is not over" last week. —APP

Women shared a great for glory of nation: COAS

RAWALPINDI: Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa, in his statement on the International Women's Day, Monday said Pakistani women contributed immensely for glory and honor of our nation. Director General Inter-Services Public Relations (DG ISPR) Major General Babar Iftikhar shared the army chief's message on twitter. The COAS said women are also at forefront against covid-19. Women in uniform have proved their mettle by contributing copiously in diverse fields serving the nation and humanity, General Bajwa said while adding that they deserve our immense respect and gratitude. COAS tweeted "Pakistani women contributed immensely 4 glory & honour of our nation. They are also @ forefront against COVID. Women in uniform have proved their mettle by contributing copiously in diverse fields serving the nation & humanity. They deserve our immense respect & gratitude" COAS. —Online

CAA decides new int'l airlines flights

KARACHI: The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has decided to facilitate new airlines under the Aviation Policy 2021 to allow operating international flights after completing the period of six months for domestic operations. The aviation authority has prepared recommendations to be sent to the higher authorities for allowing the new airlines to commence international flight operations. However, permission will be given to the new airlines on the condition of its performance, regulatory and punctuality. The performance review will include the timely departures and arrivals prior to getting permission for international flight operation. Moreover, it is declared mandatory to run domestic flights on social-economic routes by the airlines like Sukkur, Bahawalpur and others. The development came after the CAA completed the preparations for implementing the new Aviation Policy 2021 in light of PM Imran Khan's directives. —DNA

Five 'BLA terrorists' killed

QUETTA: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) killed five suspected terrorists said to be associated with the outlawed BLA in Balochistan's Mastung, security officials said on Monday. According to sources within the Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD), when the police reached a house in Mastung, the terrorists hiding there opened fire at the personnel. Five of the terror suspects were killed when the police returned fire. Others managed to flee. 10 kilogrammes of explosives, detonators, and three Kalashnikovs were



'I being slandered through media,' Justice Isa tells SC

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Justice Qazi Faez Isa claimed that he was being public slandered with propaganda against him through controlled media. — Photo: SC website/File Justice Qazi Faez Isa said on Monday that he was being slandered and that propaganda targeting him was being broadcast through "controlled" media. The judge made these remarks in the Supreme Court during a hearing on an application moved by him, seeking live telecast of court proceedings of the review petition in his case. In his petition, Justice Isa said the move to broadcast the proceed-

ings live would bring more transparency and discipline in the court's conduct. A 10-judge SC bench, presided by Justice Umar Ata Bandial, is hearing the petition. "I am being publicly maligned. Propaganda is being spread against me through controlled media," said Justice Isa. He claimed that the government had "destroyed" the media and would now set its sights on social media platforms such as YouTube. He said if live coverage was allowed of his case then it would be clear for all to see what is "just and true". "They are afraid of truth and justice. They are scared," the peti-

tioner judge said. Justice Bandial asked the Additional Attorney General (AAG) Aamir Rehman about the remarks of Justice Isa on restrictions on the media. The AAG responded that while the court had always spoken about the freedom of the media, it had never ruled that live coverage of court proceedings was the right of the media. Rehman said the federal government had declared Justice Isa's application as inadmissible, adding that "[court] proceedings in review petitions cannot be requested for live coverage," adding that Section 184/3 of the Constitution could not be applied to review cases. "No new stance