

PTA blocks 732,000 SIMs: NA body told

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) Friday informed the National Assembly Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication that it had blocked around 732,000 illegal Subscriber Identity/Identification Modules (SIMs) during 2021 till date. However, the committee meeting that was chaired by Ali Khan Jadon, expressed dissatisfaction over the action taken against the illegal use of the SIM cards, directing the PTA and NADRA chairmen to appear before the body with a comprehensive plan of action in that regard. The committee observed that the illegal SIMs were a threat to the country's security. The chairman said "We want to end the issue of illegal SIMs as soon as possible but the departments concerned are not cooperating with us as these are threatening the national security."

PTA representatives informed the committee that the authority had introduced stringent measures to check the illegal SIMs and problems had been considerably reduced. He said the PTA had also taken punitive action against mobile operators whose sales centers or franchises were found involved in the issuance of SIMs without fulfilling mandatory requirements and verification. "We have directed the mobile operators not to issue SIMs without biometric verification". Member National Assembly Sher Ali Arbab was critical towards the PTA for not solving the issue of the illegal SIMs and said, "We are hearing the same briefing from the last many months as no concrete steps have been taken by the authority to settle the issue threatening to national security". He was of the view that the chairman of the committee must take action against those officials who were summoned, but failed to appear and brief the body. The lawmakers were of the view that all the fraudulent activities were being carried out through these illegal SIMs. Member Naz Baloch suggested establishing special cyber units in the police stations for the registration of complaints. She also recommended empowerment of Cybercrime Department by employing more staff as the existing strength was insufficient to handle the growing cases of cyber-crimes. Member National Assembly Ali Gohar Khan suggested getting a

comprehensive briefing on cyber-crime related legislation. The chairman asked the PTA officials to share national policy on cyber-crime with the members of the committee in next meeting. **DC Ghotki chairs meeting over anti Polio drive** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Ghotki, Abdullah Usman Chachar has directed the district health officers to prepare a comprehensive strategy to get 100 percent results during upcoming three-day polio eradication campaign. The health officers should also seek cooperation of the transporters through the representatives of the transporter association so that anti-polio drops could also be administered to children up to five years of ages in buses, wagons and vans. The DC issued these directives while presiding over a meeting of the District Polio Eradication Committee which was held on Friday at DC office. He also asked the police officers of the district to extend their full cooperation to vaccination teams while administering anti-polio drops at the bus stop as the children, coming to district from other districts of the country could be a source of prevailing polio virus. —Agencies



LARKANA: An old female vendor displays and arranges clothes to attract the customers at Shahi Bazaar Road.

CDA declares all brick kilns in Islamabad illegal

ISLAMABAD: The Capital Development Authority (CDA) has declared all brick kilns in federal capital illegal. Director Land CDA Afhan ALam has filed report in this regard in Islamabad High Court (IHC). According to CDA report owners of brick kilns in Islamabad could not provide proof regarding permission about kilns in federal capital. The petition filed by the owners of brick kilns in Islamabad came up for hearing before single bench of IHC presided over by Chief Justice (CJ) Athar Minallah Friday. The court adjourned the hearing of the case till October 15. **IHC orders HRA to probe private hospital on negligence in woman treatment** The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has directed Healthcare Regulatory Authority (HRA) to hold investigation against a private hospital for negligence in the treatment of woman. It may be mentioned that son of the woman who had expired during treatment in Quaid-e-Azam hospital had resorted to court. The case came up for hearing before single bench of IHC presided over by Justice Babar Sattar Friday. Barrister Umar Ijaz Gillani counsel for the petitioner had persuaded the case. The petitioner took the plea his mother died due to negligence of hospital management. The hospital management provided medical record to the petitioner under court's orders. The court remarked HRA should give decision on the petition without being influenced by the court's observation. The court while ordering the authority to decide the

case wrapped up the matter. **World Post Day to be marked today** World Post Day will be marked today (Saturday) across the globe including Pakistan aimed to create and maintain a structure for the free flow of international mail around the world. The Day marks the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's establishment. In many international organizations and countries, high ranking officials or ministers make speeches or issue proclamations on the history or achievements of national or international postal services. Postal services may issue special postage stamps to commemorate the ideals, history or achievements of the national postal service on or around World Post Day. These are prized by stamp collectors and philatelists (people who study stamps). In addition, special lessons on these topics may be arranged for school children and the postal services and their employees may receive extra training or recognition and attention in the media. The Universal Postal Union in cooperation with UNESCO has, for the past 35 years, organised an international letter-writing competition for young people. Many participating postal services use World Post Day to award prizes to the winners of the competition. From the earliest times in history, "postal services" existed in the form of messengers who traveled large distances on foot or horseback. In the 1600s and 1700s, many countries set up national postage systems and entered into bilateral agreements for the exchange of mail between countries. By the late 1800s there was a large web of bilateral agreements that made the distribution of international mail compli-

Govt to announce textile, non textile incentives soon: Aslam

ISLAMABAD: Spokesperson of the Minister of Finance Muzammil Aslam on Friday said that government in an aim to provide relief to businesses community has planned to announce a huge incentive package for textile and non textile industry soon. Talking to a private news channel, he said that the current government had taken special measures to encourage industrialization and exports, adding, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government's manifesto of sustainable economic growth would be fully implemented. He said ministry of Commerce will extend its all support to textile

and non textile industry to devise a long-term strategy for image building and branding of Pakistan's textile and apparel industry. Replying a question, he said Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) has recently announced 'Sohni Dharti Remittance Program' for overseas Pakistanis in which multiple attractive incentives/rewards would be offered to those Pakistanis who are living abroad, adding, overseas remitters will be awarded points against remittances sent by them to Pakistan through legal channels. He explained through this program overseas Pakistanis would be qualified to avail services (such as

PIA ticket, mobile phone duty payment etc) against redemption of the accumulated points awarded under the National Remittance Loyalty Programme (NRLP). He said cash redemption would be restricted to only those remitters who returned to Pakistan permanently, adding, through this project youth would get more jobs and country export would further boost. Responding to another question, he said that government was taking strict measures against those who were hoarding sugar, wheat and cooking oil, adding, Rs90 per Kg was fixed rate of sugar and Rs 1100Kg was fixed for wheat. —APP

US special forces quietly training Taiwanese troops: Official

WASHINGTON: US special operations forces have been quietly training Taiwanese troops for months, a move which China warned could cause "serious harm" to relations between Washington and Beijing. A contingent of about 20 special operations and conventional forces has been conducting the training for less than a year, the Pentagon official, who declined to be identified, told AFP on Thursday, adding that some of the trainers rotate in and out.



The official largely confirmed a Wall Street Journal report which said the training has been going on for at least a year, amid China's rising verbal threats against the island ally of the United States. Beijing opposes Taiwan - which it views as its own territory to be seized one day, by force if necessary - having any official diplomatic exchanges and has aggressively tried to dissuade politicians from visiting in recent years. China reacted angrily to the report on Friday, with the foreign ministry warning that the US should recognise the "high sensitivity" of the Taiwan situation and "serious harm" of its actions. "The US should ... stop arms sales to Taiwan and US-Taiwan military

ties, so as not to seriously damage China-US relations and peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said at a briefing. "China will take all necessary measures to safeguard its sovereignty and territorial integrity." Taiwan's Defence Ministry declined to comment on the report, but Pentagon spokesman John Supple said that generally speaking, US support for Taiwan's military is gauged on its defence needs. "Our support for and defence relationship with Taiwan remains aligned against the current threat posed by the People's Republic of China," Supple said in a statement. Taiwan media reported last No-

vember, citing Taiwan's Naval Command, that US troops had arrived there to train the island's marines and special forces in small-boat and amphibious operations. But those reports were subsequently denied by US and Taiwanese officials, who emphasized the two sides are only involved in bilateral military exchanges and cooperation. The US supplies weapons to Taiwan, including missiles for defence and fighter jets, in a bid to counter Beijing, which has threatened to forcibly retake control of the island and unify it with China. Washington also maintains an ambiguous commitment to defend Taiwan. —Reuters

Kuwaiti plane lands in Turkey following bomb threat

ANKARA, Turkey: A Kuwaiti passenger plane made an emergency landing at Trabzon airport in northern Turkey following a bomb threat reported to the airline's headquarters, an official said. The Jazeera Airways flight from Kuwait, with 51 passengers and six crew members on board, landed safely in Trabzon and all passengers were evacuated, Trabzon Governor Ismail Ustaoglu, told reporters. Security checks were conducted on the plane while the passengers' baggage were still being searched, he



diverted to Trabzon as a precaution in line with international aviation regulations. It would resume its journey once the baggage is checked, he added. In Kuwait, Jazeera Airways said it had received "a communication indicating a potential security situation". "This communication was evaluated and deemed to be not credible," the company said on Twitter, adding that "all flights have been provided with additional screening measures as a precaution." —AP

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It is for the Public At Large Muhammad T e h s e e n Shujah Butt R/O Bara Pather House No A-B Mohalla Lala Zar Kaloni Sialkot Cantt Who Died on 05-05-21 He Has A Plot in City Housing Sialkot Plot No 458 block no F Measuring 2275 Sqft His Inheritor By Law And Religion Are Farah Naz W i d o w , H u s s a n Butt, Monib Butt Sons, Azki Butt Daughter Who Want Transfer its Registration to His name if anyone Has any objection He Should in From in Writing To GM(record) City Housing Society Sialkot Within 15 Days After No Objection Would Be Accepted.

Singapore, US working on vaccinated travel lane

WASHINGTON: Singapore is working on establishing a vaccinated travel lane (VTL) with the United States before the end of the year, said Minister for Trade and Industry Gan Kim Yong. Speaking at an event at the US Chamber of Commerce in Washington DC, Mr Gan noted that as a hub for business and travel, it is important that Singapore remains connected to the rest of the world despite the COVID-19 pandemic. "We have had successful pilots of vaccinated travel lanes (VTL) with Germany and Brunei to facilitate the entry of fully vaccinated individuals into Singapore for business and leisure. We are now working on a VTL with the US as soon as possible, and certainly before the end of the year," said Mr Gan. —AFP

Google to invest \$1 billion to lift Africa Internet access

JOHANNESBURG: Google announced that it would invest \$1 billion in boosting Africa's internet access and startup scene, as the tech giant eyes a youthful market increasingly armed with smartphones. Spread over five years, the investment includes funding for Google's Equiano subsea cable - a major private infrastructure project aimed at ramping up Africa's high-speed connections. "When you think about our mission as a company, we talk about organising the world's information and making it univer-

US nuclear sub damaged in underwater collision

WASHINGTON: A US nuclear submarine was damaged after hitting an unidentified object while operating underwater in Asia, the US Navy said. The USS Connecticut, a nuclear-powered fast-attack submarine, "struck an object while submerged on the afternoon of Oct 2, while operating in international waters in the Indo-Pacific region", the navy said in a statement. It said there were no life-threatening injuries, but USNI News, a site special-

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ising in navy news, reported that about a dozen sailors were hurt "with moderate to minor injuries". —AFP

CORRECTION OF FATHER'S NAME

I MUHAMMAD FARHAN ZAFAR have passed the Secondary School Annual/Supply Examination 2017 under Roll No 217413 and intermediate Annual/Supply. Examination 2019 under Roll No 558844 from B.I.S.E Lahore My Father's Name is MUHAMMAD ZAFARULLAH where on certificate my Father's name has been mentioned as ZAFARULLAH Which is incorrect. I want to get changed my father's name from ZAFARULLAH to MUHAMMAD ZAFARULLAH. If any person/organization/agency has any objection, then the same may be intimated in writing to the Secretary, Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, 86-Mozang Road, Lahore within 15 days.

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In the court of Mrs Sadia Aslam, Learned Judge, Family Court, Sheikhupura Year 2021 Suit for the recovery of maintenance allowance Kahdija-tul Kubra, etc Versus Muhammad Hussain, etc Newspaper: 1 Versus Muhammad Hussain S/o Khalid Hussain, caste Mughal R/O Mid Wali, K.I. Centre, Kaulampur, Malaysia 2 Khadim Hussain, s/o Muhammad Ismail, caste Mughal, R/o Street Ilyas Virk Wali, Nai Abadi, Sheikhupura. Whereas in the above-mentioned case, it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above-mentioned respondents cannot be served ordinary way, it is therefore, that if he respondents will shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 8:00 AM on 11-10-2021, the proceeding would be taken X party, no argument of any nature shall be entertained thereafter given under hand and seal of this court.

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In the Court of Waqas Ahmed Warriach, Civil Judge Jhelum Suit for Declaration, Case title Rizwana Kousar etc. VS Liaqat Ali Shah etc. against Raeesa Begum alias Razia Begum, Qamar Ali Shah S/O Adeel Akhtar Shah, R/O Hadala Syedan, Mangla Road Dina, Tehsil Dina District Jhelum. As there is not possible to call the defendants through Summons in the instant suit so through proclamation in Newspaper, you are directed to appear in the court on 13.10.2021 at 8:00AM, otherwise ex-parte proceeding will be

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In the Court of Waqas Ahmed Warriach, Civil Judge Jhelum Suit for Partition of Property etc. Case title Zulfiqar Hussain Bhatti VS Iftikhar Ahmed etc. against Rashid Hussain, Amjad Hussain, sons, Naseem Kousar, Rashida Kousar, daughters of Iltaf Hussain, Gohar Saif, Johar Saif, daughters of Gulzar Hussain R/O Village & P.O Toor, Tehsil & District Jhelum. As there is not possible to call the defendants through Summons in the instant suit so through proclamation in Newspaper, you are directed to appear in the court on 12.10.2021 at 8:00AM, otherwise ex-parte proceeding will be initiated.