

Ismail inaugurates 220 KV grid station Jhimpir-I US supports addition of 780 MW wind energy to national grid: Gover-

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KARACHI: Sindh Governor Imran Ismail along with US Consul General, Mark Stroth and Deputy Managing Directors NTDC on Wednesday inaugurated the 220 kV grid station Jhimpir-I.

This investment from the United States will add 780 megawatt (MW) clean energy generated by wind power plants to the national grid.

While appreciating the coopera-

tion and financial support extended by USAID in power sector of Pakistan, Governor Sindh stressed the need for greater interaction and dialogue between public and private sectors to promote the cause of clean power generation in the country. "Wind energy is clean, environment-friendly and cheaper than oil-fired power, so participation of the private sector in this field would help increase its share in the total energy-mix", he added.

The US Government, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID), supported the effort by constructing transmission lines and a grid station in Jhimpir wind corridor of Thatta District. With this major support by USAID, the private sector wind power generation companies are now selling electricity to the national grid. This achievement demonstrates that with strategic government support, the energy sector can be a driver of local and national economic growth.

It is pertinent to note that since 2010 the USAID has partnered with the Government of Pakistan to add more than 3,900 MW to the national grid. These investments are benefiting more than 47 million Pakistanis. Deputy Managing Director NTDC Muhammad Ayub said that the NTDC vigorously pursued the construction of 220 kV grid station Jhimpir-I along with associated transmission lines to add green energy to the national grid and at present, 19 wind power plants are connected with the grid station.



Pakistan has potential to grow, export good quality tea: Chinese expert



BEIJING: "Pakistan can grow its tea in good quality and develop tea export," said Mr Hu Haibo, who, once in the 1980s, led a Chinese mission to Pakistan to investigate and designate suitable areas for tea cultivation and open up the first modern tea garden for the country.

"It's been more than 30 years since I left Pakistan. Had I got the opportunity, I would like to visit Pakistan again to see the tea garden we cultivated from scratch and visit my old friends there."

I miss them very much," Hu Haibo told the reporter of China Economic Net (CEN). Pakistani people love to drink tea, especially black tea brewed with milk. It's the most popular drink across every household of Pakistan, whether the ordinary or the privileged.

However, before the 1980s, there was barely a tea garden in Pakistan and the demand for tea could only be met with large imports, which was quite a burden on Pakistan's foreign exchange reserve. In this condition, planting and producing tea became an urgent task for successive Pakistani governments.

In early May 1982, at the request of the then Pakistani government, the agriculture department of China's Zhejiang Province organized an expert team to carry out the tea investigation in Pakistan. Hu Haibo, then an associate researcher of Tea Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS), served as the team leader. "I was excited when knowing I was chosen for the mission. Pakistan is our 'iron brother', and it means a lot to help them with my humble efforts." Pakistan is extremely hot and dry in May and June. The temperature in most areas can exceed 40 degree Celsius at noon. It was in these very scorching days that the experts went to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, a northern province of Pakistan to conduct the mission. During their stay,

the team carried out field surveys in the outskirts of Mansehra, Azad Kashmir, Swat, Butgram, and Malakand, where they found the traces of wild living tea trees and measured the altitude, soil value, and the growth condition of branches, leaves, and roots of the tea trees. After the three-month investigation, Chinese tea experts provided a summary report on the feasibility of tea planting in Pakistan, confirming that 64,000 hectares of land are suitable for tea growing in Mansehra and Swat districts. In Hazara, the area is located in districts of Mansehra, Battagram and Abbottabad. In Malakand, Swat is a promising area for tea cultivation.

Three years after the 1982 investigation, the PARC once again invited Chinese experts from the Tea Research Institute to assist Pakistan in the trial planting of tea. In January 1986, Hu Haibo, together with other experts, embarked on the journey to Pakistan and started the task of tea planting. Hu recalled, "In more than three years, we have done everything from tea garden planning and design, tea garden reclamation, nursery establishment, seeding, to transplanting, drought-resistant irrigation, inter-cropping shading, weeding and fertilization, etc. Everyday life is carried out between the tea garden and the dormitory." Trial planting had not always been smooth, especially for environmentally demanding crops like tea. "From May to June, it's hot and dry, with the surface temperature reaching as high as 55 degrees Celsius, which often led to heat and drought damage. The sown tea seeds could not germinate and unearthed, the transplanted seedlings withered and died. From July to August, it's the rainy season, and the tea seedlings suffered heavy rain and weeds breeding disaster." Under such environmental conditions, the experts explored three ways to build the garden: nutrient pot transplanting, seedling bed transplanting and direct

Govt-TLP agreement a 'temporary solution': Ali

ISLAMABAD: Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Ali Muhammad Khan termed the current deal between the proscribed Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) and the government a "temporary solution".



Speaking on private tv channel the ministers said that the proscribed organisation will accept Parliament's decision on the issue of the French ambassador's expulsion from the country. Khan revealed that both sides have decided to keep

the agreement secret for some time due to certain reasons. Details of the agreement will come to light within seven to 10 days, he said, hinting at the release of TLP chief Saad Hussain Rizvi in a few days. The minister added that the government's negotiation team struck a deal with the proscribed outfit after receiving a nod from Prime Minister Imran Khan. Ali Muhammad Khan said that they will welcome the TLP into the national main-

stream. The minister was of the view that Parliament will decide on the issue of the expulsion of the French ambassador from the country.

"The state struck a deal with its people to restore peace in the country," he added. "Did those people, who were opposing the deal, want to see another incident of Lal Masjid in the country?" he asked. He said that the agreement was not a victory or defeat of any individual, but a victory of Pakistan. The minister said that anti-Pakistan elements did not want peace in the

World leaders vow new drive to save forests

GLASGOW: World leaders issued a multibillion-dollar pledge to end deforestation by 2030, a promise met with scepticism by environmental groups who say more urgent action is needed to save the

planet's lungs. According to summit hosts the British government, the pledge is backed by almost \$20 billion in public and private funding and is endorsed by more than 100 leaders representing over 85 percent of the world's forests, including the Amazon rainforest, Canada's northern boreal forest and the Congo Basin rainforest. —AP

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GLASGOW: Members of the Red Rebel Brigade — an international performance activist troupe — demonstrate outside the perimeter fence of the COP26 UN Climate Change Conference, at the Scottish Event Campus. —

Yahoo, Fortnite exit China as tech crackdown bites

BEIJING: US internet services company Yahoo said it has pulled out of mainland China, becoming the latest tech firm to withdraw as a crackdown by Beijing on the industry gathers pace. The move comes just days after American gaming giant Epic said it will shut its popular game "Fortnite" following the imposition of strict curbs on the world's biggest gaming market. Beijing has embarked on a wide-ranging regulatory clampdown on a number of industries in a drive to tighten its control of the economy, with tech firms taking the brunt.

The push has seen a number of US-based companies withdraw major products from China in recent weeks, with Microsoft in October announcing the closure of its career-oriented social network LinkedIn. "In recognition of the increasingly challenging business and legal environment in China, Yahoo's suite of services will no longer be accessible from mainland China as of November 1," Yahoo said in a statement emailed to AFP. "Yahoo remains committed to the rights of our users and a free and open internet. We thank our users for their support." Foreign tech companies have long walked a tightrope in China, forced to comply with strict local laws and government censorship of content. Google shut down its search engine in China in 2010, refusing Beijing's requirement to censor search results. Reports in 2018 of a plan by Google executives to explore reopen-

ing a site in China sparked a backlash from rights groups and Google employees warning that a censored search engine would set a "dangerous precedent". Yahoo China was launched in 1999, when the company was among the world's most important internet firms. Its presence in the country has shrunk in recent years, with Yahoo shutting down its Chinese mail service in 2013. Yahoo's latest statement echoes Microsoft's complaint in October that it faced an increasingly "challenging operating environment and greater compliance requirements". China's crackdown has also hit the video gaming sector, with officials in late August saying they wanted to curb addiction by announcing drastic cuts to the amount of time children can spend playing online. On Sunday gaming giant Epic said it had pulled the plug on "Fortnite", saying it will shut down the Chinese version of the massively popular game on November 15. The action-packed shooter and world-building game is one of the most popular in the world, boasting more than 350 million users. "Fortnite China's Beta test has reached an end, and the servers will be closed soon," a statement from the firm said. "On November 15 at 11am, we will turn off game servers, and players will no longer be able to log in." The move brings an end to a long-running test of Epic's version of "Fortnite" specifically created for the Chinese market, where content is policed for excessive violence. —AFP

New York poised to elect Black ex-cop Adams as mayor

NEW YORK: New Yorkers head to the polls in a mayoral election that is virtually guaranteed to elect Black former policeman Eric Adams as the next leader of America's biggest city. The centrist Democrat is expected to trounce Republican candidate and volunteer crime fighter Curtis Sliwa in the liberal-voting bastion to become just the second African American to lead the Big Apple. New York mayor is often described as the most difficult job in the United States after president. If the 61-year-old Adams wins, he will succeed unpopular progressive Bill de Blasio, whose two-term limit ends December 31. Adams will be tasked with leading the city's recovery after the pandemic, which has killed more than 34,000 residents and closed hundreds of thousands of businesses. As mayor for more than eight million people, he will oversee America's largest municipal budget, crippled by the Covid-19 crisis, and its biggest police force and public school system. The moderate candidate defeated progressive rivals in June's Demo-



cratic primary by mainly pledging to crack down on violent crime that soared during the pandemic. He promised to tackle wealth inequalities and reform the education system, as well. Adams will also have to grapple with a severe lack of affordable housing, violent chaos at the notorious Rikers Island prison and the effects of more extreme weather events on New York City's creaking infrastructure. Adams opposes defunding the police, a policy that is a rallying cry for many on the American left. He is also seen as being friendly towards the business community and has not called for higher taxes for wealthy residents. He was born into poverty in Brooklyn in 1960, and was raised in a large family living in a working-class neighborhood of Queens. —AFP



Kristen Stewart reveals her 'chill' wedding plans with Dylan Meyer

NEW YORK: Kristen Stewart said yes when her girlfriend Dylan Meyer popped the question, announced the Spencer actor on November 2nd during her appearance on The Howard Stern Show. After dating for two years, the lovebirds are all set to walk down the aisle. However, fans might have to wait a bit longer since Kristen's big day will not be happening for at least a year. Sharing the big news, Stewart revealed that the wedding will not be rushed. "I don't want to have COVID even be a thing," said the star as per E! News. Opening about her 'chill' wedding plans, the Twilight alum said, "The food is the biggest deal. I don't care about flowers and (expensive) like that. —AFP

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