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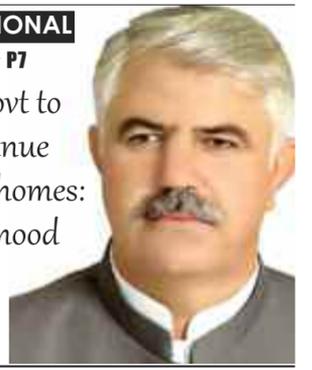
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Alvi refuses to administer oaths to cabinet

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: President Arif Alvi Saturday excused himself from administering oaths to the federal cabinet members, following which the ceremony has been postponed. According to sources, in the absence of President Alvi, Senate Chairman Sadiq Sanjrani will administer the oath to the members of the federal cabinet. Meanwhile, sources in the president's house stated that the oath-taking ceremony is likely to take place either today (Tuesday) or the day after tomorrow (Wednesday). The federal cabinet was scheduled to take oath tonight at 8:30pm; however, when the prime minister's office contacted the president's office, Alvi refused to administer oaths. Earlier, during an infor-

mal conversation with journalists, PPP leader Khurshid Shah revealed that the PML-N will have the majority in the cabinet with 14 ministries. The PPP will have 11, and the JUI-F will be given four ministries. Meanwhile, the rest of the seven positions will be allotted to other allies. According to sources, the following is the list of the party-wise divisions of ministries: Ministry of Climate Change — PPP, Aviation Division — PML-N, Commerce and Trade Ministry — PPP, Ministry of Communications — JUI-F, Ministry of Defence — PML-N, Ministry of Defence Production — BAP, Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs — PML-N, Ministry of Education — BNP-M, Ministry of Foreign Affairs — PPP and Ministry of Water Resources — PPP.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif offers dua after unveiling the plaque to inaugurate Peshawar Morr to New Islamabad International Airport.

■ Journey of progress and public service would continue

Not a single rupee of national exchequer will be wasted: PM

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif said serving the people of Pakistan was the top priority of his government, reported on Monday. The prime minister said the journey of progress and public service would continue. He expressed these views as former Chief Minister of Gilgit Baltistan Hafiz Hafeez ur Rehman called on him to extend felicitations on assuming the office of prime minister. Shehbaz Sharif mentioned that during the last four years, the schemes of public welfare schemes were neglected immensely. Hafiz Hafeez ur Rehman said the approval given by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for construction of a hospital in Chilas with best possible medical facilities would prove a blessing for the locals. He said the approval of Babusar Tunnel for year round flow of traffic would not only boost tourism but also ensure enhanced economic activities. He lauded the instruction given by PM Shehbaz for completion of Diamer Bhasha Dam in 2026 instead of 2029. PM Shehbaz Sharif has directed the officials concerned to complete the ongoing public welfare projects on priority basis. He was talking to Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Jahanzeb Khan in Islamabad and was apprised of the stalled development projects.

The Prime Minister said public welfare projects will no longer suffer from criminal negligence as the journey of development has started from where it stopped. Shehbaz also said economic progress of the country will be ensured through continuation of concrete policies. The PM said not a single rupee of national exchequer will be wasted. The PM also directed to make the Planning Commission more active and ensure cooperation between ministries and divisions. Furthermore, the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has reiterated the resolve to speed up the process of development in the country that remained halted for four years. He was talking to former Chief Minister Gilgit-Baltistan Hafiz Hafeez-ur-Rehman who called on him in Islamabad today and congratulated him on assuming office of the PM. Shehbaz said welfare of the people is the top most priority of the government. Speaking on the occasion, the former GB CM said the approval of hospital in Chilas equipped with world-class facilities, is no less than a blessing for the people of the area. He said the approval of Babusar tunnel for year round flow of traffic will not only boost tourism but also the transportation and economic activities of the local population will continue uninterrupted throughout the year. Shehbaz opens Metro Bus from Peshawar Morr to Airport

PML-N leader and Prime Minister (PM) Shehbaz Sharif said the journey of progress of Pakistan had resumed from the point that faced a halt of development during the four years of the government of PTI, on Monday. While addressing the inauguration of mass transit bus project on Peshawar Morr to Islamabad International Airport route, he said being the representative of the coalition government, he would ensure fast implementation of the delayed or suspended projects of public importance. The Islamabad Metro Bus Service project, which was due to become operational by 2018, faced a massive delay by the previous government and was launched within five days after PM Shehbaz Sharif assumed his office. PM pens letter to Modi for resolution of Kashmir dispute PM Shehbaz Sharif has written a letter to his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi to resolve the Kashmir issue. According to sources, in a letter written by the PM to his Indian counterpart, it was stated that Pakistan wants resolution of all issues including Kashmir issue. The letter also stated that Pakistan wants peaceful relations with India. In his letter a few days ago, Modi conveyed to Sharif that India desired constructive ties with Pakistan. On April 11, the Pakistan parliament selected Sharif as the 23rd prime minister of the country, a day after Imran Khan was

Tanveer Ilyas elected new PM of AJK

From Our Staff Correspondent

MUZZAFFARABAD: The session of the legislative assembly in which the Prime Minister (PM) of Azad Kashmir was to be selected was underway where Tanveer Ilyas was elected Prime Minister of the house by receiving 33 votes, even though the session got delayed, on Monday. According to details, three parties of the joint opposition have announced that they will boycott from the assembly of Azad Kashmir which rises a possibility that Tanveer Ilyas might be elected as Prime Minister without any opposition. The opposition leader has stated that PTI wants to start disputes in the Azad Kashmir Assembly as they have already done in the Punjab Assembly.

Lankan citizen's lynching: Six awarded death

From Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: An anti-terrorism court on Monday sentenced to death six culprits and handed life imprisonment to seven others in case pertaining to the lynching of Sri Lankan citizen Priyantha Kumara in Sialkot. Judge Natasha Naseem of Gujranwala Anti-Terrorism Court delivered the verdict in Kot Lakhpat Jail. A five-member prosecution team headed by Senior Special Prosecutor Abdul Rauf Wattoo completed the trial.

PA Dy Speaker rejects Secretary Assembly's report

LAHORE: Punjab Assembly's deputy speaker Sardar Dost Mazari has rejected the report presented by secretary assembly before the province's governor. Mazari, in his statement said that the secretary was suspended a day ago. How can a suspended officer present report before the governor? He questioned. The report contains probe into the PA ruckus on Saturday. Mazari, however, while rejecting the report said that a secretary was suspended a day ago amidst ruckus and his mismanagement during the assembly session. —Online

Election for NA Deputy Speaker slot on 20th

ISLAMABAD: The National Assembly Secretariat on Monday issued a schedule for the election of the NA deputy speaker slot. According to the schedule, the election for the vacant seat of deputy speaker will take place on April 20 while nomination papers can be submitted for the slot till April 19 (Tuesday) at 12 pm with Secretary National Assembly. The nomination papers

PSX loses 61.95 points to close at 46,601.54

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) shed 61.95 points on Monday, with a slight negative change of 0.13 percent, closing at 46,539.59 points against 46,601.54 points on the last working day. A total of 255,608,677 shares were traded during the day compared to the trade of 365,789,899 shares the previous day whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 9.644 billion against Rs9.130 billion on last trading day. As many as 336 companies transacted shares in the stock market, 107 of them recorded gain and 199 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 30 companies remained

unchanged. The three top trading companies were G3 Technologies with a volume of 21,233,000 shares and price per share of Rs 11.70, Nenergyco Pk with a volume of 17,787,449 and price per share of Rs6.49 and WorldCall Telecom with volume of 15,457,500 and price per share of Rs 1.85. Rafhan MaizeXD witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 100 per share, closing at Rs 11,450 whereas the runner up was Colgate Palm, the share prices of which climbed up by Rs 27.77 to Rs 2,250. Sapphire Fiber witnessed maximum decrease of Rs 58.78 closing at Rs901 followed by Gatron Ind, the share price of which declined by Rs32.49 to close at Rs 462.50.

PA rioters identified, arrests expected anytime

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab police are expected to arrest lawmakers who were involved in a brawl that broke out in the Punjab Assembly on Saturday. As per the findings, women lawmakers were also involved in attacking police personnel on Saturday. Others identified through videos obtained by the police show several PTI members of the Punjab Assembly, including Fayyaz Chohan, Umer Tanveer, Rana Shahbaz, Khayal Ahmad Kastro, Mahinder Pall Singh, Wasiq Qayum Abbasi, Nawabzada Waseem, Abida Bibi, Momina Waheed, Zainab Umar, Shahida Ahmad, and Asia Amjad.

CCTV records as well as the equipment to identify the rioters. Based on the recordings, the police are expected to make the arrests in the next 24 hours. As per the findings, women lawmakers were also involved in attacking police personnel on Saturday. Others identified through videos obtained by the police show several PTI members of the Punjab Assembly, including Fayyaz Chohan, Umer Tanveer, Rana Shahbaz, Khayal Ahmad Kastro, Mahinder Pall Singh, Wasiq Qayum Abbasi, Nawabzada Waseem, Abida Bibi, Momina Waheed, Zainab Umar, Shahida Ahmad, and Asia Amjad.

Courts work round-the-clock, no need to point finger: CJP

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice Umer Ata Bandial said on Monday that the courts work round-the-clock and no one needs to raise finger on court proceedings. Giving his remarks during hearing of presidential reference seeking interpretation of Article 63A, the CJP said that it is our responsibility to protect the Constitution. Justice Umer Ata Bandial remarked that it doesn't matter what is going on on social media, adding that they will continue to do their job despite being abused for protection of constitution. He said that the national leadership should defend court rulings. The CJP questioned the point of the court's in-

tervention in political crises if 10,000 to 15,000 people are eventually going to gather and start criticising their judgments and not accept them. "Why should we announce judgments?" Justice Bandial asked. The chief justice went on to add that the judges were the guardians of the Constitution. PML-N fully capable of resolving energy crisis: Miftah PML-N leader Miftah Ismail on Monday said his government was fully capable of resolving energy crisis under the leadership of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. Replying to the statement of Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) leader and former federal minister Hammad Azhar, Ismail said the people would see a clear

difference between the performances of his party and of the previous government. "No doubt we are faced with severe economic challenges but the PML-N is determined to revive the country's economy," he added. He said it was the government of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) which installed modern in-expensive power plants, generated electricity from cheap coal and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) and overcome loadshedding. During the last tenure of the PML-N, he said the electricity lines were laid down to improve the power transmission and distribution system. The project was aimed at reducing losses in the distribution and transmission of the power sector.

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MUZZAFFARABAD: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir Barrister Sultan Mahmood Chaudhry taking oath from the newly elected Prime Minister of AJK Sardar Tanveer Ilyas.

IHC rejects petition against diplomatic passport to Nawaz

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday dismissed a plea against issuing a diplomatic passport to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) supreme Nawaz Sharif by the incumbent government. Earlier in the day, the IHC reserved its verdict on the petition and said that it could not decide on the matters without having any evidence of it. The court said that the petitioner could not provide any notification to prove his point. The court while rejecting the plea also imposed a fine of Rs5,000 against the petitioner. "It is mandatory for an absconding convict to surrender himself to jail authori-

ties," the court said in its verdict. On April 15, a petition was filed in the IHC by Naem Haider who asked the court to ensure arrest of Nawaz Sharif upon his return to Pakistan. "Nawaz Sharif is an absconding convict and therefore authorities should be barred from issuing diplomatic passport to him," it said. The petitioner while making Nawaz Sharif, secretary interior and foreign affairs' secretary as respondents in the case asked the Islamabad High Court to take up the matter today and issue arrest warrants for the PML-N supreme. The registrar IHC admitted the petition and formed a bench for the hearing to be headed by Chief Justice

Athar Minallah. PM Shehbaz Sharif had directed the interior ministry to issue a diplomatic passport to former prime minister Nawaz. Shehbaz Sharif after assuming charge of his office got a briefing from the diplomatic staff about the issuance of a passport to the PML-N supreme. Pakistan's mission in London was directed to issue diplomatic passports to former PM Nawaz Sharif and former finance minister Ishaq Dar. However, the diplomatic staff said only Nawaz Sharif can be issued a diplomatic passport, not Ishaq Dar, on which PM Shehbaz Sharif directed to issue a normal Pakistani passport to Dar. —DNA