

## Naval Chief visits PAF Air War College Institute

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS), Pakistan Navy Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi on Thursday visited PAF Air War College Institute, Faisal. On his arrival, he was received by President Air War College Institute, Air Vice Marshal Hussain Ahmed Siddiqui, said a PAF news release. He congratulated the AWC team for achieving the educational standards worthy of an institute of the highest calibre meeting the modern challenges in aerial warfare. —DNA

# The Business

Lahore, Friday, April 15, 2022 Ramazan 13, 1443

## NAB has nothing to do with political engineering, says Chief

ISLAMABAD: The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has no affiliation with anyone except with Pakistan, Chairman NAB Javed Iqbal said on Thursday. In a media talk after attending the Public Accounts Committee session, NAB chief said the anti-graft watchdog has nothing to do with the political engineering. Commenting on any amendment in the NAB law, he urged for an amendment in the national interest and not in the personal interest of someone. "He is a former prime minister and respectable for me. —DNA

## IHC asks ECP to decide PTI funding case within 30 days

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Thursday directed the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to decide on the foreign funding case against Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) within 30 days.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of the Islamabad High Court has announced the decision of the Election Commission while issuing a safe verdict. In the judgment, the IHC also rejected the PTI's request to stop giving the record of foreign funding case to Akbar S. Babar and to separate Akbar S. Babar from the proceedings of the prohibited funding case.

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) had challenged the ECP's decision to reject the petitions filed on January 25 and January 31, while the prohibited foreign funding case has been pending before the ECP since November 2014.

## Pak members reminded of action for holding rallies

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Embassy in the United Arab Emirates late Wednesday reminded the members of Pakistani community that holding of processions and protests in UAE were illegal.

"Anyone breaking the laws is bound to face serious legal consequences. Therefore, the community members are advised to strictly abide by the local laws," a press release of the Embassy in Abu Dhabi said.

The reminder was issued after reports about holding of protests by the supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf in the UAE. —APP

## PTI moves SC for MNAs lifetime disqualification

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) on Thursday approached the Supreme Court (SC) seeking lifetime disqualification of its dissident Members of the National Assembly (MNAs) under Article 184(3) of the Constitution.

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan filed a plea in apex court via his counsel Babar Awan. Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), National Assembly (NA) speaker, Law secretary and secretary cabinet have been respondents in the petition. The petition was filed under Article-184(3) of the Constitution, requesting the apex court to impose a lifetime ban on PTI's dissident MNAs, including Raja Riaz, Nawab Sher, Basit Sultan Bokhari, Noor Alam Khan, Wajih Qamar and others as they are no more 'sadiq' (truthful) and 'ameen' (righteous).

Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf initiated legal action against the dissident MNAs as the deadline given to the PTI turncoats for submitting their clarification ended. The former prime minister and PTI chief Khan earlier green-lighted filing Article 63 (A) references against the dissident PTI Members of the National Assembly (MNAs). Imran Khan had rejected the clarification of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf turncoats by terming it illogical. He approved filing Article 63 (A) references against the dissident PTI MNAs who were found involved in horse-trading. —DNA

## Suri's move to delay speaker's election challenged

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) on Thursday moved Islamabad High Court (IHC) against Deputy Speaker Qasim Suri's move to delay the convening of the NA session to April 22.

PML-N leader Murtaza Javed Abbasi, in his plea filed in IHC, pleaded the court to overturn Qasim Suri's circular regarding the National Assembly session. The petitioner requested the court to direct deputy speaker to immediately convene a session for the election of the speaker of the assembly and to cease Suri from exercising the powers of the speaker. The NA session, which was scheduled to take place on Saturday, has been rescheduled for April 22 at 3:00 pm. The schedule has been changed by Acting Speaker Qasim Suri under the NA rules. —APP



OCCUPIED JERUSALEM: Israeli troops fire at the Palestinian protesters to disperse them.

# 'Charter of Economy' needs to be taken in practical steps: FCCI

FAISALABAD: Sustained economic growth is top most priority of the government and hopefully Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will achieve this objective by translating his idea of "Charter of Economy" in practical terms, said Atif Munir Sheikh, President, Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FCCI).

Talking to this agency, he welcomed the statement of the Prime Minister to constitute "Pakistan Economic Advisory Council" (PEAC) and said, "Our politicians have realized the fact that our political sovereignty is directly linked with economic development". However, he regretted that during political turmoil, the economic activities were badly affected and its ultimate sufferers were Pakistan and its people. "During the previous government we could not implement the charter of economy due to political differences and hence the exports faced a major setback particularly during the repeated political changes in the country".

He appreciated that Prime Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif is a part of PDM representing almost all major political parties and he is in a position to take constitutional, legal and administrative measures to save the economy from political uncertainty which remains a regular phenomenon. He said that export is hinged on multinational agreements between different parties. "If once an export order gets diverted to any other country then we have to wait for many

years to win it back", he said, and added that politics should be treated as a separate subject from the economy, and concerted efforts were needed to save the economy from the ill-effects of political unrest. He welcomed the idea of PEAC and hoped that due representation would be given to the leading chambers so that they could give their positive-cum-productive input in order to gear up economic growth in the country.

### PTEA greets Shehbaz on election as Prime Minister

Pakistan Textile Exporters Association (PTEA) has congratulated Shehbaz Sharif on his election as Pakistan's new Prime Minister and expressed the hope that the new government would forge export oriented policies to stabilize the crumbling economy and lead the country towards economic prosperity.

In a statement issued here on Wednesday, Chairman Pakistan Textile Exporters Association Sohail Pasha urged the government to give top priority to boost economy as Pakistan could not make sound progress without turning around its sagging economy. He was optimistic that country's new leadership would live up to the expectations of the people in achieving national goals and the country will record tremendous achievements in its economy, democracy and foreign relations. He said that all stakeholders should be taken on board to make viable and prudent economic policies

to accelerate growth and speed up industrialization across the country. Industrial hopes are on very high notes and country has been in need of serious and talented leadership that can address the challenges and trigger economic revival for a long time, he said. Reposing full confidence in new leadership, he expressed the hope that PML-N government would gather a team of economic experts from all sectors of the economy to formulate business friendly policies and bring economic reforms to boost the trade and industry. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has the ability to face challenges and steer Pakistan towards economic prosperity, he added.

Vice Chairman PTEA Ameer Ahmad was of the view that country desperately needs to boost exports to narrow its ballooning trade deficit, which has surged to \$ 35.4 billion in nine months of current fiscal. There is a need to work out a methodology to explore new markets and increase export volume, he added. Pragmatic policies in consultation with stakeholders need to be formulated to reduce the cost of business by fixing rates of inputs in line with competing countries in the global market to create a level playing field, he suggested.

Textile industry is unable to tap its potential in accordance with capacity, whereas regional peers are rapidly multiplying their exports just because of the edge they have on the cost of doing business. —Online

# National Economic Council a step in right direction: LCCI

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) on Thursday welcomed Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif's decision to constitute the National Economic Council (NEC) in a bid to deal with the financial crisis.

In a letter to Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, LCCI President Mian Nauman Kabir said that the constitution of National Economic Council, is a step in a right direction but the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry should also be taken on board in NEC. Mian Nauman Kabir said that Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry highly appreciates the formation of National Economic Council envisioned by the Prime Minister. He said that this would be a great platform and certainly play a pivotal role in uplifting the trajectory of national economic development.

The LCCI President suggested that National Economic Council should make long term policies / plans for at least 10 years, be

given a legal cover and an implementation mechanism should also be developed. He said that an international trade framework should be established to monitor the imports and exports of the country and ensure that they complement each other. Mian Nauman Kabir said that there is a dire need to revisit Pakistan's energy mix by generating major part of electricity from coal and renewable energy sources so that the reliance on costly imported fuel may be minimized.

He said that the business / trade policies should be chalked out in such a manner that they provide an enabling environment to the local industry to become part of the global value chain. Mian Nauman Kabir further stated that Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif took the charge at a critical time along with a bundle of economic challenges. He said that a team of experts consisting leading businessmen and experienced economic experts' inevitable.

He said that only economically strong Pakistan can handle all sorts of international pressures therefore "war against eco-

nomics" should be started instantly and the business community should be given representation in the economic teams. The LCCI President said that Pakistan is a resource-rich country and does not need any external financial help. He said that economic weaknesses of any country give opportunity of criticism to the others and same is being happened in our case.

Mian Nauman Kabir said that political instability, below the mark foreign direct investment, high cost of doing business, politics on mega projects like Kalabagh dam and huge trade deficit have led to stagnant growth in Pakistan. He said that Pakistan must have to address these issues through good economic reforms. He said that Pakistan has all resources to become an economic giant but only need is to set directions with zeal, courage and sincerity.

Mian Nauman Kabir said that Pakistan's huge mineral resources can help get rid of the economic ills. He said that country has one of the largest reserves of gold & copper and coal in the world.

## Sehat Sahulat Programme to continue

ISLAMABAD: Quami Sehat Card empaneled hospitals are providing uninterrupted and free of cost medical services and treatments across Pakistan. According to spokesman of the Ministry of National Health Services, under the Sehat Sahulat Programme, families are able to get free treatment from empaneled public and private hospitals all across the country.

He said that all hospitals empaneled with Sehat Sahulat Programme across Pakistan continue to provide free of cost hospitalization services to all citizens as per agreement.

With around 9,000 hospital admissions yesterday and around 8,000 today across Pakistan under the Programme, citizens are getting best medical cover, he added. He said that any social media messages to the contrary are patently false, malicious, and baseless. He advised the citizens that in case of any problem they should call toll free helpline 080009009 or approach the relevant hospital's Sehat Card Counter for prompt assistance. —DNA

## Election is only scale to measure the narrative: Shah

ISLAMABAD: Vice-chairman PTI Shah Mehmood Qureshi has said there are two narratives before the people at present and the elections is the only yard stick to measure the narrative. "Only the people have to decide it", he said this in a statement issued here Thursday.

He went on to say "no to imported government is top trending in social media since the last five days. There will be public meeting in Karachi on April 16 as mammoth as Peshawar public meeting, he announced. He claimed this government will not run. PPP is blackmailing it. It has not been decided so far Bilawal will become foreign minister or otherwise.

Qureshi remarked that Bilawal said in an interview CEC will decide about the matter of foreign minister portfolio. Everyone knows that CEC does not make such decisions. In fact a confusion is being seen among them.

Alluding to inflation issue he said opposition was targeting PTI government since the last 3 years due to price hike. This government announced to increase the salaries of government employees by ten percent and now Miftah Ismail is saying enhancement in salaries is next to impossible. MQM is also confused as the voters are not prepared to accept the decision, he indicated. —Online

## Selected, rejected targeting courts, says Bilawal

ISLAMABAD: PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has said rejected and selected is targeting the courts and other institutions.

He tweeted, "The courts have shown unprecedented patience. PM, President and deputy speaker have trampled the article 6 of the constitution to crush no-confidence motion. He alleged Imran Khan tried to sabotage the no-confidence motion for political gains. He held the institutions are neutral and Imran Khan will not find any place to hide now. —Online

## Imran writes to ECP He does not accept 'imported' govt

ISLAMABAD: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan has written a letter to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in which he has conveyed to the commission that he does not recognize the newly installed government in the country since it is the product of a 'foreign conspiracy'.

In the letter delivered by PTI leader Babar Awan to the ECP on Thursday, the former premier says the PTI is the largest party in the country and had secured more votes than any other political party in 2018 general elections.

"But unfortunately, an 'imported' and an 'unconstitutional' government was installed," he regretted. The PTI chairman writes that all party members of the National Assembly (MNAs) had resigned on April 11, and that references had been filed against the MNAs who had defected to the opposition prior to voting on the no-trust motion under article 63-

## PCJCCI keen to start low-cost energy projects with China

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has demanded initiating low-cost energy generation projects in collaboration with China to reduce cost of doing business in the country.

This was stated by Wang Zihai, President PCJCCI, during an online think-tank session held late Wednesday at the PCJCCI premises. Ehsan Choudhry, Senior Vice President, Salahuddin Hanif, Secretary General, and a number of the executive committee members of PCJCCI were present on this occasion. Wang Zihai while referring to his recent meeting with representatives of Tianying Company Shang-

hai stated that the low-priced energy was produced in China through incineration of waste materials.

The company representatives had given a detailed presentation on how the Chinese waste-to-energy incineration model could prove to be a solution for energy crisis and environment pollution in Pakistan. He said that Chinese company 'Tianying' is willing to invest in Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) incineration for power generation. The company is looking for suitable project agents to start the investment in Pakistan.

Ehsan Choudhry, Senior Vice President PCJCCI said that we should adopt waste-to-energy incineration model in Pakistan in partnership with Chinese expert

companies. He said energy crisis is one of the main problems of our country and we should take measures to cope with this misery.

Salahuddin Hanif, Secretary General PCJCCI said that in China waste-to-energy incineration is playing a vital role in waste management and energy production. He informed that in Pakistan about, 3000 MW electricity can be generated using agricultural residue and municipal solid waste. He added that Pakistan generates about 15 million tons of crops residue annually. Another important waste that can be converted into energy is municipal non-hazardous solid waste that is about some 60,000 tons on a daily basis in urban areas only and is increasing at the rate of 2.5 percent annually.



ISLAMABAD: Police personnel take evidence at the spot as some unidentified persons shoot down a man at the Zero Point area.