

Alvi approves Dyslexia Special steps, Domestic Workers, 2022 bills

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has accorded his approval to Dyslexia Special Measures and Islamabad Domestic Workers bills 2022. The president approved both bills under Article 75 of the Constitution of Pakistan, President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release on Saturday. Under Dyslexia Special Measures Bill 2022, special steps would be taken for those children suffering from dyslexia and related diseases. —APP

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Swati released from Adiala Jail

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Senator and former federal minister Azam Swati, who had been granted bail by a special court in Islamabad in controversial tweets case was released from the Adiala Jail, Rawalpindi Saturday. However, no senior leader of the PTI was present outside the jail to receive him. Earlier, Sohail Khan Advocate, on behalf of the PTI leader, deposited a surety bond of Rs1 million in the court. Special Judge Central Raja Asif Mehmood had granted bail to Swati yesterday. The 66-year-old PTI senator had been arrested by the FIA from Islamabad on Oct 13, 2022 for his controversial tweet. —APP

Gold rate further drops by Rs1,000 per tola

KARACHI: The gold prices in Pakistan saw another significant decrease Saturday as the price. According to the jewellers association, the per tola price of the 24karat of gold decreased by Rs1,000. After this decrease, the per tola price of the 24karat of gold has reached Rs146400. The prices of 10gram gold of 24karat are also decreased by Rs 858 to reach Rs 125,514. The gold prices in the international market have increased by \$35 per ounce to \$1,658 per ounce.

The prices of 24 karats pure silver also decreased by Rs 10 as one tola of silver was being traded for Rs1,580. —DNA

PPP to create traders wing in Lahore

LAHORE: Toeing the line of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf, Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Saturday decided to make a traders wing in the capital city of Punjab.

The PPP is seemingly busy in finalizing the names of the traders which are to be included in the group wing. It has been decided that the presidency of the Wing will be awarded to well-known businessman Raja Hassan Akhtar of Lahore. Raja Hassan Akhtar and other position-holders will be notified in next few days and renowned businessman Ali Hassam Asghar will look after the affairs and aspects of the PPP's Traders Wing. —DNA

Commander Peshawar visits South Waziristan

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: Corps Commander Peshawar, Lt-General Hassan Azhar Hayat on Saturday visited South Waziristan District and met tribal elders. According to the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR), Corps Commander Peshawar met with tribal elders with tribal elders at Sararogha area of South Waziristan.

Lt-Gen Hasan Azhar Hayat said Pakistan Army is playing an active role in peace and economic development. He said Pakistan Army will provide all possible help for economic stability. Corps Commander praised the local people and tribal elders for extending all-out support to the Pakistan Army during the war against terrorism.

PPP wants justice in ZAB murder reference: Sharjeel

KARACHI: Sindh Minister and Archives and PPP leader Sharjeel Inam Memon on Saturday questioned that now when the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) had given its verdict in the reference filed against PTI Chairman Imran Khan, when will justice be done in the case of former prime minister and PPP's founder Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's (ZAB) judicial murder?

Addressing a press conference at Sindh Archives in Karachi, he said that yesterday a 'big hypocrite' (Imran Khan) had been disqualified. "Earlier, Imran had proven himself to be an incompetent premier. But yesterday the ECP declared he was also involved in corrupt practices," he added.

Memon wondered as to how the PTI chairman could object to the integrity of the chief election commissioner when he himself had appointed and called him an honest man.

Alleging that Imran had purchased expensive gifts at cheaper rates, the provincial minister said now the former prime minister would face a trial in the court. "He did not show the exact amount in his statement with which he bought these gifts," he said.

PPP leader did not stop there, and went on to say that not more than 200 to 300 people participated in each protest by the party.

Memon demanded that the PTI workers setting properties on fire during yesterday's protests should be taken to the task.

"PTI leaders jumped over the ECP office's gate yesterday," he said. —Online

Court grants bail to Hamid Zaman

LAHORE: A banking court on Saturday granted bail to Hamid Zaman, one of the PTI's founding members, in connection with the prohibited funding case.

Banking crimes court Judge Aslam Gondal granted bail to Zaman, with the order to deposit surety bonds worth Rs one million.

Earlier, Zaman's counsel Khawaja Haris argued against allegations of prohibited funding, adding that all relevant record has been with the FIA. "No recovery made from the accused," the counsel said. The FIA prosecutor pleaded to the court to dismiss the bail petition of Zaman. The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had arrested Zaman on Oct 7 and he remained in custody of the investigation agency for two days.

The FIA submitted a plea seeking an extension in physical remand of the PTI leader. However, the court rejected the request and sent him to jail on judicial remand. The FIA arrested PTI leader Hamid Zaman in a case pertaining to prohibited funding. The investigation agency registered a case against the trustee of Insaaf trust — Hamid Zaman — over prohibited funding. Zaman had contested the 2013 general election



ISTANBUL: Federal Minister for Information & broadcasting Marryam Auangzeb meets Mahdi Javid, a representative of the Turkish Film Industry.

Pak, Turkiye agree to boost ties in film, tourism and culture

ISTANBUL: Pakistan and Turkiye have agreed to boost their cooperation in tourism, culture, film, drama and other areas in order to take their bilateral relations to the next level.

Different measures will be taken for the purpose which have been decided upon during two separate meetings of Minister of Information and Broadcasting Marryam Auangzeb with a delegation of the Turkish film industry and Deputy Minister of Culture and Tourism of Turkiye Ahmet Misbah Demircan. During the meetings, both sides agreed to promote bilateral cooperation in the drama and film industry, setting up a film processing lab in Pakistan on modern lines and taking the joint venture to launch "screen tourism".

The information minister announced that Pakistan would participate in the upcoming film festival of Turkiye to showcase its best talent in the film industry.

Marryum said the two countries enjoyed deep friendly relations, adding the role of Turkiye in Pakistan's development was unforgettable. She said Pakistan was keen to launch the "screen tourism" in collaboration with Turkiye which would eventually help both countries in highlighting their cultural diversity and natural beauty at the international level.

Marryum said her government had formulated the country's first-ever film and culture policy, which included tax exemptions and incentives for the industry. The use of modern technology was made part of the national film policy to improve production quality and stories, she added.

She said the government had abolished

different tax for the film, tourism and culture sectors in the federal budget of 2022.

Foreign filmmakers were also being given rebates on launching joint film and drama projects at the local level, she noted.

The minister said her government was striving to boost business activities in the different sectors including tourism and culture. She said the government had also abolished sales tax and entertainment duty on import of equipment required for the production of new films and dramas.

Marryum said steps were taken to give incentives to the artists and revive cinema culture in Pakistan by setting up new cinemas and rehabilitating the old ones. It was the best time to involve 70 percent of the youth in the film and tourism industries.

She said the government would invite renowned producers in the international film workshops being arranged in the country for the youth. She said Pakistan was the world's third-largest film producer in 1970. The film and drama, she added, played an important role in improving the image of a country at international level.

As regards the participation of Pakistan in the upcoming film festival, she said three new Pakistani movies could be screened at the mega event. She said cooperation with the Turkish universities would be sought for the inclusion of film-making subjects in the academic curriculum. A feasibility report would be prepared for joint ventures between the two countries in the film industry, the minister said.

She said the Turkish filmmakers could produce their movies in northern areas of

Pakistan, which were rich in natural beauty. Massive funds had been allocated for preservation of numerous archaeological sites in Pakistan, she said, adding those sites were archaeological sites in Pakistan are the best assets to develop the tourism sector.

LCCI is a facilitator and not a policy maker

Economic empowerment of the women should be cornerstone of the government's agenda for a sustainable economic development of the country.

This was stated by the President of Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry Kashif Anwar while speaking at a seminar on "Empowering Women through Facilitation" at the LCCI. LCCI Senior Vice President Chaudhry Zafar Mahmood, Vice President Adnan Khalid Butt, Senior Deputy Chief Manager, State Bank of Pakistan Muhammad Tahir, Syed Hassan Ali Qadri, Head International Resource Center, Lahore College University Dr. Hifsa Batool, Faisal Wahab and LCCI EC Member Fariha Younas also spoke on the occasion.

The LCCI President said that said Lahore Chamber has declared this year as the business compliance and facilitation year. He said that LCCI is a facilitator and not a policy maker. He said that importance of women empowerment should be realized. Islam has raised the status of women from below the earth to so high that paradise lies at her feet.

LCCI Senior Vice President Chaudhry Zafar Mahmood gave a detailed briefing on tax incentives and LCCI membership for women entrepreneurs. He said that

Justice Qazi Isa objects to three nominations for SC elevation

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Senior puisne judge of the Supreme Court Justice Qazi Faez Isa Saturday has objected to the elevation of three high court judges to the apex court in a letter to Chief Justice Umar Ata Bandial, media reported, citing unnamed sources.

The Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) is likely to meet next week to consider the appointment of four judges in the Supreme Court. Currently, the top court is short of five judges out of a total strength of 17. The names of judges, who have been recommended for the elevation, include Justice Athar Minallah of the Islamabad High Court, Justice Shahid Waheed of the Lahore High Court and Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Shafi Siddiqui of the Sindh High Court.

Justice Isa raised objections to the rec-

ommendation of justices Shahid Waheed, Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, and Shafi Siddiqui. It is pertinent to mention that the last time the JCP met to consider the elevation of judges, the commission opposed a set of four names by a majority of five to four, but deferred a nomination from the PHC.

The last JCP meeting which ended abruptly reviewed the names of Chief Justice Qaiser Rasheed Khan of the PHC, Justice Shahid Waheed of the LHC and Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi, Justice Muhammad Shafi Siddiqui and Justice Naimatullah Phulpoto of the SHC.

Names once dropped cannot be reconsidered: Letter to CJP
Justice Qazi Faez Isa has written a letter to the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) and chairman Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) Umar Ata Bandial raising the objection as to why the names who were not approved in the previous annual meeting

of JCP have been included again.

The letter said that the names once dropped cannot be considered again as per law. It may be mentioned that the names of Justice Shahid Waheed of Lahore High Court, Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi of Sindh High Court and Justice Shafi Siddiqui have been included by CJP Umar Ata Bandial again for reconsideration in the meeting of JCP scheduled to be held on October 25. Member Judicial council and senior judge Supreme Court (SC) Justice Qazi Faez Isa has raised objection over it.

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FATF decision a huge relief to nation

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financing and money laundering after four years, in a major setback to India which has maintained that Pakistan had to take verifiable and irreversible steps to fight terrorism. He said as a result of FATF decision the economic activities will be accelerated and will help greatly to restore the confidence of investors across the globe. Bearing the cost of global politics, due to this restriction, Pakistan sustained a loss of \$38 billion to its GDP from 2009-2019. He said the FATF retained Pakistan on its grey list meaning no respite for the nation as it looks for financial aid amid the pandemic. He said it was difficult for a country to get financial aid from international organisation like IMF.

Shahzad Ali Malik said "Pakistan is no longer subject to FATF's increased monitoring process; to continue to work with

APG (Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering) to further improve its AML/CFT (anti-money laundering & counter-terrorist financing) system."

Credit goes to Bajwa, Imran for removal from grey list: Parvez

Chief Minister (CM) Punjab Ch Parvez Elahi has said credit goes to Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa and former Prime Minister (PM) Imran Khan for Pakistan exclusion from FATF grey list.

He tweeted that PML-N will not be allowed to take credit for the removal from the list as Pakistan was placed on grey list during PML-N's previous term.

Hina hails FATF verdict

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar has said FATF has unanimously decided to remove Pakistan from the "list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring and now it has been whitelisted by FATF.

In a news conference in Paris on Friday, she said FATF has welcomed Pakistan's significant progress in improving our Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism regime. She said it has been recognized that Pakistan has strengthened the effectiveness of its AML and CFT regime and addressed technical deficiencies and commitments of its Action Plans comprising of total 34 action items.

The Minister of State said this truly is a result of a whole-of-country efforts and demonstration of our resolve to improve our domestic systems to counter money laundering and financing of terrorism and bring them at par with the international standards. She said this would not have been possible without complete national consensus across political spectrum.

Hina Rabbani Khar thanked the national leadership for providing strategic direction, confidence and support to all institu-

TTP attacks rise in Pakistan a major concern: Thomas

The Business Report

NEW YORK: Pakistan has been dealing with the challenge of an increase in attacks led by banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and it is a major concern, US State Department's Special Representative and Deputy Assistant Secretary for Afghanistan Thomas West said in a recent interview.

West said that Pakistan is an important partner of the United States and the two countries will continue to work together. He thanked Pakistan on his country's behalf for hosting Afghan refugees for four decades. He also thanked the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for facilitating the refugees. West said that he had a two-and-a-half day stay in Pakistan two weeks ago, during which he discussed mutual interests in Afghanistan with the Islamabad authorities.

"It was a pleasure to speak with security and civilian officials in Islamabad," he added.

Sharing the details of his meetings in Pakistan, West said that the challenges faced by the country in dealing with the banned outfit were discussed. He said that the same concerns were discussed in a meeting with Minister of the State on Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar, but said that it is not a new challenge. West said that Pakistan has been dealing with the challenges linked with the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP).

"The [increase in] attacks led by banned TTP is a challenge that Pakistan has been dealing with," he said. While speaking about the US ties with the Afghan Taliban, the special representative said: "I don't believe that there will be any practical partnership between the US and Taliban," West said.

PTI questions ECP stopping written verdict

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Following party chairman Imran Khan's disqualification, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders questioned the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) over the delay in its written ruling in the Toshakhana reference.

On Friday, the ECP disqualified the PTI chief from his parliamentary membership for filing "false" and "incorrect declaration" in his statement of assets and liabilities for the year 2020-21 filed with the electoral entity.

Issuing its verdict, the ECP ruled that Khan submitted to the commission "false declaration of his assets and liabilities in particular material which entails serious consequences under the constitution and law."

It said the respondent has "intentionally and deliberately violated the provisions contained in Section 137, 167 and 173 of the Elections Act 2017, who has made also statement and incorrect declaration before the commission in the statement of assets and liabilities filed by him for the year 2020-21, hence, attracts disqualification under Article 63(1)(p) of the constitution read with Section 137 and 173 of the Elections Act 2017." However, the commission has yet to release its written verdict as it is not signed by all five members of the bench, as one of them was away due to illness. In a tweet, PTI leader Asad Umar asked why was the election commission withholding the written decision.

Partial solar eclipse on 25th

KARACHI: The Pakistan Meteorological department has said that the second partial solar eclipse would be visible in Pakistan on October 25. The solar eclipse will also be visible in most of Europe, Northern Africa, the Middle East and western parts of Asia.

The partial eclipse will begin at 1:58 p.m. and will end at 6:02 p.m. with the greatest eclipse occurring at 4 p.m. in Pakistan. —APP

Asad Mehmood meets Nawaz

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Communication Asad Mehmood on Saturday discussed the latest political situation with Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) supremo Muhammad Nawaz Sharif.

According to a message received here, PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz Sharif

tions throughout the process to achieve this key national objective.

UBG hails FATF grey list decision

United Business Group on Saturday hailed the decision of the FATF to exclude Pakistan from its grey list and said that it will herald an era of economic stability and boost exports.

Talking to this agency, Chairman UBG Shahzad Ali Malik said that it was a good omen that FATF had excluded Pakistan from the grey list of global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering after four years. He said that as a result of FATF decision economic activities would accelerate and help greatly to restore the confidence of investors across the globe.

For being on the list Pakistan sustained a loss of \$38 billion to its GDP from 2009-2019, he said adding that the FATF retained Pakistan on its grey list which meant no respite for the nation as it looked for finan-