

PM to attend COP-27 Summit: FO

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will participate in COP-27 Summit in Sharm El-Sheikh on Monday. At his weekly news briefing in Islamabad on Friday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Asim Iftikhar said more details about the visit will be shared in due course of time. The Spokesperson once again urged the world community to shoulder its responsibility with regards to Indian illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir. He said India must be held responsible for its nefarious scheme of altering the demography of IIOJK as well as its unabated brutal repression of innocent Kashmiris. —APP

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China agrees to give Pakistan latest met equipment, says Minister

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Railways and Aviation Khawaja Saad Rafique says China has agreed to provide Pakistan with latest meteorological equipment to effectively forecast the environmental changes and natural calamities. He said several agreements were reached during visit of PM Shehbaz to China. The Minister said China has not only expressed readiness to complete the ML-1 railway project but also in upgrading Pakistan's meteorological warning systems with the help of Chinese experts to prevent and tackle natural disasters by timely alerts. —APP

Pakistan issues visas to yatrees on Nanak birthday

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi has issued 2942 visas to Sikh pilgrims from India to attend the Birth Celebrations scheduled to be held in Pakistan from November 06-15, 2022.

The issuance of visas is covered under the framework of the Pakistan-India Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines of 1974. Every year, a large number of Sikh Yatrees from India visit Pakistan to observe various religious festivals/occasions. The visas issued from New Delhi are in addition to the visas granted to Sikh pilgrims participating in these events from other countries. The issuance of pilgrimage visas to religious pilgrims by the High Commission is in line with the Government of Pakistan's commitment to fully implement the Bilateral Protocol on Visits to Religious Shrines between the two countries.

Expressing his views on the auspicious occasion, Charge d'Affaires Aftab Hasan Khan, extended his heartfelt felicitations to the pilgrims and wished them a rewarding and fulfilling yatra. Pakistan takes immense pride in preserving sacred religious places and providing necessary facilitation to the visiting pilgrims, he added. During the visit, the pilgrims would, inter alia, go to Dera Sahib, Panja Sahib, Nankana Sahib and Kartarpur Sahib. They would enter Pakistan on 06 Nov and return back to India on Nov 15, 2022. —Online

IG takes notice of killing two people in Faisalabad

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Inspector General Police Punjab Faisal Shahkhar has taken notice of the incident of killing of two persons in firing near the Faisalabad Session Court Bakshi Khana and has directed RPO Faisalabad for a report on the incident.

A spokesman of the Faisalabad Police said that CPO Faisalabad immediately reached the scene of the incident and the police arrested the accused who fired, against whom further legal action is being taken. IG Punjab directed the supervisory officers to keep in close touch with the families of the victims and said that justice should be ensured to the victim's family on priority basis. According to preliminary investigation, the accused shooter was a policeman who killed two people by shooting to avenge the murder of his cousin. Legal action is being taken against the accused.

Attack on Imran part of conspiracy, says Rashid

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League Pakistan (AMLPP) leader Sheikh Rashid on Friday said that those who attacked Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan were facilitators of more than one organized conspiracy, if something had happened to Imran Khan, not only Pakistan but also the politics of the region would have changed.

Taking to Twitter, the former interior minister Rashid said that attack on PTI Chairman before the key appointment is a part of a serious conspiracy. He went on to say that taking statement from an accused immediately after the incident and making the rest flee is a big question mark. He said he will also address a protest rally at his residence Lal Haveli today.

Rashid reiterated that the assassination attack on former prime minister Khan is a local and international conspiracy. He added that they will take what's their right while remaining peaceful and following the law.

He further added that the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) has been politically engraved. He said that Islamabad has been turned into a Guantanamo Bay. He said the jail which was formed for us yesterday, the PDM and its 77 ministers will be sent there. —DNA

House of Lords member, traders call on Governor

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Lord Wajid Khan, member of UK House of Lords, along with renowned businessman Zubair Issa and delegation called on Governor Punjab Balighur Rehman at the Governor House, Lahore here on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman said success journey of Lord Wajid Khan in UK is a beacon for many people. He said that it has given the message to the nation that by the grace of Allah and hard work, anyone can achieve a high position in any place. Governor Punjab said that overseas Pakistanis are the asset of the country who are playing an important role in the country's economy along with bringing good name to the country.

He said that overseas Pakistanis are ambassadors of the country and their role in promoting the positive image of the country abroad is commendable. Governor Punjab further said that the government is paying special attention to the promotion of higher education in the country as well as to bring the quality education at par with the international standards.

Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that the country is currently facing many challenges, including the rehabili-



ISLAMABAD: Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar presides over the meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC).

US, UK, other world leaders condemn attack on Imran

WASHINGTON: The United States condemns the assassination attempt on former prime minister of Pakistan Imran Khan and wishes a speedy recovery to all those injured in the attack, White House spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre has said.

"The United States strongly condemns the attack on Imran Khan and his supporters, and hopes for the swift recovery of all who were injured. Violence has no place in politics. We call on all parties to remain peaceful and refrain from violence," Jean-Pierre said during a press briefing.

Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken has condemned the assassination attempt on the PTI Long March. In a statement, Antony Blinken expressed good wishes for Imran Khan and other injured. "Violence, harassment and intimidation should be avoided. All parties should remain peaceful. Violence has no place in politics. The White House has also condemned the assassination attack on Imran Khan. Praying for Imran Khan's speedy recovery."

The British Secretary of Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, James Cleverly, said in a condemnatory statement that the attack on Imran Khan in Pakistan is surprising. "One person was killed in the attack. My best wishes are with all the victims. There is no room for violence in politics." British High Commissioner Dr. Christian Turner also retweeted James

Cleverly's tweet. Saudi Arabia also strongly condemned the assassination attempt on former Prime Minister Imran Khan.

In a statement issued by the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Twitter, it was said that it strongly condemns the assassination attempt on former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia stands side by side in the threats to the security, stability and development of the Pakistani people. World leaders including Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, British MP Naz Shah, German Ambassador to Pakistan have condemned the attack and prayed for Imran Khan's speedy recovery.

Moreover, the news of the assassination attack on the former PM was given full coverage by the international media. British and American media published the news on the front page. The media around the world made the assassination attack on Imran Khan their headline and it remained the breaking news of the world only.

Decision taken to review security of political leaders, ministers

Decision has been taken to review the security of political leaders in a meeting held here under PM Shehbaz. The meeting also expressed reservations on the security arrangements by Punjab government in view of firing incident in PTI Long March.

The allied parties condemned the firing incident and demanded no aspect of the

matter be ignored. According to sources the meeting was attended by members of federal cabinet and leaders of allied parties. Interior minister gave briefing on the investigation made so far with reference to attack on Imran Khan. Decision was taken to review the security of the political leaders.

Rana Sana Ullah said during the briefing Punjab government was informed on October 08 there would be threat of terrorism on long march route. IB threat letter was shared with Punjab government. The accused who has been arrested has recorded his formal statement.

The sources added that it was further told to the meeting it has been decided to review the security of leaders of political parties in view of the prevailing situation and incidents. Security of political leaders and ministers will be further tightened.

Sources revealed the Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif said in the meeting the incident is condemnable and we should reach the bottom of the incident. Federation will extend every assistance and help to Punjab government in investigation of this incident. Sources revealed the federation has itself decided to investigate the matter.

The PM while regretting over using this incident for political gains has said that without investigating the matter he, interior minister and an intelligence officer have been held responsible. The leaders of allied parties have also condemned

Asif for fair probe into firing incident on PTI's long march

ISLAMABAD: Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif has called for a transparent inquiry into the incident of firing on PTI's long march to expose the real culprits behind this crime.

Speaking on the floor of the House on Friday, he said using this incident for political gains and hurling baseless accusations against the Prime Minister, the Interior Minister, and others should be avoided. He said a Joint Investigation Team should be constituted in order to ensure transparent and credible probe to apprehend culprits involved in this incident.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Noor Alam Khan said it is highly regrettable that workers of a political party are involved in running a defamatory campaign against officers of state institutions. He said protests outside senior officers of security institutions are regrettable.

Salahuddin Ayubi said violence cannot be justified for political objectives. Condemning firing on PTI's march, Shazia Marri said there should be no violence in protest demonstrations. She said the firing incident should be thoroughly probed.

At the outset, newly elected parliamentarian Dr Zulfikar Ali Bhatti took oath as Member of the National Assembly today. He belongs to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz and elected from Sargodha. Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf administered the oath. The House will now meet on Monday at five p.m.

Saudi diplomat, Turi discuss job opportunities for Pakistanis in KSA

Labour Attaché of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, Majid Baker Friday called on Federal Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development Sajid Hussain Turi to discuss employment opportunities for Pakistani professionals in Saudi Arabia, welfare and problems of Pakistani citizens in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) in detail.

During the meeting, both the dignitaries also discussed other matters of mutual interest, a news release said. The Labour Attaché apprised about the features of Saudi Arabia's new Labor Policy which was highly appreciated by the minister.

The minister emphasized on increasing the quota of Pakistani manpower adding Pakistan had available skilled manpower in all sectors and was ready to meet the

manpower requirements of Saudi Arabia.

The Skill Verification Program recently launched by both countries will ensure maximum export of skilled workers and professionals. Secretary Workers Welfare Board, Managing Director Pakistan Employment Corporation, Joint Secretary and other officers were also present in the meeting. The minister admired the decision of Saudi Arabia to appoint a Labor Attaché in Pakistan.

"I am happy that Saudi Arabia has appointed for the first time a Labor Attaché to Pakistan. Pakistan has always been proud of its friendly and brotherly relations with Saudi Arabia," he added.

Majid Bakr appreciated the efforts of the Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development for labor's and said, "After ending the condition of the sponsor Pakistani labor will go to Saudi Arabia by signing a contract with the company. Under the new policy, labor will also be able to change companies. The Saudi government is providing maximum facilities to the labor." Turi commended the revolutionary reforms in Saudi Arabia's labor policy. —APP

Punjab Cabinet condemn attack on Imran Khan

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peace and prosperity of the nation. Hafiz Ammar Yasir MPA, Rasikh Elahi, Hameesh Khan and Tablighi jamaat's Dr Nadeem Ashraf, Imtiaz Ghani, Anwaar Ghani, Muhammad Amir Ehsan and other dignitaries were also present. The Ulema and religious scholars appreciated CM's services to the religion and prayed for him.

The chief minister also visited different sections to review the arrangements and issued instructions to secretary Auqaf, Commissioner Lahore, CCPO Lahore and DG LDA. Speaking on this occasion, the CM noted that additional cameras have been installed for effective monitoring of the area along with the deployment of additional patrolling police. Similarly, the number of traffic wardens has been increased to keep the traffic flowing and the police, administration and line departments are ensuring

excellent arrangements and foolproof security with the best coordination, he added. He said that the repair work of the area roads has been completed on a priority basis and proper light arrangements have been made around the congregation, especially on Raiwind Bypass. The entire team is working jointly to provide the best facilities to the attendees, he further said. Secretary Auqaf, CCPO Lahore, Commissioner Lahore Division, DG LDA and Deputy Commissioner Lahore were also present.

CM approves purchase of T Scan, Thallium Scan machines for PIC

A meeting was held under the chair of Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi at his office to review the matters pertaining to the Punjab Institute of Cardiology. CEO PIC Dr Bilal Mohyuddin briefed about the institutional performance and added that free medicines were being given to about 2500 patients daily.

The CM approved procuring a new CT scan machine and thallium scan machine for the Punjab Institute of Cardiology and directed the specialized healthcare and medical education dept to take the necessary steps to buy the machines without delay. He added that a new pharmacy will also be established for free medicines so that the patients may not have to go to the upper floor to fetch their medicines.

The CM approved solarising PIC and directed that a plan be prepared in consultation with the energy department. Similarly, steps should also be taken to regularise the contract employees according to the policy formulated, he added. The chief minister said that a plan should be made for the expansion of the pharmacy stores and added that the plan be finalized, in partnership with the C&W department, for the construction of the cardiology tower. Alongside this, recruitment should be done

Saad questions Punjab gov't's 'silence'

ISLAMABAD: Federal Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique wondered Friday whether why the Punjab government was 'silent' over the situation created after assassination attempt on former PM Imran Khan.

"Imran Khan's security was Punjab government's responsibility. Why are they silent? Responsibility to carry out free and fair investigations lies with them," the minister said while addressing a conference here.

Saad Rafique said his party will not tolerate any criticism at the Pakistan Army. "Everyone condemned the Wazirabad incident. We are political opponents, not each other's foes," he said. The minister however said Imran Khan was leading a 'failed' march before he was shot at. "Political leadership should possess sensibility. You should not speak that much bluntly," he added. Khawaja Saad Rafique stressed the need to promote harmony and tolerance at the political scenario. He urged Punjab government to carry out transparent probe into the assassination attempt on Imran Khan. —Online

LHC admits plea seeking removal of IK as PTI chief

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) has admitted for hearing a plea seeking the removal of Imran Khan as Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman. The LHC had on Thursday reserved the verdict on the maintainability of the plea, filed by Advocate Mohammad Afaq. Justice Sajid Mehmood Sethi announced the decision today and served notices to the attorney general and advocate general of Punjab. The court also sought replies from the respondents by Nov 11 (Friday). The petitioner named the ECP, the govt of Pakistan, and others as respondents.

The petition stated that after Imran's disqualification from the NA-95 constituency following Toshakhana reference, the person could not head a political party under the Political Parties Order and its rules. He argued that Imran is violating the laws by continuing to head the PTI. The lawyer requested the court to order the ECP to remove Imran as PTI chairman and issue directives for the nomination of a new party head. On October 21, the ECP disqualified the former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf chairman in the Toshakhana reference under Article 63(1)(p). —DNA

Govt allows increase in Panadol price

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has agreed to increase the prices of Paracetamol and Panadol to end the shortage of medicine in the local market.

According to a private television channel, more than 100 manufacturing companies of paracetamol and Panadol will get benefit from the increase in price. As per the details, the government has agreed to increase the price of paracetamol in a move that will likely avert the shortage of drugs in the country.

The price of plain paracetamol 500mg tablet will be Rs2.35 from Rs 187, the price of paracetamol extra 500 mg will be Rs2.75 from Rs2.19 and the price of the Syrup will be Rs117.6 from Rs104.80. Following the new prices, the stored stock of Paracetamol and Panadol will now be sold at the new price. —DNA

Pak to benefit from European expertise: Dastgir

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Power Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan held a meeting with a delegation of European Parliamentarians in Islamabad on Friday.

Federal minister briefed the delegation about the rehabilitation efforts done in flood affected areas. The tireless efforts of Ministry of Energy enabled early restoration of electricity in the worst hit areas. Minister highlighted that climate change is no more a theory but a real disaster for Pakistan.

Despite minimum share in world pollution, Pakistan had to face the brunt of Climate change. Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan apprised the delegation of the present government's solar policy. He stressed that every

according to the rules and regulations on the approved vacancies of janitorial and security staff, he further said.

Parvez, Moonis inquire after health of Imran Khan

CM and former Federal Minister Moonis Elahi met with the Chairman PTI Imran Khan at Shaukat Khanum Hospital today. CM Parvez Elahi and Moonis Elahi inquired after Imran Khan and asked about his well-being. CM and Moonis Elahi prayed for the complete recovery of Imran Khan.

The CM apprised that thanked to Allah Almighty as Imran Khan is gaining health and his determination is elevated than before. Moonis Elahi informed that by the grace of Allah Almighty Imran Khan is recovering speedily and the determination as well as spirit of Imran Khan is very high. He stated that Imran Khan issued some directions which will be implemented InshaAllah.