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PM stresses measures to boost exports, accelerate economic growth

President for sustained Pakistan-China strategic trust, deeper economic cooperation

KSA cancels late-September crude cargoes to Europe, sources say



STAFF REPORT, A satellite image shows a closer view of the damage at the Saudi Arabia East-West pipeline, located across the Arabian Peninsula, after a strike that hit it on September 11, 2026, in Saudi Arabia, September 13, 2026. Photo: Reuters

Saudi Arabia on Tuesday informed its European customers that late-September crude oil cargoes will be cancelled, due to the East-West pipeline being shut after last week's attacks and Yemen's Houthis taking over the entire Red Sea coast, per three sources to Reuters.

Yanbu had five to seven days of crude stocks left for export when the East-West line

went down, per industry sources on Saturday, and cancelling late-September cargoes means Riyadh does not expect the line back before they run out. Europe has been taking Saudi crude through Yanbu because Hormuz has been closed since spring. On top of the pipeline, the Houthis appear to have struck the YASREF refinery at that same port this morning.

Meanwhile, oil loadings at Saudi Arabia's Red Sea port of Yanbu have been suspended, days after the world's biggest crude exporter closed its East-West pipeline due to an attack by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis, shipping industry sources said on Tuesday. Saudi

Aramco, which has increased use of the Yanbu terminal since the US war with Iran began on February 28, declined to comment.

Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan said on Tuesday that reciprocal attacks in the Gulf were impacting peace efforts to end the US-Iran war and called for them to immediately stop, adding that Ankara also valued the stability of its neighbour Iran. Speaking at a joint press conference with his Azerbaijani counterpart in Baku, Fidan also said freedom of passage should be allowed in the Strait of Hormuz, and the pre-war status quo should be re-instated, adding Ankara was in touch with all involved parties to find a solution to

the matter. Iran's Armed Forces General Staff has issued a nationwide passive defence directive outlining preparations for three possible scenarios: the end of war, a ceasefire, and full-scale war. Major General Ali Abdollahi, chief of staff of the Iranian Armed Forces and chairman of the country's Permanent Passive Defence Committee, issued the 10-article directive for Iran's 2026 Passive Defence Commemoration programs, according to Fars News Agency on Tuesday. Under the full-scale war scenario, large public gatherings and in-person events would be suspended, with activities instead focusing on operational preparedness.

Tariq Fazal Chaudhry rejects reports of smart lockdown amid rising fuel prices

STAFF REPORT, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Dr Tariq Fazal Chaudhry on Tuesday rejected reports that the government was considering imposing a smart lockdown in the country amid rising fuel prices linked to tensions in the Middle East.

"Smart lockdown was neither discussed in the meeting chaired by the deputy prime minister nor is it within my knowledge. The meeting chaired by the deputy prime minister was regarding petroleum products," Chaudhry told reporters in Islamabad. His remarks came after reports emerged that the government was considering imposing a smart lockdown to cope with a worsening petroleum situation. Rising tensions in the Middle East have pushed global oil prices higher, while attacks on Saudi energy infrastructure have raised concerns over global fuel supplies. Saudi Arabia also shut down its East-West oil pipeline after the vital conduit came under aerial attack. Chaudhry said the government was providing targeted subsidies for three-wheelers and vehicles up to 800cc for three months.

He added that public representatives were being assigned responsibilities to guide people about the scheme.

Commenting on political protests, the minister criticised Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), saying the party's marches had often resulted in violence and disruption.

He said the Islamabad High Court's recent decision directed the administration to ensure that citizens' movement remained uninterrupted.

"Public places cannot be allowed to be occupied by leaders of any political party," he said.

Chaudhry said Islamabad would not be shut down and assured that authorities would ensure the smooth movement of citizens. He said the administration was performing its duty and those repeatedly attempting to move towards Islamabad should reconsider their approach. Responding to PTI's demands, he said, "If they think they are coming to change the system, will the system change because of their arrival?"



PM stresses measures to boost exports, accelerate economic growth



APP- ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed that increasing exports should be made the foundation of the country's economic growth and that, alongside traditional sectors, more sectors should also be prepared for exports to international markets.

Chairing a review meeting on improving the country's exports and accelerating the pace of economic growth, the prime minister stressed the need to involve the maximum number of sectors and industries in export activities to diversify trade.

The prime minister directed that effective measures should be taken to bring the quality of Pakistani products in line with international standards, strengthen quality assurance systems and ensure full compliance with international standards and regulations. He emphasized giving special attention to value addition in exports to enhance both the value and competitiveness of Pakistani

products in global markets.

The prime minister directed the promotion of modern technology, research and innovation for export-oriented industries.

He said full advantage should be taken of digitalization and modern technology to bring the national economy in line with contemporary requirements.

The prime minister directed that administrative and export hurdles faced by exporters be removed and the export process made easier, faster and more transparent. The meeting was briefed on progress in the implementation of the strategic roadmap approved for the promotion of exports.

Various proposals regarding access to new international markets, diversification of export sectors, improvement in product quality and ease of doing business were also reviewed. The meeting also held a detailed discussion on improving the global competitiveness of export sectors. The meeting was informed that steps were being taken to conclude free trade agreements and preferential trade arrangements with several friendly countries to enhance access of Pakistani products to international markets. The meeting was informed that measures were being taken to include Pakistani horticultural products in the country's exports. It was further briefed that participation of Pakistani exporters in tenders and procurement processes of international hospitals was being encouraged to increase exports of Pakistani surgical and medical equipment.



Federal Minister for Interior Mohsin Naqvi shaking hands with Lebanon Interior Minister Ahmad Al-Hajjar during his visit to the Ministry of Interior

Dar reaffirms Pakistan's support for Lebanon's sovereignty, integrity in meeting with interior minister

STAFF REPORT, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar on Tuesday reaffirmed Pakistan's steadfast support for Lebanon's sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity during a meeting with Lebanese Interior Minister Ahmad Al-Hajjar.

According to a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Dar received Al-Hajjar at the Foreign Office in Islamabad and

expressed Pakistan's desire to further strengthen bilateral ties, including cooperation in law enforcement and people-to-people contacts. "The two ministers discussed Pakistan-Lebanon relations and law-enforcement cooperation and welcomed the signing of the agreement on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons as an important milestone in bilateral legal cooperation," the statement

said. The two sides also exchanged views on regional and international developments of mutual interest and expressed their desire to expand cooperation in areas of shared interest, the statement added. "Al-Hajjar appreciated Pakistan's constructive role in promoting regional peace and stability and congratulated Pakistan on the signing of the Makkah Joint Defence Agreement," it said.



A delegation of Jamaat-e-Islami called on Federal Minister for Petroleum Ali Pervaiz Malik, Federal Minister for Law and Justice Azam Nazeer Tarar and Minister of State for Finance Bilal Azhar Kiani at the Petroleum Division

Constitution must remain supreme in exercise of powers: CJ FCCP

APP- ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of the Federal Constitutional Court (FCCP) Justice Aminuddin Khan on Tuesday stressed that the Constitution must be kept supreme in the exercise of powers, saying that adherence to the Constitution was essential for ensuring stability in society.

Addressing a ceremony marking the opening of the new judicial year of the Federal Constitutional Court, the Chief Justice said the Constitution clearly defined the

powers and limits of state institutions.

He said the beginning of a new judicial year was an occasion to renew the commitment to dispensation of justice. The Federal Constitutional Court was effectively fulfilling its constitutional responsibilities and had decided several important cases in the short period since its establishment. Justice Aminuddin said access to justice was the right of every citizen and that non-discriminatory constitutional justice should remain a fundamental priority.

Gujranwala Jail Corruption Case Takes New Turn as Contractor Seeks Witness Status

Gujranwala: (Bureau Report)

According to the details: A new twist has been created in the corruption case of the former superintendent of Central Jail Gujranwala. The action has been initiated to investigate the contractor Sami Mughal, sub-engineer Hafiz Waqqas involved in the alleged bogus payments has filled the support of becoming a witness.



(*Tariq Mehmood Mughal’s expression of deep sorrow and regret on the death of MNA Mehmood Bashir Virk,*)

Gujranwala (Bureau Report)

According to details, senior leader of Pakistan People's Party and former ticket holder from NA-78, MNA Tariq Mahmood Mughal has expressed deep sorrow and condolence over the death of former Federal Law Minister and MNA Mehmood Bashir Virk by meeting his son Chaudhry Rashid Mehmood Virk. MNA Shazia Farid, Aamir Farid, Muhammad Siddique Goraya were also present on this occasion, and they also condoled the bereaved. During the condolence conversation, Tariq Mehmood Mughal paid tribute to the political and constitutional services of late Mahmood Bashir Virk in wonderful words. He said: Services as Federal Minister of Law: Mahmood Bashir virk as Federal Minister of Law has rendered very important and valuable services for



the supremacy of the constitution and law, judicial reforms and provision of public justice in the country. He always raised his voice for the rights of the people of Gujranwala and the development of the region and promoted the politics of ethics and nobility beyond all political affiliations. Tariq Mehmood Mughal further said that Mehmood Bashir

Virk was a fearless, ethical and politically insightful leader whose death Gujranwala has lost a great political and legal personality. At the end of the meeting, Tariq Mehmood Mughal and MNA Shazia Fareed prayed for the deceased's repose, elevation of his status and patience for the grieving family, especially Chaudhry Rashid Mehmood Virk.

Executing the strict orders of Director FIA Circle Gujranwala bin Ashraf, FIA Gujranwala zone crackdown against human traffickers, 13 suspects arrested



Gujranwala: (Bureau Report)

According to details: Following the strict orders of Director FIA Circle Gujranwala, FIA Gujranwala Zone has arrested 13 suspects during various operations in Gujranwala and Sialkot Circles during various operations in Gujranwala and Sialkot Circles, cracking down on elements involved in human trafficking, fraud in the name of foreign employment and extortion of funds from citizens.

Among the arrested accused are also wanted advertisement accused in various cases. The accused are accused of allegedly receiving lakhs and crores of rupees from citizens

under the pretext of sending them to Britain, Italy, Spain, Saudi Arabia, Dubai, Kuwait, Turkey and Bosnia. According to the preliminary investigation, the accused received money from the citizens through false promises of employment and travel abroad, but did not fulfill the promises and did not return the money allegedly received. Cases have been registered against the arrested accused under relevant laws. 1 crore 54 lakhs from the complainant in a case involving an accused during FIA proceedings, while alleged fraudulent amounts of lakhs of rupees have come to light in other cases. In total, the amount allegedly extorted from the citizens in the

above cases amounts to Rs 2 crore 89 lakh 65 thousand 400 and 1,000 US dollars.

Director FIA Gujranwala Zone Muhammad Bin Ashraf said that indiscriminate actions will continue against elements who cheat citizens in the name of human trafficking and foreign employment. Citizens should use only legal channels for travel and employment abroad and avoid being cheated by illegal agents.

Legal action is being taken against the arrested accused, while further investigation of all the cases is going on.

— Safe Migration, Safe Future —
Spokesperson, FIA Gujranwala Zone

Rawalpindi Police Hold Open Courts, Order Prompt Redressal of Public Complaints



Rawalpindi (FIR Report)

SSP Operations Malik Tariq Mehboob and SSP Investigation Saifullah held open courts at Police Lines Headquarters, where they listened to citizens' complaints and issued directives to relevant officers

for their resolution. The officers were instructed to ensure that legal action on referred applications is completed within the stipulated timeframe; no negligence regarding the prompt resolution of citizens' issues would be tolerated. According to details, the senior officers directed that excellent

service delivery for citizens at police stations must be ensured at all times. In line with the Punjab Chief Minister's vision, the protection of citizens' lives and property and the provision of facilities remain top priorities, and all necessary measures are being taken to achieve this.

Pakistan, China, Africa region can build trilateral economic Cooperation framework

APP- ISLAMABAD: Speakers at an event held at the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) Capital House in Islamabad have emphasized that the Pakistan Africa Economic Council (PAEC) could play the role of a catalyst in expanding trade and investment ties between Pakistan, Shenzhen and African markets.

They said that the development strategies of Pakistan, China and African countries create considerable room for cooperation, as China's industrial capabilities, technology and market demand can complement the resources, industrial priorities and market potential of Pakistan and African countries.

The event was organized in recog-



nition of the services of President of the Shenzhen Government Procurement Association and Chairman of the Industrial Globalization Alliance, Feng Qiang, and to highlight the potential of Shenzhen in promoting international

economic cooperation among China, Pakistan and the African region.

Addressing the ceremony, Feng Qiang said Pakistan, China and African countries could build a practical triangular cooperation framework by linking industrial capacity.

(*Gujranwala, Driver raping disabled girl in police encounter Rashid, the accused who sexually assaulted an innocent girl, was trying to escape by shooting at the police party along with his partner, but was killed by his own partner’s firing.*)



GUJRANWALA (BUREAU REPORT) According to the details: According to the details of police station president Gujranwala, the rickshaw driver who sexually assaulted a special child 8-year-old girl multiple times during school pick-and-drop was killed by his partner's gun-

fire. According to the deceased, the accused had raped the girl several times while taking her to school and dropping her back. Illicit weapons and a motorcycle were recovered from the possession of the accused, while his accomplice managed to escape. CPO Dr. Sardar Ghiyas Gul

Khan took immediate notice of the incident and sought a report from the Divisional SP. Special police teams under the supervision of SDPO People's Colony have been formed to arrest the absconding accused, while the blockade continues across the city.

Sahiwal RPO Holds Open Courts at Two Police Stations, Orders Prompt Grievance Redressal

Sahiwal (Bureau Chief):

RPO Sahiwal Rana Muhammad Ayaz Saleem Khan visited Farid Town Police Station and City Police Station Sahiwal, directly addressing citizens' grievances during an on-site open court session.

Regional Police Officer (RPO) Sahiwal, Rana Muhammad Ayaz Saleem Khan, conducted a detailed visit to Farid Town and City Police Stations. During the visit, he inspected security arrangements, the front desk, the control room, the lock-up, record-keeping, cleanliness, and other operational sections.

The RPO also reviewed the facilities provided to citizens at the stations and instructed the relevant officers and personnel to treat the public with courtesy while upholding merit and transparency. During the visit, he held an open court session on the premises to ensure the immediate redressal of citizens' complaints. Citizens presented their issues and grievances directly to the RPO, who listened to them in detail and issued necessary directives to the concerned officers on the spot.



He instructed officials to take immediate action on citizens' applications in accordance with the law and merit, and to submit reports within the stipulated timeframe, making it clear that no negligence or delay in addressing citizens' grievances would be tolerated.

Muhammad Ayaz Saleem emphasized that police officers and personnel must make serving the public and resolving their issues their

top priority. It is a fundamental responsibility of the police to treat every citizen visiting the police station with respect and dignity and to provide immediate relief in accordance with the law. The RPO of Sahiwal further stated that the series of open courts (*Khuli Kachehris*) would continue in order to ensure the delivery of justice and provide redress for grievances at the citizens' doorsteps.

Suspended officer assigned additional charge of Director Finance without reinstatement order; questions raised regarding exercise of authority within KMC

Karachi Special Report

Karachi: Questions have arisen regarding the assignment of additional responsibilities for a key financial position to an officer within the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC) without a formal reinstatement order. According to a notification issued by the KMC Human Resources Management Department, Muhammad Sohail Ahmed (BPS-18)—currently posted as Additional Director Internal Audit—has been authorized to serve as Senior Director Finance and Accounts alongside his existing duties. The order designates this as a “stop-gap arrangement,” effective immediately and pending further instructions.

This development is considered significant because the officer in question has previously faced scrutiny regarding alleged financial and administrative irregularities, as well as matters concerning government land. The KMC Employees Action Group claims that Muhammad Sohail's name has surfaced in connection with several alleged cases, and the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has also requisitioned his service records.

According to sources and the



Action Group, allegations of irregularities have surfaced regarding land, auctions, and other administrative matters involving various sites, including the bus terminal, Aladdin Park, Kidney Hill Park, Jheel Park, Umer Sharif Park, the slaughterhouse, and the Baldia Town Cottage Industry. However, the definitive legal status of these allegations can only be determined through investigations by relevant agencies and subsequent judicial proceedings. According to reports, former Municipal Commissioner Abrar Ahmed Jafar had previously initiated proceedings—including potential suspension—against Muhammad Sohail; consequently, the recent order assigning him a key financial role has sparked concern

among KMC officers and employees.

The KMC Employees Action Group has written to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), urging them to take notice of the matter and demanding a thorough investigation into the officer's appointment and alleged irregularities, a review of his service record, and legal action against those responsible.

Employee representatives argue that simultaneously assigning a key Finance and Accounts role to an officer associated with internal audit raises serious questions regarding conflicts of interest and transparency. They have demanded that the process of making appointments to key positions and assigning additional charges within the KMC strictly adhere to the law, regulations, and merit.

According to a special report from Karachi, the fundamental question now arises: was a comprehensive review of the relevant records and legal standing conducted before entrusting a key financial portfolio to an officer who had previously faced departmental or investigative proceedings? A statement from KMC officials and the relevant investigative agencies could provide further clarity on this matter.

Journalist Asif Siddiqui’s Wife Passes Away in Gujranwala



Gujranwala: (Bureau Report)

Ms. Muneeb Siddiqui, wife of senior journalist Asif Siddiqui, District Sales Manager, Pharmadic Pharma, ex-Bosch

Pharma owner, and mother of Habib Bank officer Haseeb-ur-Rehman Siddiqui, Reza Elahi, passed away. The funeral prayer of the deceased was performed in the large cemetery.

Apart from this, Akram Baig photojournalist and others have expressed their condolences on the death of Ms. Muneeb Siddiqui, wife of Asif Siddiqui and mother of Haseeb Siddiqui.

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NATO must be ready for key summit in pivotal year

LUKE COFFEY

The World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, last week highlighted an ongoing rift between the worldview of the US and that of its transatlantic partners in Europe. This time, the dispute centered on Greenland — specifically, America's desire for greater access to and control over the territory. While tensions were high at times, it was NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte who ultimately helped calm the situation and get transatlantic relations back on track.

Looking ahead, 2026 will be a pivotal year for NATO, with a major summit scheduled to take place less than six months from now in Ankara, Türkiye. To ensure the summit's success, policymakers must begin shaping the agenda immediately. While the meeting may seem far off, in terms of statecraft and diplomacy, six months is very little time at all. Aligning the US and its European partners more closely will require early preparation, sustained engagement and political will on both sides of the Atlantic. Getting the transatlantic relationship right carries sig-

nificant economic implications — not only for North America and Europe, but for the global economy as well. Together, the two account for nearly half of the world's gross domestic product. Europe and the US are each other's largest export markets and each is responsible for trillions of dollars of investment in the other's economy, supporting millions of jobs. When rifts emerge across the Atlantic, the consequences are felt well beyond security policy, with ripple effects across trade, investment and global growth. As the alliance heads toward the July summit, four major issues are likely to dominate discussions. Policymakers would be wise to begin laying the groundwork now to ensure the meeting delivers tangible results rather than political friction.

The first issue, unsurprisingly given the recent focus on Greenland, is Arctic security. Just as Donald Trump has done more than any other US president to push NATO members to increase their defense spending, he has also done more than any predecessor to force the alliance to take the Arctic seriously. Until recently, NATO avoided even mention-

ing the region in its official documents, largely due to internal disagreements among Arctic allies over what role the alliance should play there.

With growing competition in the High North and with Trump's renewed emphasis on Greenland's strategic importance, Arctic security has been pushed near the top of NATO's agenda for the first time. For this summer's summit to proceed smoothly, allies should expect concrete deliverables related to NATO's posture, presence and coordination in the Arctic.

The second issue likely to be raised concerns NATO's relationship with the broader region — a matter of particular importance to the host country, Türkiye. While Türkiye has been an integral part of transatlantic security since joining NATO in the 1950s, Ankara also places increasing emphasis on security issues in the Black Sea region and the Middle East. Notably, it was a Turkish initiative at the 2004 NATO Summit in Istanbul that led to the creation of the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, which formalized NATO's engagement with several

Gulf states. Since then, the framework has provided a useful platform for high-level dialogue, though it has produced relatively few tangible outcomes in terms of shared security. With the political momentum that comes from hosting the summit, NATO should seize the opportunity to revamp, or at least reenergize, the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative and strengthen its relationships with key Gulf partners.

The third issue, and one that will no doubt be a top priority for Trump, will be the health of the alliance's defense spending. Dating back to his first term in the White House, Trump has been among the most vocal US presidents in urging European allies to spend more on defense. At last year's summit in The Hague, NATO took a historic step by agreeing to aim for defense spending of 5 percent of gross domestic product. This is three percentage points higher than the long-standing 2 percent benchmark. While this goal is not expected to be met until the early 2030s, there is little doubt that Trump will be closely monitoring progress in the meantime.

At present, only a handful of allies, primarily the Baltic states and Poland, come even close to meeting the 5 percent target. If Trump succeeds in working with Congress to pass his proposed \$1.5 trillion defense budget, the US itself would reach that threshold. The faster European allies demonstrate meaningful progress toward this goal, the smoother alliance management is likely to be between the White House and European capitals. The final issue, though unlikely to receive much public attention, will be discussed intensively behind closed doors: the war in Ukraine. Trump has made slow but steady progress in pushing Russia and Ukraine toward negotiations and NATO's posture at the summit will depend heavily on how far diplomatic efforts have advanced by then. Trump has been clear that Ukrainian membership of NATO is off the table, meaning the alliance will need to find creative ways to remain engaged with Kyiv — strengthening cooperation and support without crossing political red lines set by Washington.

— Arab News

Netanyahu the biggest obstacle to Trump's Gaza plan

OSAMA AL-SHARIF

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was never on board when US President Donald Trump announced his 20-point Gaza peace plan, which led to the Oct. 10 ceasefire agreement. He has resisted pressure to honor Israel's commitments under phase one of the plan: allowing the unimpeded flow of humanitarian aid and stopping the killing of Palestinians in Gaza. More than 450 Palestinians, including women and children, have been killed since the ceasefire came into effect. And Israel has prevented the entry of the caravans and shelter needed to protect tens of thousands of displaced Gazans from the bitter cold that has swept the region for weeks. Infants have died of cold and exposure as a result.

Netanyahu was equally unhappy with Trump's idea of establishing a "Board of Peace" to oversee the implementation of his plan, including the naming of a Palestinian national committee to run the enclave and inviting international troops to serve as a stabilization force in Gaza.

When Trump unveiled the four-tier structure of his Board of Peace this month — with an executive committee, a Palestinian national committee, a US general to head the stabilization force and a high commissioner to liaise between the Palestinian technocratic body and the executive committee — Netanyahu found himself cornered. Trump had stripped him of leverage regarding the fate of the Palestinian enclave. The US president also announced it was time to move to the second phase of the plan, which would entail Israel's gradual withdrawal from Gaza, in addition to disarming Hamas.

But the real challenge for the Board of Peace will be forcing Netanyahu to yield and embrace the plan and its requirements fully and unconditionally. One litmus test is the opening of the Rafah border crossing. Trump sent his son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and his special envoy, Steve Witkoff, to Israel earlier this week to push this step forward. Netanyahu resisted, reiterating that for the crossing to open, Hamas must hand over the body of the last Israeli captive.

Within 24 hours, the Israeli military found the hostage's remains in an area under its control in Gaza. Netanyahu bowed — but not before setting new conditions. He would allow the Rafah crossing to open not for aid trucks, but only for pedestrians to travel between Gaza and

Egypt as part of a "limited reopening." Meanwhile, Israel continues to refuse entry to the 15-member Palestinian committee tasked with assuming responsibilities in the beleaguered Strip.

Whatever the outcome of Kushner and Witkoff's trip to Israel, the general impression is that Netanyahu will continue fighting to have a final say on what happens next in Gaza. While the two US envoys met with Netanyahu, Israeli shelling killed at least three Palestinians in various parts of the Strip. The Israeli army has also continued expanding areas under its control beyond the so-called Yellow Line. It is believed to occupy nearly 60 percent of Gaza. The areas under its control have been flattened, while the army is digging deep trenches to prevent Palestinians from returning to what used to be their homes.

Trump's Board of Peace has sent tremors across the globe because it has been given a mandate that extends beyond Gaza. Most of America's Western allies have declined the invitation to join. The Arab and Muslim nations that have joined have done so after a careful assessment of the costs and benefits. Being on board regarding Gaza's future is better than opting out. Working with Trump and his aides from within far outweighs being locked out of the deliberations and discussions. The Palestinian Authority has not been represented at any level of Trump's plan and is unlikely to have a role in the near future, pending its much-touted reform, which is a red herring. As much as the PA needs genuine reform and accountability, Israel will never approve of a Palestinian body that seeks to fulfill the ambition of a two-state solution. Even so, Netanyahu's recent political maneuvers do not bode well for the Board of Peace and Trump's peace plan. He remains the biggest obstacle to ending the carnage, opening border crossings and allowing much-needed aid and supplies to enter freely. Ironically, Netanyahu and his far-right partners still espouse a plan to forcibly remove Gazans from the enclave, retain open-ended military control of the Strip and prevent reconstruction efforts. The opening of the Rafah crossing will put Trump's plan and his board to the ultimate test. Already, Netanyahu is seeking to derail that effort. He now plans to establish another crossing point, totally controlled by Israel, next to Rafah inside Gaza. Netanyahu is always planning ahead, working to impose new conditions that will keep him in the game.

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Us ... after the Davos fog lifts

EYAD ABU SHAKRA

It is difficult for an analyst to come away with an accurate picture of the deliberations of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. With such events, it is very useful to understand the atmosphere, body language, implicit messages and positional "test signals." The stances expressed in speeches and discussions are carefully calibrated; they reflect participants' principles and vested interests. However, this task requires prudence that makes them easier to swallow and more readily accepted by the broader public. In fact, participants know their audience well and are aware of what is expected to be heard. Yet the more perceptive speakers understand that the message is stronger and more effective when it transcends narrow interests and impacts the wider sphere of interests. When a figure from the forum's elite, such as Larry Fink, chairman of the trillion-dollar asset management giant BlackRock, speaks of the challenges facing capitalism, he raises this issue out of concern for its survival in a changing world that can seem ungoverned at times. In other words, people like Fink feel that capitalism may sometimes need to be rescued from its own excesses in a world where technology threatens to remove constraints, remove the brakes and universalize unknowns.

According to Fink, this trajectory threatens the "legitimacy" of the global economic system. Here, the American news site Axios reported that Fink reminded his audience that economic prosperity is not confined to cumulative growth (in the sense of the size of a country's gross domestic product or the market capitalization of major corporations), but includes the breadth of the population that feels it, experiences it and builds its future upon it. On another front, the influential global billionaire predictably addressed the impact of artificial intelligence, explaining that it will negatively affect the fate of office and clerical jobs to the same extent that globalization negatively affected manual labor jobs. Accordingly, he stressed that this challenge must be seriously and directly addressed. From this perspective, the head of BlackRock called for greater engagement in intensive dialogue across the world: more listening and less lecturing. Against this deep realism, there were of course predictable excesses expressed in several economic and political quarters. As usual, the political spotlight focused on the positions of the US, which President Donald Trump conveyed in word and deed.

Trump arrived at Davos having just finished the "raid" on Venezuela that led to the removal of President Nicolas Maduro and amid his multi-pronged effort to capture the island of Greenland and remove it from

Europe's "embrace," and his project for the future of the Gaza Strip. In this regard, it has become clear that the world is beginning to absorb the shock, adapting to an unfamiliar American leadership with "out-of-the-box" views that, since the end of the Cold War at least, had seemed unthinkable in the West. The rise of the Soviet Union as a global power at the end of the Second World War (on the ruins of Nazism, fascism and Japanese militarism) allowed for the emergence of a "global economic shift" following the success of the Maoist revolution in China.

Thus, the combined Soviet-Chinese effort, together with the emergence of a nonaligned Third World force outside the two major blocs (the capitalist West and the communist East), led to the growth of global "liberation" movements across Asia, Africa and the Americas. But the rules of the game changed with the end of the Cold War, the collapse of European communism and with it the fall of the Berlin Wall.

For a few decades, it seemed that a new world order had emerged from the "end of history" that Francis Fukuyama heralded, marked by the West's "victory," while laying the groundwork for the "clash of civilizations" between the West and the Islamic world that Samuel Huntington anticipated. Indeed, despite tremors here and there, the "new world order" appeared to be steadily consolidating. But four developments altered the trajectory. First, Russian President Vladimir Putin succeeded in preventing his country's collapse and launched a retaliatory counter-war against the West, beginning with his embrace of far-right extremist forces. In truth, Putin exposed the fragility of democracy and of the integration project of the "institutional state" in Western Europe, and then in the US itself. Second, China got back on its feet, successfully (so far) distracting the world from its strategic ambitions by appearing to focus on the economy, manufacturing and scientific research. Third, the exponential acceleration of the technological revolution, from communications and information technologies to AI, could change various formulas worldwide. Fourth, building on these three developments, came the change in patterns of thinking and the redefinition of priorities in the US through the nationalist, populist "Make America Great Again" current, under the political leadership of Trump and the ideological vision of figures like Steve Bannon. Under MAGA, the priorities shifted. The traditional enemy was no longer an enemy and the traditional ally was no longer an ally. The language of diplomacy was set aside, replaced by the language of imposition or threats. Long-term calculations were replaced by quick deals. In Davos, Trump confirmed this shift.

— Arab News

Letters to the Editor

Utilising excess power

Pakistan is producing excess electricity which is adding to the prevailing financial crisis in the country, as the government has had to pay for the electricity but cannot sell it further because the demand is low due to high cost. It is therefore advisable for the government to increase electricity usage — through its own projects. One way can be to start electricity tram-trains in congested cities. They are very efficient, reliable and easy to use. Tram-trains, like all public transport, are not profitable and require government subsidies in first few years. And this is where excess electricity can be put to use. Another easy way would be to construct cold storage in partnership with local entrepreneurs. Such facilities would improve food security and raise exports through increased electricity usage. The government can also fast-track construction of industries with heavy electricity use by allocating land on lease and creating business plans for projects through SMEDA. These new businesses can then be sold to public investors who can make investment and run these industries. Reducing taxes and cost of electric appliances can also increase electricity usage in domestic sector. Besides, export of electricity to neighbouring countries is also always a

good option.

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Islamabad

Educate every girl

A nation that denies education to its daughters denies itself progress, prosperity and peace. Yet across Pakistan — and particularly in Balochistan — millions of girls remain out of school, their potential wasted and our collective future diminished. Educating girls is not charity; it is the smartest investment any society can make. Educated girls become doctors healing communities, teachers inspiring generations, engineers building infrastructure, and leaders driving social change. Education gives girls agency over their own lives — the confidence to dream, decide, and determine their destinies. Yet cultural barriers, poverty, inadequate school infrastructure and lack of female teachers keep countless girls confined to homes instead of classrooms. In rural Balochistan, girls' enrollment drops dramatically after primary school due to distance, safety concerns and regressive attitudes. We must act decisively. The government should build more girls' schools in underserved areas, recruit and train female teachers, provide transportation and stipends for economically disadvantaged families, and launch community

awareness campaigns challenging outdated mindsets. When we educate a girl, we educate a family, a community, a nation. Pakistan's progress depends on unlocking the potential of all its children — daughters and sons alike.

Hafsa Abdullah
Turbat

In a shambles

About two weeks back, I visited the Academy of Letters in Islamabad to attend a book launching ceremony. It was deeply disappointing to see the Academy in a dilapidated condition — poorly maintained and inadequately managed. This not only disrupted the spirit of the event but also compromised the prestige of the Academy. The Academy of Letters is a respected national institution, and it is distressing to see it gradually falling under the influence of vested groups and informal "mafias" that seek to control literary forums for their own benefit. Urgent steps need to be taken to improve maintenance and cleanliness of the Academy premises and ensure better management and transparency in future literary events so the institution remains protected from exploitation by self-serving elements.

Muhammad Saeed Akhter
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US-Europe rift serves neither, but is it inevitable?

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A rift between the US and Europe is quickly brewing. However, neither side can afford it or will benefit from it. Worse, this long-standing alliance now faces its severest test yet, which is bound to remain for the next three years. It is already leaving deep scars.

The security and prosperity of what is known as the West depend on close transatlantic relationships. When this alliance weakens, it only serves those the US and Europe perceive as their main rivals: China and Russia. One would not be surprised if the leaderships in Beijing and Moscow were rubbing their hands with glee at every spat between the Trump administration and America's NATO allies. The American administration's insistence on acquiring Greenland has proven to be, for the EU, the UK and Canada, the final straw. For them, this was a red line they could not afford to let Washington cross without mounting a challenge, as they did.

The strategic importance of Greenland — the world's largest island — is indisputable and it will only increase because of the unfortunate impact of climate change. Its strategic position between the US and Russia makes it a front-line area of growing importance as the ice sheets melt. Global warming is causing Greenland's ice sheet and the rest of the Arctic's sea ice to melt, opening new sea routes that will serve as an alternative to traditional, costly navigation through the Suez and Panama canals. Add to this Greenland's rich mineral and hydrocarbon deposits and the attraction of this massive island, despite its harsh weather, lack of infrastructure and remoteness, is turning it into the US' latest frontier.

Alas, the way President Donald Trump is going about it alienates his country's closest allies and does so needlessly. The idea of the American frontier underpins the country's historical westward expan-

sion, with European settlers moving from the original settlements along the Atlantic Coast toward the Pacific Coast. This was a combination of ideology and utilitarianism, eventually resulting, for instance, in the purchase of Alaska in 1867 for the modest sum of \$7.2 million (about \$150 million today).

Acquiring territories reflected the "manifest destiny" notion, coined by John L. O'Sullivan in 1845, that America had a special destiny to stretch across the continent. However, it was another US president, Woodrow Wilson, with his notable 14 points during the First World War, who made his country the champion of the right to self-determination — a position that now seems reversed by the current US administration.

Greenland, in Trump's thinking, epitomizes this. And it is no longer a fight between the so-called new world and the old world of colonial Europe, but a confrontation that undermines the closest of allies, which share similar security concerns and, at least until recently, similar values and respect for the norms of a rules-based world order.

Before Trump's arrival at the World Economic Forum in Davos, the fear was that the issue of Greenland was going to cause irreparable damage to the US' relationship with most of the other members of NATO, which believed that Trump would not climb down from his demand for American sovereignty over the island.

The day before Trump addressed the forum, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney urged his fellow "middle powers" to form new alliances, accusing the great powers of abandoning the post-Second World War system of freer trade and international norms, which required an adequate response. "We understand that this rupture calls for more than adaptation," he said, as "the old order is not coming back. We should not mourn it. Nostalgia is not a strategy."

— Arab News



Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research, Rana Tanveer Hussain, chairs a high-level meeting of the Sugar Advisory Board to review the sugar supply situation, domestic requirements and available stocks

Minister urges parliament to legislate for effective migration governance

APP- ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Dr Musadik Malik on Tuesday urged Parliament to enact effective legislation to improve migration governance, stressing the need to make the migration process safe, orderly and transparent amid growing displacement caused by climate-related disasters.

Addressing a seminar on the role of Parliament in improving migration and migration governance, the minister said Pakistan needed an effective legislative framework to respond to the emerging challenges associated with large-scale displacement.

He said climate-induced disasters had forced around 40 million people to relocate during the past five floods, while about 7,000 people had lost their lives and nearly 17,000 had been injured or perma-

nently disabled.

Dr Musadik Malik said the figures illustrated the enormous human cost of climate-related disasters and highlighted the need for a comprehensive approach to migration governance.

He said the issue should not be viewed merely through statistics, as displacement involved the loss of homes, livelihoods, schools and communities.

Referring to the experiences of families affected by floods, he said children, parents and entire communities had been uprooted, while schools and places of worship had also been washed away.

"When you take each of those as a story and give it a human face, you start to see what displacement means for a person," he said.

The minister said migration govern-



ance needed to be strengthened through effective legislation, with Parliament having an important role in developing the required legal framework.

He stressed that migration should be managed in a manner that protected people affected by displacement and ensured

that the process remained safe, orderly and transparent.

Dr Musadik Malik said his remarks were focused primarily on climate-induced migration in view of his current responsibilities, although migration and displacement could also be examined from security, economic and other perspectives.

He said the repeated floods had demonstrated the scale at which climate-related disasters could disrupt human lives and force people to leave their homes. The minister emphasised that the growing scale of displacement required policymakers and legislators to give greater attention to migration governance and develop mechanisms capable of responding to the needs of affected populations.

PEC launches Brain Gain Portal to connect Pakistani engineers worldwide with country

APP- ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has launched the Brain Gain Portal to connect Pakistani engineers and experts living around the world with students, universities, startups and industry in Pakistan.

The inaugural ceremony of the portal was held at the PEC Headquarters, where Secretary Ministry of Science and Technology Engineer Shahid Iqbal Baloch and PEC Chairman Engineer Waseem Nazir jointly inaugurated the platform.

Pakistan's Ambassador to France Mumtaz Zahra Baloch attended the ceremony as the guest of honour. The Brain Gain Portal will provide overseas Pakistani engineers and experts with opportunities to offer professional guidance and mentorship to students, review research and technical proposals, and supervise final-year projects.

Through the portal, experts will also be able to provide specialised technical assistance to Pakistani startups and industrial organisations, helping strengthen linkages between global expertise and local institutions.

Membership of the Brain Gain Portal is open to Pakistani engineers and experts residing anywhere in the world, as well as international experts interested in supporting Pakistan.

New IGP Sohail takes command, puts public safety, rule of law on top

APP- ISLAMABAD: Captain (Retd) Muhammad Sohail Chaudhry on Tuesday formally took command of Islamabad Police as its new Inspector General, placing public safety, crime prevention and rule of law at the heart of his policing agenda and promising better and timely services for citizens. An official told APP that the new IGP Sohail received a warm welcome from officers and personnel on his arrival at the Central Police Office (CPO), where a formal change-of-command ceremony was held. A smartly turned-out police contingent presented a guard of honour to the new police chief.

IGP Sohail held introductory meetings with senior police officers and received detailed briefings on professional and operational matters. He also met staff at the Central Police Office and discussed various policing issues.

The IGP Sohail later visited the Police Martyrs' Memorial, laid a floral wreath and offered prayers for the departed souls. He paid tribute to police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty and said their sacrifices would always be remembered. Setting out his priorities, Sohail said maintaining law and order and protecting citizens would remain the foremost responsibility of Islamabad Police. He said timely and effective police services would be ensured for citizens, while there would be no compromise on merit, transparency and the rule of law.



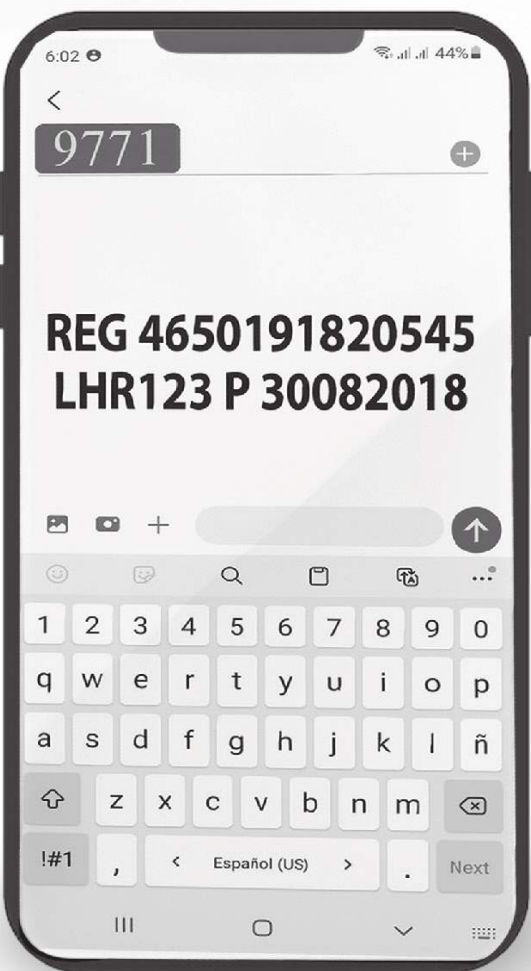
مشرق وسطیٰ میں جنگ کے باعث پٹرول کی قیمتوں میں ہوشربا اضافے کا بوجھ کم کرنے کے لئے

مہنگے پٹرول سے نجات کا تاریخی اقدام وزیر اعظم کی خصوصی ریلیف اسکیم



پٹرول 100 روپے فی لیٹر سستا

موٹر سائیکل ، چنگچی ، رکشہ اور تین پہیوں والی سواریاں چلانے والے اور 800 سی سی تک گاڑیوں کے مالکان ون ٹائم رجسٹریشن کے لئے اپنے شناختی کارڈ پر رجسٹرڈ موبائل نمبر سے



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STEP-1

رجسٹریشن کے بعد پٹرول ریلیف حاصل کرنے کے لیے پٹرول پمپ جانے سے پہلے TOK لکھ کر 9771 پر بھیج دیں

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قبیوں میں تقرباً دو لکھ اداکار دیکھ کر کیا
گیا ہے کیونکہ سعودی عرب کی تیل و گیس کی
تعمیرات پر عالمی مصلحتوں کے بعد عالمی سطح پر
سپانی میں مکتدہ کاروانوں کے بعد شہادت پر قرار
گیا۔

یاد رہے کہ سعودی عرب پر ہونے والی حملوں کے نتیجے میں ایبٹ ویسٹ پاپ آؤن سے تعلق کی تو تیل کی قیمتوں پر بڑا اثر پڑا ہے۔ جبکہ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ تیل کی قیمتوں میں جازدانی کے خلاف کارروائی کی وجہ سے بھی 10 تا 15 فیصد اضافے آئے ہیں۔

شمارہ سالانہ درآمدات کے لحاظ سے مضافی علاقوں کے روز بروز تیل کی قیمتیں 1.87 ڈالر (تیل) 1.77 ڈالر (گھسنہ) اضافے کے ساتھ 107.55 ڈالر فی بیرل پر پہنچ گئی ہیں۔ جبکہ امریکا ویسٹ کینساس انٹرمیڈیٹ تیل کی قیمتیں 1.87 ڈالر (تیل) 1.85 ڈالر (گھسنہ) اضافے کے بعد 103.27 ڈالر فی بیرل پر پہنچ گئی ہیں۔

داد ہے کہ سچ کے روز بھی برہنہ
خام تیل اور امریکی ویسٹ گیس خام تیل
میں ایک فیصد سے زائد اضافہ دیکھا جا رہا ہے۔

کے کسی اہم تجربے کے چیف مارکیٹ
تجزیہ کار علم واہر نے بتایا کہ قبل کے ۲۰
بر سنے جسے یا جیل وائس کے بنیادی
ذرائع کو قرضے والے نقصان کو پہنچنے کے
لیے ایک نئے حکم سے کے طور پر دیکھ رہے
ہیں۔

ان کا کہنا تھا کہ مارکیٹ اب بات پر
 بھی گہری نظر رکھے ہوئے ہے کہ آیا سعودی
 عرب کی ایسٹ پیٹ پامپ لائن اور
 آجائے برحرح کے واسطے سے ٹیک کی تحریک
 معمول پر آ سکتی ہے یا نہیں۔

تیل دیکھیں گی عالمی مارکیٹ کی گھرائی
کرنے والی کھلی کھلی تصویر کے ابتدائی
اعداد ان کے مطابق ہی کے روز آجائے
ہرگز سے گزرنے والے تیل و پتلی بردار
جہاں دنیا کی تمام اور کوسرے طرف چاروں دیو
ایک روز میں 10 قصبے میں
اس اہم بحری راستے کے پارے میں
خدا شمس میں اضافہ کر دیا ہے، جہاں ایران
کے خلاف امریکہ اور اسرائیل کی جنگ
شروع ہونے سے پہلے ہی تقریباً 20 لاکھ
تیل سپلائی کر رہی تھی۔

مسعودی قرپہ زبوں اور تاجروں کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر ایسٹ وائسٹ پاپ لائن کی سرگرمیاں جلد سبالت ہو گئیں تو مسعودی عرب چند ہی دنوں میں برآمدات کے لیے دستکاب میل کے ذخائر سے محروم ہو سکتا ہے۔ ایسی صورت میں عالمی منڈی سے تقریباً چار اربہ میل کی پامانی ہوئے کاغذات پیرا ہو سکتا ہے۔

۱۰۰ لاکھ کا سب سے بڑا قتل برآمد کرنے والا ملک سعودی عرب ایسٹ وائسٹ لائن کے ذریعے روزانہ تقریباً 40 لاکھ جہازیں تیلی، جو عالمی سیانی کا تقریباً چار فیصد ہیں، بھیجے، امر کے ساحلی دفاع کی شہر واقع تک منتقل کرتا رہا۔

مالیاتی ادارے آئی این جی کے تجویز
کاروں نے ایک نوٹ میں کہا ہے کہ ابھی
تک یہ واضح نہیں کہ سعودی پانپ لائن کو
تاکہیلے والا نقصان کس حد تک ممکن ہے اور
اس لائن کی بندش کتنے عرصے تک ہماری رو
کتی ہے۔

یاد رہے کہ سٹیج کو ہم نے والے سٹیل
کے بعد سہ ماہی کا کام نے ایسٹ ویسٹ
پارٹ لائن کو بند کر دیا تھا۔

یہ عمل ایسے وقت میں ہوا تھا جب یمن کے شیعہوں کے سعودی عرب پر حملوں میں شدت آ رہی ہے جس سے مشرق وسطیٰ کا رخ مزید پھیل رہا ہے۔

دوسری جانب عراق نے اپنی سرزمین سے اس جملے کی تصدیق کے بعد ایک فوجی کمانڈر کو برطرف کر کے چلیاتے شروعات کی تھیں۔ عراقی حکام کے مطابق یہ حملہ ایران سے متصل عراق کے صوبے بصرہ سے کیا گیا تھا۔

سعودی عرب کو تنہا کا سب سے بڑا
خارجی برآمد کرنے والا ملک ہے اور
1200 کھوہڑوں میں ایٹم ویسٹ پائپ
رائٹی، سعودیہ کو آجائے ہر مہر سے گزرنے
پھر یمنی متبادل گزرگاہ ویشل کی سہلائی کا
رد و فراموش کرتی ہے۔

یہ واقعہ ممکن نہیں ایمان کے حمایت
پاکستان کوئی پانچویں صدی کے
دوران آٹھواں آیتا جس سے عالمی تہذیب کی
تربیل کے راستوں پر مزید پانچواں ہوا گیا۔
اس مقام کے قریب بھی ہوئی زمین
اور دوسری کی سلاخ کے تمام پر بھی سامنے
آئی ہیں۔
سعودی دار الخلافہ کے لئے کیا تھا

کہ خطے کے نتیجے میں کچھ افراد زخمی ہو گئے اور نقصان بھی ہوا، مگر کچھ تباہی لگائی جا رہی ہے۔

امریکہ اور اسرائیل کی ایران کے خلاف جنگ جاری ہے۔
یہ پاپ لائن جو خلیجہ الرکن کے نام سے بھی جانی جاتی ہے، سعودی عرب کے مشرقی صوبے میں واقع اقلیتی کے میدانوں سے مغرب میں واقع بندرگاہین تک جاتی ہے۔

اس کی لمبائی تقریباً 1200 کلومیٹر ہے اور یہ سعودی عرب کو کامیاب مندریوں تک پہنچانے کے لیے متبادل راستہ ہے جو آگے بڑھ کر کوئی پاس کرتا ہے۔

کمپنیں اور تجزیہ کاروں کے مطابق مالی
سیاتی کارہائے باغی فائدہ دہے۔
محمودی پریس ایجنسی (پریس لی
اسے) کے مطابق اس ایجنسی کی سمجھاؤں
تقریباً 70 لاکھ کھول ہوئے ہیں۔
محمودی عرب کو گزشتہ مئی میں
رومان بارہ اعلان کر چکا ہے کہ اس کی

عالمی تیل کی قیمتیں گری گئیں۔
سعودی وزارت خارجہ کے مطابق
اس نئے فوراً بعد سعودی حکام کو عراق کے
وزیر اعظم کی ایک کال وصول ہوئی تھی
جس کے بعد سعودی عرب نے فوراً جوہلی
کا رد عمل دیا کہ اسے ناقابلِ غور ہے۔

بنانے کے لیے قلام ضروری اقدامات کر کے کاغذ محفوظ رکھتا ہے۔

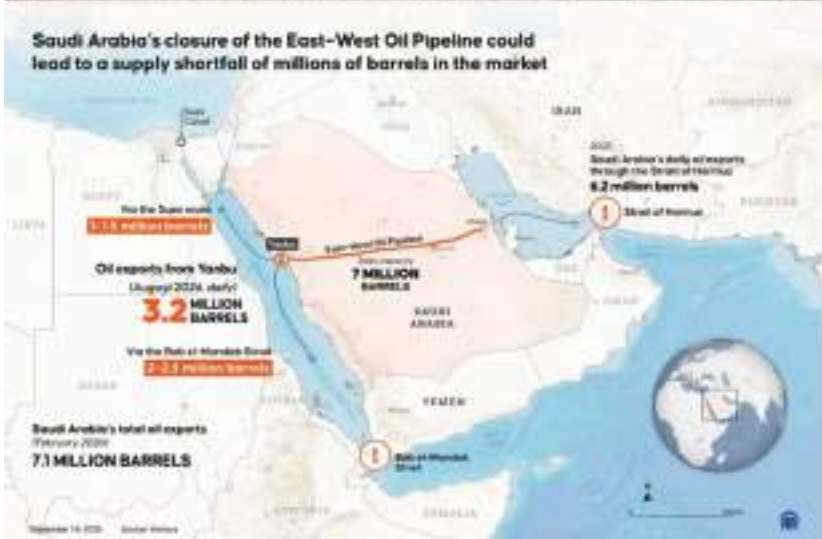
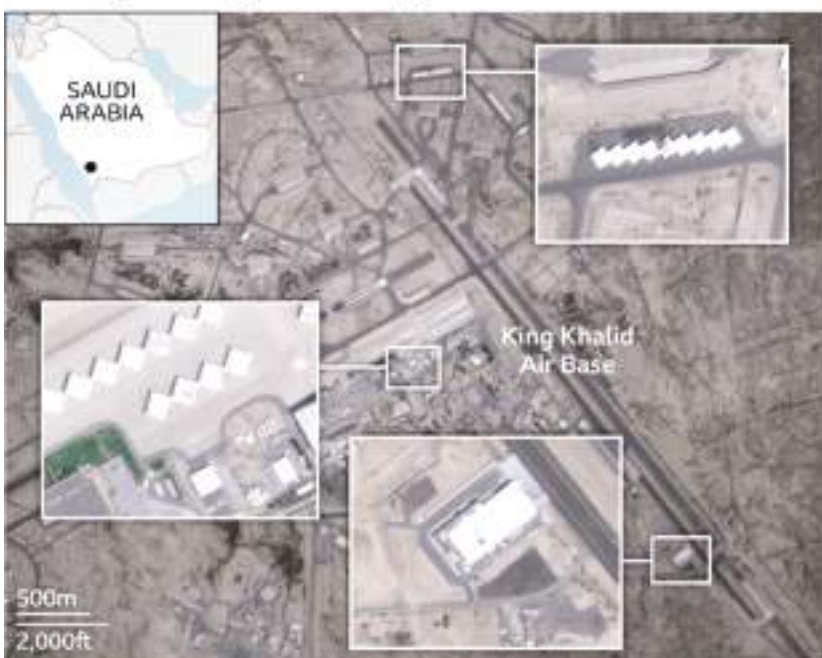
عراقی وزیر المظہم کے دفتر نے اپنے بیان میں کہا تھا کہ میان کے آپریشن کاغذ رکوان کے سجدے سے بنایا جا رہا ہے۔

دوسری جانب عراقی مسلح افواج نے

قانونی کارروائی کا مطالبہ کیا ہے۔
اس سے پہلے بھی عراقی سرزمین سے
سعودی عرب کی تحصیلات پر حملے کے
تھے جن کے بعد سعودی عرب امریکہ
کی جانب سے جوئی تھے ہوئے تھے جن
میں سے ایک میں اسد ارخان انتخاب کے
کنی امریکان بھی مارے گئے تھے۔



Damaged hangars at King Khalid Air Base



سعودی 'پیٹرولائن' کی بندش اور نئے
 حملوں کے خدشات: عالمی منڈی میں خام
 تیل کی قیمت میں مزید دو فیصد اضافہ

سعودی عرب پر ہوئے حالیہ حملوں کے نتیجے میں ایسٹ ویسٹ پائپ لائن سے تیل کی ترسیل مکمل طور پر بند ہو گئی ہے، جبکہ اس کے ساتھ ساتھ خلیجی ممالک میں جہاز رانی کے خطرات کم کرنے کی کوششوں پر بھی سوالات اٹھنے لگے ہیں

کے سی ایم ٹریڈ کے چیف مارکیٹ تجزیہ کار ٹم واٹر نے بتایا کہ تیل کے تاجر ہر نئے حملے یا تیل و گیس کے بنیادی ڈھانچے کو پہنچنے والے نقصان کو سپلائی کے لیے ایک نئے خطرے کے طور پر دیکھ رہے ہیں

تیل و گیس کی عالمی مارکیٹ کی نگرانی کرنے والی کمپنی 'کلیئر' کے ابتدائی اعداد و شمار کے مطابق پیر کے روز آبنائے ہرمز سے گزرنے والے تیل و گیس بردار جہازوں کی تعداد کم ہو کر صرف چار رہ گئی، جو ایک روز قبل 10 تھی

سعودی خریداروں اور تاجروں کا کہنا ہے کہ اگر ایسٹ ویسٹ پائپ لائن کی سرگرمیاں جلد بحال نہ ہوئیں تو سعودی عرب چند ہی دنوں میں برآمدات کے لیے دستیاب تیل کے ذخائر سے محروم ہو سکتا ہے

مالیاتی ادارے آئی این جی کے تجزیہ کاروں نے ایک نوٹ میں کہا ہے کہ ابھی تک یہ واضح نہیں کہ سعودی پائپ لائن کو پہنچنے والا نقصان کس حد تک سنگین ہے اور اس لائن کی بندش کتنے عرصے تک جاری رہ سکتی ہے

اعلان کیا تھا کہ وزیر اعظم علی ایڑی سے
سعودی ایسٹ-سٹ پاسپال لائی پر چھپنے کی
تعلیق کا حکم دیا ہے۔
عراق کی فوج نے کہا تھا کہ وزیر
اعظم نے نین سلوں کی تعلیمات اور ان
کے پاس سے، عوام کی فوری تعلیمات کا
نظم دیا ہے اور عراق کی سرکار کی خبر رساں
ایجنسی کے مطابق اس واقعے میں کوئی
پاسے جانے والے بار گھنٹے کے خلاف
قانونی کارروائی کا سلسلہ لگایا ہے۔
اس سے پہلے بھی عراقی فوجی زمین سے
سعودی عرب کی تعلیمات پر چھپنے کے
تھے جن کے بعد سعودی عرب اور امریکہ
کی جانب سے جوہلی ہتھیاروں سے فوجی
میں سے ایک میں پاسداری ان افسانہ کے
کی اڑان بھی مارے گئے تھے۔

وزارت نے کہا کہ حکومت چاہتی
ممالک کے خلاف اپنی سرزمین سے ہونے
والے حملوں کو روکنے کے لیے عراقی
حکومت کی کوششوں کی حمایت کرے گی۔
سعودی وزارت خارجہ کے مطابق
سعودی حکومت اس بات کی توثیق کرتی
ہے کہ وہ اپنی پڑوسی عراق اور عراقی
خلافہ اپنی عیسیت کے دفاع اور اپنے
شہریوں اور پڑوسیوں کی حفاظت کو یقینی
بنانے کے لیے تمام ضروری اقدامات
کرنے کا حق محفوظ رکھتی ہے۔
عراقی وزیر اعظم کے دفتر نے اپنے
ایان میں کہا کہ میان کے آپ بھڑ
کا نذرانہ کو ان کے عہد سے بنادیا گیا
ہے۔
دوسری جانب عراقی مسلح افواج نے

سرزمین، خصوصاً قوتابی کی حیثیت، اپنے اصول کا پابندی نہیں کرتے جن کے بارے میں اس کا کہنا تھا کہ وہ عراقی شیعہ تہران کے مسلک گروہوں کی جانب سے کیے گئے۔

نظر رسالہ اور اسے سرنگولڈ نے پھانسیوں کی شکل اور حرکت سے نظر رکھنے والی کینٹین اور تجزیہ کاروں کا سوال دیتے ہوئے ریمارکس کیا تھا کہ یہ چارپائی مالی تیل پمپ کی چارے پمپ بعد سے کی ترسیل کر رہی تھی۔

سعودی وزارت خارجہ کے مطابق اس سے دو ماہ بعد سعودی حکام کو عراق کے وزیر اعظم کی ایک کال موصول ہوئی تھی جس کے بعد سعودی عرب نے فوری جوابی کارروائی نہ کر کے قایم رکھا تھا۔

ہے کہ ابھی تک یہ
ہے اور اس لائن کی

نے ایک نوٹ میں کہا
سنان کس حد تک سنگین
جاری رہ سکتی ہے

مین جی کے تجزیہ کاروں
پ لائن کو پہنچنے والا نفا
بندش کتنے عرصے تک

مالیاتی ادارے آئی
واضح نہیں کہ سعودی
کہ مسئلے کے پیچھے میں کچھ افراد دفنی ہو گئے
اور نقصان بھی ہوا، جس کا تحریک انگ کا ہوا
ہوا ہے۔
سعودی عرب کی کہ چاہیے ان کے
عراق سے آئے والے اردن کے ذریعے
لٹانے یا کیا تھا۔ لیکن اب اس وقت سے
مرد پر بڑھ گئی ہے جب مشرق وسطیٰ میں

سعودی عرب کو اپنا کسب سے بڑا
خام مواد برآمد کرنے والا ملک ہے اور
1200 کلو میٹر طویل البتہ ڈیلٹہ پمپ
ایکٹیو سمور کو آگے بڑھنے سے گزرنے
پر بھی جتنی مٹاؤں گزراگا، تیل کی چٹائی کا
برآمدہ غیر ہوتی ہے۔

یہ دو ممالک میں ایران کے مہارت
پائندہ سوئی گیسوں کی بڑی پیش قدمی کے
دوران چٹائی آچکا تھا جس سے ماحولیاتی
تربیل کے استحقاق پر مزید بڑا ہوا۔
اس مقام کے قریب علی ہوئی زمین
اور دو جہوں کی سیاحت تھیں، ہر جہاں
آئی تھیں۔

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Pakistan must rebuild from first-class cricket



SPORTS DESK, KARACHI: Former Test opener Sadiq Mohammad on Tuesday said that Pakistan must rebuild its cricket structure around first-class cricket and performance-based selection rather than relying on occasional individual brilliance.

“The tail-enders put a curtain over Pakistan’s poor performance and helped save the team from what could have been a pathetic performance by our top order,” Sadiq told The Express Tribune in an interview.

Pakistan were a few days ago clean-swept by England in the three-match Test series and it was the first time that the hosts did that on their home soil against Pakistan. “Razaullah and Abbas, no doubt, played a face-saving innings in their own high-class style.

However, we should not depend on such performances or expect the tail-enders to rescue the team every time,” Sadiq said.

“Around 15 years ago, Saqlain Mushtaq also scored a century at No 9 or 10 against the West Indies. Performances of this kind are exceptional and may happen only once in a decade. We cannot build our batting strategy around such rare contributions.”Sadiq also suggested the sort of criteria which should be settled to pick players for different formats, adding domestic cricket should be the key for that purpose.

“The management must put its foot down and make every player play domestic first-class cricket. A player should be required to appear in a mini-

mum of five first-class matches to qualify for consideration for selection in any of the three formats of international cricket,” Sadiq said.

He said selection must be based strictly on performance and merit.

“Our top-order batsmen and all-rounders should not be allowed to leave for overseas short-format leagues until they have completed at least five first-class matches in domestic season.”

“The PCB management must establish a proper domestic structure and schedule that gives players sufficient opportunities to play first-class cricket before they move on to short-format cricket,” he said. “Once all our top-order batsmen are available, we should establish clear and measurable criteria for selection. A top-order batsman should

be required to score at least two centuries and two fifties in domestic first-class cricket to qualify for consideration for the Pakistan team.” “Similarly, bowlers of all types should be given a clear performance target. A bowler should aim to take at least 25 wickets in domestic first-class cricket before being considered for selection,” Sadiq suggested. He said that the selection committee must also be changed to eliminate favoritism and prevent the continued selection of out-of-form players. “The selectors should be individuals who have not previously served as selectors for any team or in any format. This can help bring fresh thinking and reduce the possibility of old biases and established preferences influencing selection decisions,” he said.

Nairobi to host 2029 World Athletics Championships

SPORTS DESK, NAIROBI: Nairobi will host the 2029 world outdoor athletics championships, beating off competition from London, Munich and Rome to become the first African hosts, World Athletics announced Tuesday.

The 2031 championships will be held in Munich, track



and field’s governing body said after a council meeting in Budapest, host to the recently-concluded Ultimate Championship. “We were fortunate to have four outstanding bids for 2029 and 2031, and this was not an easy decision for the Council,” World Athletics president Sebastian Coe told a press conference. “This council decision today means we’re able to deliver our World Athletics Championships in Asia, Africa, and Europe over its next three editions,” the Briton added. “Taking our championships to Africa for the first time will be historic. Nairobi has presented a compelling and an emotional bid.” Coe added: “It was important that the world championship should come to Africa when we had the right host, the right bid, and the right circumstances.

Australia draw first blood against Zimbabwe

SPORTS DESK, Australia’s Matthew Renshaw raises his bat on reaching 100 during the first game of the three-match ODI series against Zimbabwe at Harare Sports Club. Photo: AFP

Matt Renshaw and Nathan Ellis did a fine job as Australia defeated Zimbabwe by 59 runs in their first ODI of the three-match series at Harare Sports Club Ground on Tuesday.

Renshaw (109) blasted his maiden hundred to enable Australia to post 294-8 in the stipulated 50 overs.

Renshaw hit seven fours and three sixes in his 109-ball knock. He added 72 runs for the fifth wicket stand with Alex Carey who belted 27 off 53 balls, striking one four.

He then shared 75 runs for the sixth wicket association with Oliver Peake who struck a 40-ball 30 which featured one six and one four. Left-armer Newman Nyamhuri was the pick of the bowlers with 5-62 in nine overs.

Asian Games cruise ship arrives



SPORTS DESK, NAGOYA: A cruise ship that will house thousands of athletes at the Asian Games arrived in Japan on Tuesday as complaints over accommodation at the multi-sport event grew louder.

The Italian cruise ship Costa Serena docked in Nagoya, where the Games are taking place until October 4. Around 4,000 athletes and officials will be housed on the ship, which is almost 300m long, weighs over 100,000 tonnes and has 1,500 cabins.

More than 17,000 athletes and officials are expected at the Games, which officially open on Saturday, a bigger number than the Olympics.

Participants will also stay in wooden container-style huts and standard hotel rooms in a bid to cut costs. South Korean officials said earlier this week that the container hut rooms were the “worst ever” and claimed on Tuesday that concerns

had been shared by every team at the Games.

Local organising committee president Hideaki Omura said the temporary accommodation could be a model for hosting financially sustainable sporting events.

“This is the first time in Japan that a cruise ship is being used as accommodation for a big international sporting event,” Omura said at a ceremony to welcome the cruise ship to Nagoya. “We’re happy that we can provide a new type of accommodation for a large-scale event like this.”

Cruise ships have been used previously as accommodation at international sporting events, but never on this scale.

Jung Jae-yong, vice president of the Korea Basketball Association, told AFP he was deeply unhappy with the cabins where the men’s basketball team are staying.

He said beds were too small for the athletes, and a player from the team posted a video on social media showing a leaking sink and soaked floor in his hut.

He posted the caption: “Please help us”. Hundreds of athletes were briefly evacuated from their accommodation last week as record rainfall lashed Nagoya causing flooding.

‘Shortage of beds’

A South Korean Olympic committee official said there was “a serious shortage” of rooms and they were not alone in finding the accommodation lacking.

“Concerns over the accommodations have been shared by all representatives of the 45 nations competing in the games,” a South Korean Sports and Olympic Committee official told AFP on Tuesday.

“Every country involved is now working together to resolve the issue.” A Taiwanese sport official said there was “a general shortage of beds”. Philippine Olympic Committee president Abraham Tolentino said all his country’s athletes had been given a room.

But “some officials, like coaches, were moved to different hotels and Airbnbs”.

Organisers are hoping there will be fewer complaints about the cruise ship, despite the Games taking place during Japan’s typhoon season.

Organisers said earlier this year that the vessel was being chartered at a cost of about 4.5 billion yen (\$28 million). It is a sister ship of the Costa Concordia, which sank off Tuscany in 2012, killing 32 people.

Costa Serena captain Federico Sias said he hoped the athletes would have a “comfortable, safe and memorable stay”.



Baghdad Bounedjah (bottom) of Al Shamal SC vies with Danilo Pereira of Al Ittihad Club during the AFC Champions League Elite football match between Qatar’s Al Shamal SC and Saudi Arabia’s Al Ittihad Club at Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar,

Sri Lanka’s javelin champ returns to ‘broken’ welcome

SPORTS DEKS, COLOMBO: Sri Lanka’s Asian Games medal prospect Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage returned home after winning the title at a top international event on Tuesday to find his prized javelins in pieces.

The 23-year-old rising star, who has taken the javelin world by storm this year with a series of impressive victories, was heartbroken to discover that his javelins had snapped.

“This was a rude shock,” Pathirage’s coach, Tony Prasanna, told AFP. “We checked in five javelins -- all packed extremely carefully and well -- but all of them



arrived broken.” Pathirage posted a photograph of his damaged javelins on social media, listing the distance he had thrown them; “85.98, 92.62, 88.50, 89.20, 89.37, 88.20, 89.68, 92.06, 91.06 good bye”. Pathirage was returning from the

World Athletics Ultimate Championships in Hungary on Turkish Airlines, and had lodged a complaint.

There was no immediate comment from the airline.

“It is not the cost of a javelin, which is quite high, but the emotional attachment,” Prasanna said.

“This is a psychological setback for Rumesh and I will counsel him on it. We were planning to take three of these javelins to the 2028 Olympics and to the Asian Games.”

Sri Lanka’s Ministry of Sports said it would provide new javelins for Pathirage to compete at the Asian Games in Japan’s Nagoya.



Inter Milan’s Alessandro Bastoni (L) and Henrikh Mkhitaryan (C) vies with Udinese’s Keinan Davis during a Serie A soccer match between Inter Milan and Udinese in Milan, Italy,

Lawmakers seek sports overhaul

SPORTS DESK, ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination (IPC) has recommended sweeping reforms to the country’s football administration and urged the Pakistan Football Federation (PFF) to fully implement reforms required by FIFA.

The lawmakers, meanwhile, also raised concerns over the state of cricket and hockey in the country.

The committee, chaired by convener Mehreen Razzaq Bhutto, reviewed the state of football and sports in Pakistan at a meeting in Islamabad on Tuesday.

The PFF President Syed Mohsin Gilani told the committee that FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) had welcomed steps being taken to develop football in Pakistan. Gilani said the AFC president had met Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and other senior government officials while Pakistan’s football development initiatives had also been discussed at the United Nations.

He said construction of the pitch at the FIFA Arena had been completed and that Prime Minister Shehbaz was expected to inaugurate the facility. “Government is providing full cooperation and better results will emerge,” Gilani told the committee, while stressing that



sustained development of football would not be possible without continued support from the government and other stakeholders. Pakistan’s football administration had remained in decline for years, Gilani said, adding that all stakeholders now needed to work together to revive the sport.



President Asif Ali Zardari in a meeting with Ambassador-designate of Pakistan to China Dr. Syed Ali Asad Gilani at Aiwan-e-Sadr

NA panel demands timely completion of delayed housing schemes

APP- ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Standing Committee on Housing and Works, chaired by Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, MNA, expressed serious concern over delays in major public housing projects in Islamabad and directed the relevant authorities to ensure their timely, transparent and result-oriented completion, while safeguarding the interests of allottees.

The Committee reviewed the performance and functions of the Pakistan Infrastructure Development Company Limited (PIDCL) and was briefed on its institutional restructuring, technical capacity and development activities.

The Committee appreciated PIDCL's initiatives, including SAP/ERP, RAAST-based payments, E-Office, EPADS and GIS-based project monitoring, and



emphasized transparency, sound financial management and effective project oversight. The Committee was briefed by FGEHA on the delayed Lifestyle Residency Apartments Project, G-13. The Ministry informed that the delay was caused by financial constraints, disputes between the JV partners, contractual and management issues, and subsequent termination of the construction agreement.

Moreover, the substantial escalation in construction costs had adversely affected the project's financial viability at the original allottee rates. Accordingly, FGEHA is exploring a PPP/business model to utilize commercial inventory for financing completion of the residential component while minimizing any additional financial burden on existing allottees.

After hearing the grievances of the allottees and stakeholders, the Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, expressed serious concern over the prolonged delay in the Lifestyle Residency Apartments Project, G-13, despite payment of the required amounts by the allottees. He directed the concerned authorities to take immediate measures for resumption and early completion of the project.

The Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Works, informed the Committee that, pursuant to the directions of the Honourable Minister, progress had been made towards restarting the project and that the working for a new Joint Venture agreement is going to be finalized for advertisement shortly.

Delivery riders, rickshaw drivers at heart of PM's fuel relief scheme: Musadik

APP- ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change and Environmental Coordination Dr Musadik Malik on Tuesday said the Prime Minister's Fuel Relief Scheme had been designed primarily to provide relief to low-income people, including delivery riders, rickshaw drivers and families dependent on motorcycles and small vehicles. Addressing a press conference, the minister said eligible motorcycle users would receive Rs100 per litre relief on up to 20 litres of petrol per month, amounting to a maximum monthly relief of Rs2,000. Similarly, users of small cars would be eligible for relief on up to 30 litres, providing them with up to Rs3,000 monthly relief. He said the initiative was aimed at reducing the impact of increased fuel prices on people who relied on motorcycles, rickshaws and small vehicles for their livelihood and essential daily travel. Giving an example, Dr Musadik said delivery riders had been particularly affected by higher petrol prices as they continued to travel the same distances to deliver food and other goods while their fuel costs had increased substantially. He said a relief of Rs2,000 could make a significant difference to a low-income delivery rider's household by helping meet basic expenses such as food, milk and eggs.

PPP's democratic struggle marked by sacrifices, says Shazia Mari

APP-SANGHAR: Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPP) Central Information Secretary Shazia Mari has said that the PPP's identity is rooted in its struggle for democracy, which forms an integral part of the party's history, ideology and sacrifices.

In a message issued on the occasion of Democracy Day, she said the PPP had given the country the Constitution of 1973, while Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had laid a strong foundation for democratic principles by declaring the people to be the source of power. She said Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto had also sacrificed her life for democracy. From Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto to Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto, the party's leadership had paid the price for democracy with their blood, while thousands of party workers had endured hardships for its restoration. Ms Mari said the PPP's democratic struggle had been written in prisons, on the streets and in parliament. The Constitution, parliament and the rights of the people remained the fundamental pillars of the party's democratic struggle. She said the PPP believed in constitutional supremacy, the dignity of parliament and the sovereignty of the people. "The people are the source of power, while parliament is the voice of the people," she said. The PPP leader said the party would never forget the sacrifices of democratic martyrs and that its workers had kept the flag of democracy flying across generations. On Democracy Day, she said, the PPP reaffirmed its commitment to continuing the struggle for democracy, constitutional supremacy and protection of the fundamental rights of the people.

OIC, COMSTECH agree to strengthen cooperation in AI, science and technology



APP- ISLAMABAD: Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed and Coordinator-General of OIC-COMSTECH Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary have agreed to strengthen scientific, technological, academic and healthcare cooperation among OIC member states. The understanding was reached during a meeting between the two officials at the OIC General Secretariat in Jeddah, where they discussed a range of initiatives aimed at advancing science, technology, higher education, healthcare and capacity building across the Muslim world.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary congratulated Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed on his appointment as Secretary-General of the OIC and expressed confidence that his diplomatic and international experience would contribute to greater effectiveness and excellence of the OIC General Secretariat in serving the Muslim Ummah. The OIC Secretary-General appreciated

the continued contributions of COMSTECH and Pakistan towards the Palestinian cause, particularly COMSTECH's offer of 5,000 fellowships and scholarships for Palestinian students and scholars.

He expressed his desire to meet Palestinian scholars, medical students and biomedical researchers during his upcoming visit to Pakistan and appreciated COMSTECH's continued commitment to supporting the Palestinian scientific and academic community. The Secretary-General expressed particular interest in COMSTECH's initiatives in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and called for COMSTECH to take a leading role in developing an OIC-wide AI initiative.

He emphasized that the Muslim world should not remain merely a user of AI but should become a developer, innovator and contributor to emerging AI technologies.

He stressed the need for stronger cooperation among OIC member states in developing and applying AI across key sectors, while ensuring

that Islamic ethical principles and core values are reflected and protected in the AI era.

Emphasizing the strategic importance of science, technology and innovation for the development of the Muslim world, the OIC Secretary-General said he would discuss enhanced support for science and technology with the Prime Minister of Pakistan, who is Co-Chairman of COMSTECH. He underscored Pakistan's important leadership role and longstanding contribution to scientific and technological advancement within the OIC. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary briefed the Secretary-General on COMSTECH's major ongoing and planned initiatives in science and technology, higher education, healthcare, capacity building, AI and support for OIC member states.

The meeting also reviewed COMSTECH's Health Africa Programme and initiatives focusing on healthcare, pandemic preparedness, scholars' mobility, women-focused initiatives, water resource management and food security.

The officials also highlighted the importance of convening the General Assembly of OIC-COMSTECH along with its Executive Committee at the earliest possible date. The OIC Secretary-General expressed his intention to consult the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Co-Chairman of COMSTECH, on the matter. The OIC Secretary-General reaffirmed the General Secretariat's support for COMSTECH and appreciated its role as a key OIC institution in advancing science, technology, higher education.



A street vendor sells dried coconut from his pushcart, a common sight across the provincial capital.

PM directs utilising all-out resources for relief of people in rain-hit areas

APP- ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday directed the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) to use all available resources to provide relief to people in rain-hit areas and maintain effective liaison with relevant provincial departments and Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMA's).

The prime minister, in a meeting with the NDMA Chairman Lt. General Inam Haider Malik, who called on him here, instructed relevant departments to enhance coordination to ensure the smooth flow of traffic on link roads and bridges, as well as the timely supply of relief goods during the rains.

During the meeting, the NDMA chairman briefed the prime minister on the expected pattern of the ongoing monsoon season and overall preparedness to cope with heavy



rains and potential flood situations, through mutual cooperation between provinces and institutions.

He told the prime minister that, as per his directives, the proactive measures have been taken by the rel-

evant departments to monitor the monsoon season more effectively.

He assured that all relevant departments across the country were fully prepared for rescue and relief operations to cope with any emergency weather conditions.

ICT Enforces PM's Fuel Relief Scheme

APP- ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad district administration has stepped up implementation of the Prime Minister's fuel relief scheme, ensuring that subsidised petrol is available to eligible citizens through a monitored distribution system and a simplified registration process.

According to the district administration, Deputy Commissioner Islamabad, Irfan Memon visited several petrol pumps in the federal capital to review compliance with the government's policy. During the visits, he inspected arrangements at fuel stations and assessed measures taken to provide petrol at reduced prices under the relief scheme.

Officials said a digital dashboard was being used for strict monitoring of petrol pumps to ensure that subsidised fuel was being provided in accordance with the government's guidelines. The

monitoring system was aimed at improving transparency and ensuring that the benefits of the relief package reached the intended beneficiaries.

Deputy Commissioner, Irfan Memon said the administration was fully committed to implementing the government's policy and ensuring that citizens receive the relief announced under the scheme. He stated that every fuel station has been directed to follow the prescribed procedures and facilitate eligible consumers seeking to benefit from the programme.

To make access easier for the public, the government has introduced a simplified registration mechanism. Citizens can complete the registration process from their homes and become eligible to receive subsidised petrol without visiting government offices or completing lengthy procedures.



A couple buys roasted corn from a roadside vendor at a corn stall along a greenbelt in the federal capital.