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NATIONAL NEWS

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ANJUM IBRAHIM

Everybody becomes a PhD in politics

"I have a theory."

"Economic or political?"

"Both, actually now that you mention it. What do you want first? Political or economic?"

"Political is more fun."

"Ok, my theory is that when ever has power unfortunately becomes a PhD in politics."

"Hmmmm, why do I think I know where this is going? But where President Zardari rules without an overall majority Nawaz Sharif is ruling with a majority? The difference is clear."

"Granted, but Nawaz Sharif has checkmated major league criticism by two acts, first by appointing Dr Malik as Chief Minister Balochistan and second by giving PCB to the recent chief minister Punjab thereby silencing many a critic."

"You are being facetious aren't you?"

"Don't you agree?"

"I have two complaints. First Gilani, our former prime minister, was not accorded protocol at Benazir Income Support Programme."

"Now who is being facetious?"

"I don't understand."

"Yes. Our has never referred to the programme as BISP, the name Benazir has been conspicuously absent from his reference to the programme."

"As I said before, small minded of Dad."

"Indeed, and secondly Gilani was not accorded protocol at Benazir International Airport not at BISP and need I add he has no business in BISP anymore."

"Oh, it was a slip of the tongue."

"But anyway look where Balochistan is right now? Ask Sarkozy? Once you are out of office you have no immunity."

"Protocol is not the same as immunity."

"Gilani has refused to appear before the FIA and NAB and claimed immunity..."

"Let's wait and see what happens there, what is your economic theory?"

"Our needs to stop insisting that the sales tax rise from 16 to 17 percent is no big deal as it was levied at the higher rate earlier."

"But he is right."

"Yes, but the guy went on and on about the poor perfect manner of the economy courtesy the PPP-led coalition which I agree with but then surely the guy must know a simple economic fact that one does not raise sales tax when poverty has been steadily rising for the past five years and the country is in the grip of a stagflation."

"Give him a break he is a chartered accountant by education."

"Oh dear! Appointing retirees as federal ministers is not a good procedure."

Cannes Lions Festival

Delegates set to join 'massive multiplayer online game'

KARACHI: Delegates at this year's Cannes Lions Festival are set to join an MMORG – a 'massive multiplayer online game' – with the launch of the official Cannes Lions app.

The festival will see attendees awarded points called Pings. Pings are gathered via the app for a range of activities including attending seminars, networking with other attendees, collecting work to take home and much more. The Pings collected via the app translate to points on a leader board, with only the top ten leaders displayed.

Each day (Monday to Friday) the individual at the top of the leader board will receive a prize. The person to get the most Pings will be named the ultimate 'Winner Cannes' victor and will win a delegate pass for Cannes Lions Festival 2014.

Pings are a points scoring system devised and used by media agency PHD in its own global operating system, Source, which was launched at the start of this year. Game mechanics at the heart of the system mean that all 2,500 employees from around the world are part of a massively multiplayer online game which encourages collaboration and helps solve clients' advertising briefs.

PHD Pakistan's management

PESHAWAR: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan addressing a press conference, as CM Khan left on Monday.—Recorder photo

KESC receivables against govt institutions stand at Rs77m

RECORDER REPORT

KARACHI: Karachi Electric Supply Company (KESC) said that it has disconnected electricity supply of some defaulter government institutions, which are working whether under the Federal or Provincial Governments.

KESC spokesman told Business Recorder on Monday that KESC was to recover Rs 20.86 million dues from educational institutions in Karachi.

He said that Rs 30 million dues were outstanding against schools being run under local government and Rs 60 million against the schools under run under Sindh government.

He said that electricity supply would not be restored to the above mentioned defaulters till payment of the dues.

He added that despite Rs 32 millions outstanding against Karachi Water and Sewerage Board (KWSB), electricity was being supplied smoothly to its pumping stations.

Overall KESC receivables against government organizations like KWSB, educational institutions, Excise and Taxations Department, Sindh police and others stood at Rs 77 millions, he added.

The spokesman said that average electricity demand of the metropolis in summer season was around 2600 MW, while the current supply was 2300 MW.

To a question he said that there was a need to change the mindset of people and create awareness among them regarding proper usage of electricity.

He added that many people especially in city's slums and Katchis, which some times causes electrocution and disruption in power transmission.

He further said that KESC had recently removed more than five thousand Kundas from the premises of Gulistan-e-Jouhar in operation.

He said that the utility had also launched an operation in Malir district and some other areas of the city against Kundas.

He added that KESC had the power generation capacity to meet the requirements of the city if proper gas supply was ensured and power bills were paid on time.

KARACHI: Shahid Ameed CEO, Bilal Group, receiving the 1st EPCCI Achievement gold medal award from Dr Ashraf Qadeer in the field of logistics services.

Pakistan Mediators Association launched

KARACHI: International Finance Corporation, private sector arm of the World Bank Group, trained Accredited Mediators and Master Trainers. Have launched Pakistan Mediators Association (PMA) in all the four provinces of Pakistan.

PMA has been established in providing mediation between the two disputants and restore the confidence of local and foreign investors. The newly-established association is destined to serve mediation profession and other stakeholders who believe in promotion, use and institutionalization of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in Pakistan.

The Associations is here to support the provision of mediation and training services in ADR in Pakistan and lobby for law reforms in ADR which are largely overdue. PMA will also be holding awareness raising activities in various parts of Pakistan and will complement efforts of IFC supported ADR Centres in Pakistan, i.e. Karachi Centre for Dispute Resolution and business dispute resolution centre at Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

committee members are: Syed Anwar Kazmi (President), Mumtaz Ali Jalandyar Ali Khan (Vice-President), Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Barrister Tariq Saeed Rana (Vice-President, Punjab), Mian Zafar Iqbal Kalmatari Advocate (Vice-President, Punjab), Barrister Ayesha Sarfaraz (Vice-President, Sindh), Saeed Habib (General Secretary) and Agha Zafar Ahmed Advocate (Finance Secretary), Khalid Mahmood Siddiqui Advocate, Noorullah Junejo, Sohail Lashari, Salma Amin Khawaja and Mumtaz Zafar are members of the executive committee.

Speaking at the launch of the PMA, Syed Anwar Kazmi Mumtaz highlighted need for government lawyers' and private sector support for ADR in Pakistan. Minister requested judiciary and lawmakers to draft ADR rules for court-annexed and court-referred mediation so that litigants and disputants can benefit from mediation practices. He also emphasized on amendment of section 89-A of Civil Procedure Code 1908 and legislation on Mediation Law so that

Imran grills KP CM Pervez Khattak

ZULFIQAR AHMAD

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan has plainly told his party chief minister Pervez Khattak or Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to mend his ways and strictly abide by the party manifesto or be ready to face the music, it is learnt.

The warning to chief minister Khattak came during Imran's Monday visit to the provincial capital to take stock of his party's performance in the restive province. The sources claimed that Imran categorically told his party ministers that there should be no complaints against any of them or they will be thrown the door.

A senior party leader, who was present in the meeting, told Business Recorder that Imran, especially grilled Pervez Khattak in front of his cabinet ministers, citing media reports that he is getting against party policy and opted to become a traditional chief minister like his predecessors.

"PTI has no place for those who believe in status quo... I want to make it clear that those who have been given important positions in the provincial cabinet must prove themselves through their actions and not rely on rhetoric like traditional politicians", Imran was quoted as warning his party chief minister and his cabinet.

The sources also claimed that Imran asked chief minister Khattak to explain his visit, in which he went to attend the wedding ceremony of a contractor friend, using his official helicopter. The chief minister, the sources said, had no satisfactory answer other than to apologise.

Combating malnutrition

Unicef receives euro 3m funds from EC

ISLAMABAD/BRUSSELS: The European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO) has provided euro 3 million to the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) to work with partners to combat malnutrition among women and children affected by emergencies in Pakistan.

This support comes at a critical time, as nutrition is a key concern in Pakistan especially in areas which have been hit by successive emergencies, says a press release issued here Monday.

These funds will help Unicef and its partners in Sindh and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to increase the coverage of the 'Community based Management of Acute Malnutrition' which aims to provide essential life-saving interventions covering a total population of 1.9 million and providing nutrition services to 266,000 people.

"Addressing acute malnutrition of women and children affected by disasters in Pakistan is an urgent priority for us," said David Savile, ECHO's Head of Office in Islamabad. "We also believe that EC's support provides an important platform from which developmental partners can further address the structural causes of malnutrition."

In close coordination with nutrition partners, including governmental and non-governmental organizations, the programme ensures harmonization in implementation and dissemination of gaps and overlaps. It includes components to build service providers capacities, provisions of infant and young child feeding practices, micronutrient supplementations and deworming treatments for children and pregnant and lactating women.

"We are grateful to ECHO for this timely contribution that will help Unicef and partners to continue the much needed nutrition at support to families affected by emergencies, some of which are displaced from their homes and still living in camps or with host communities," said Dan

Move to amend definition of ST on services 'unconstitutional'

RECORDER REPORT

KARACHI: The Sindh Assembly on Monday passed a resolution with a majority of vote, calling any move aimed at amending the definition of sales tax on services in federal finance bill "unconstitutional."

PML-N's leader, Irfanullah Khan Marwat was the only lawmaker from opposition who opposed the motion, argued that the treasury did not provide him with the resolution copy to read it before voting.

MQM's lawmaker, Syed Sardar Ahmed, announce his party's support to the bill, however complained that the draft of the resolution was not provided them before the sitting benches tabled it.

The resolution states: "This House resolves and resolutions the Government of Sindh to approach the Federal Government to withdraw the F. amendment proposed in the Finance Bill to amend the definition of sales tax on services.

Sales tax on services is a provincial subject as per constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, which was further clarified in the 18th amendment.

It is resolved that the imposition of FED [Federal excise duty] on Financial Services as proposed in the Federal Bill is unconstitutional and should be withdrawn by the Federal Government."

PPP's legislator, Sami Khan Shoro tabled the resolution, which received support from the treasury, MQM and PML-F.

Sindh Law Minister, Sikandar Mandhro said that the National Assembly was going to take up the amendments today in the Finance bill which will have a financial impact on all provinces.

He said they FED will encroach over the right of all provinces to collect sales tax on services.

Marwat said "you want to bulldoze things. Do not make a joke of it," adding that copies of the resolution were given to the opposition just before its tabling as lawmakers were unable to read it to vote on it.

Sindh Senior Education Minister, Nisar Ahmed Khoro said the resolution was aimed at saving the provinces from financial losses. He asked the opposing legislator whether he was not in favor to protect the provinces' financial rights.

In the meantime, Speaker, Aga Siraj Khan Durrani interrupted and called adding of the resolution "out of hand", which meant it was just proposed on the floor. The house then calmed down and resumed the budget discussion.

KARACHI: Vendors sell rose flower petals near Tower Mark Bridge on the occasion of Mashal Haroj, here on Monday.—Recorder photo

Mammoohan's visit

Complete shutdown being observed in IHK today

OCCUPIED SRINAGAR: In occupied Kashmir, complete shutdown will be observed on Tuesday on the occasion of Indian Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh's visit to the occupied Kashmir Valley to convey him the message that the Kashmiris reject India's illegal occupation of Jammu and Kashmir.

Call for the shutdown has been given by the All Parties Hurriyat Conference Chairman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and other Hurriyat leaders including Syed Ali Gilani, Muhammad Yasin Malik and Shabbir Ahmed Shah as well as the High Court Bar Association of occupied territory.

Syed Ali Gilani in a statement in occupied Srinagar deplored that Kashmir had been turned into a garrison ahead of the visit of Indian Prime Minister. He strongly denounced the harassment of civilians in the name of so-called security and arrest of a large number of Kashmiri youth during crackdown operations in Srinagar, Budgam, Pampore, Shopian, Islamabad, Kulgam, Sopore, Pulwama and other areas.

Meanwhile, ahead of Manmohan's visit to the territory, a local human rights group, the Voice of Victims, in a report has revealed the presence of around 150 unidentified bodies in unnamed mass graves in Beerwah area of Budgam. It said that thirteen unidentified persons were buried in just one such grave. The locals told the Voice of Victims that they had buried six headless, twenty charred and a number of mutilated bodies which were handed over to them by Indian police and army claiming that the deceased were Kashmiris who were killed in encounters in different areas.

The residents further said that in 1991 during the exhumation of one of the graves it was found that the buried person was an innocent youth hailing from Harwan area of Srinagar.

On the other hand, the puppet authorities have told a Srinagar court that they will arrest the APHC Chairman, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, in a case registered against him in 2010. The case pertains to a rally from Eidgah to Lal Chowk in Srinagar on Eid day in 2010. The court has already remanded the illegally detained senior liberation leader, Mushtaq-ul-Islam, in four-day police remand in the case. APHC leaders, Nayeem Ahmed Khan, Yasmeen Raja, Zafar Akbar Butt and Sheikh Muhammad Yaqoob, in their statements urged India to fulfill the promises made by its rulers with the Kashmiri people of giving them an opportunity to decide their fate by themselves.—INP

Islamabad

Police organise recreational events

ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police on Monday organized a number of recreational events for students participating in ongoing Summer School programme held at Police Headquarters, SSP Headquarters Sajid Kiyani said that such programmes would further strength an existing confidence of citizens in police. About 200 students enjoyed Magic Show and participated in quiz show and national songs competitions.

Parents of students appreciated Islamabad Police efforts for organising such recreative and educative programmes. At the end, SSP distributed prizes

Chem and Dyes Expo concludes

Over $20m worth of MoU signed between Pakistani, foreign traders

KARACHI: More than twenty million dollar worth of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Pakistani and foreign traders during the Second Chem & Dye Tech Expo 2013 held at the Karachi Expo Centre last week. The exhibition was inaugurated by President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Hussain Agar on June 20 and successfully concluded on June 22, 2013.

Over 50 local and foreign companies have setup 80 stalls and exhibit their products in three days exhibition, jointly organized by Event and Conference International and Pakistan Chemical and Pakistan Chemical and Dyes Merchants Association (PCDMA), held at Karachi Expo Centre. About 16 companies from India, 22 from China, two from Taiwan, one from Sri Lanka, one from Germany and about 30 companies from Pakistan participated in the largest exhibition of chemical sector.

This expo provided a unique platform to the domestic chemical industry for interaction with the potential buyers. In addition, this event is also a precious opportunity for domestic industry to learn the latest development in the chemical sector.

While commenting on the event, participants informed that they have made over twenty million dollar MoU with each other specifically in the chemical and dyes sector, while several other deals are in pipeline and likely to mature in next few weeks. "Participation of foreign companies in the expo has also conveyed a positive message toward other foreign traders and encourages them for investment in the Pakistan in the chemical sector", they added.

"Despite the worst law and order condition participation of the about 50 foreign companies prove that Pakistan still have potential and an attractive market for foreign investors", said Haroon Agar.

He congratulated the organizer on successful event, which provide platform to the all stakeholder of the industry to gather under one roof.

"Massive participation of foreign buyers proves the event importance and it is very good sign that international delegates have attended this event in Karachi", said Rashid ul Haq, Director Event and Conference International.

This exhibition also proved that this is an excellent platform to build and develop business relationship with key professionals of the relevant industries. Another most important aim behind organizing the event is to highlight and explore the investment opportunities in the chemical sector, he mentioned.—PR

38th Int'l Nathiagali Summer College opens

Investment in research to generate immediate, specific benefits: Quevedo

RECORDER REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Director, Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Fernando Quevedo, has said that scientists should continue the policy makers to increase investment in science and technology, which is a key to the country's development.

He said this while addressing the inaugural ceremony of 38th International Nathiagali Summer College (INSC) on Physics and Contemporary Needs, here on Monday.

"Pakistan invests 0.5-0.6 percent of GDP on science and technology, whereas Israel invests 4pc of GDP, Japan, South Korea, around 3.5 percent, US 3 percent, Spain, UK, China 1.5 percent, Brazil 1 percent and Guatemala 0.04 percent," he said.

Quevedo said that scientific developments to countries like Pakistan, China and Brazil had improved substantially.

The mission of ICTP was active today more than ever, he said adding that there was a need to invest in research that was likely to generate immediate and specific benefits, either in terms of wealth creation or improvements in the quality of life.

Director for CERN Steve Ritz said that CERN has strong links with CERN than other countries. "CERN is the topmost particle physics laboratory in the world and the LHC, its flagship child, is the largest and highest-energy particle accelerator, coupled with the discovery of the Higgs Boson," he added. "Countries that apply for associate member status must have scientific infrastructure that is compatible with what we have at CERN," Myers said adding that "Pakistan has the necessary infrastructure to benefit from associate membership."

He further said that through countries like Ukraine and Brazil had applied for associate membership of the scientific body, Pakistani physicists were more focused towards its engagement CERN link.

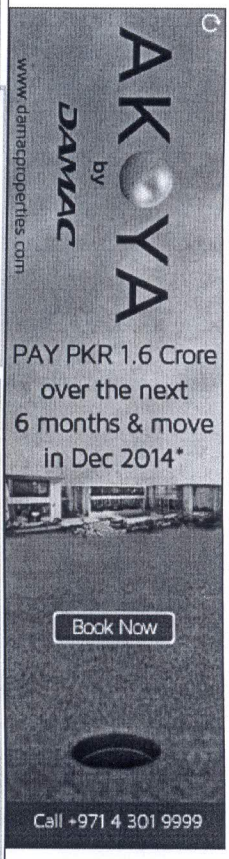
"Local physicists believe that a stronger association with CERN will win Pakistan greater access to experimental data from the LHC and will allow local companies to manufacture electronic equipment for the top research facility," he added.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr Anwar Parvez, Chairman, Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission, said that International Nathiagali Summer College had always been inaugurated by Prime Minister or the traditional and invitual Fernando Quevedo in recognition of association and collaboration of ICTP and INSC. We have had a very productive relationship since many years," he added.

Dr Anwar said that we should guide our scientists and science students to everyday needs. "No one can deny that scientific development requires commitment at individual and national level besides financial resources," he added.

He said that PAEC itself was committed to utilising nuclear technology for security and prosperity of the country.

"Our nuclear medical centres, agriculture centres are functioning for the betterment of common man. Common man only measures scientific benefits in terms of economic benefits. What PAEC has achieved is due to manpower, confidence and commitment of scientists," he added.

Director General National Centre for Physics (NCP) Hamid Saleem said the idea of holding INSC was initiated by Pakistan's Nobel Laureate Dr Abdus Salam for breaking the intellectual isolation of the scientists in the developing countries and keeping pace with rapid progress in the science

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