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Lopsided development harmful for Pakistan, PM

Islamabad: Prime Minister Iman Khan on Tuesday said mon, the premier highlighted that lepalded development is harmful for Pakistan, adding development and that in the past, development and that in the past, development are of Punjah. Funds were distributed on the house of the control of the primary of the



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raising Pakistan's tally to 19

Karachi: First case of COVID-19, the mysterious viral pneu-mina-like disease caused by the novel cornovarius. has emerged in the Balcchistan capital on Tuesday, pushing the countrywide taily to 19. The 12-year-old patient had arrived in Quetta along with his parents from Iran via Taffan border, head of a gov-ernment hospital said.

Taftan border, head of a government hospilal said. The family belongs to Dadu district in Sinh, said the medical superintendent, adding the said superintendent, adding the steed regative. Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Jamal Khan has confirmed the development on Twitter-One case in Questa has come positive after two tests. The child is in Fatima Jinnah [Hospital] and the condition is under control. The

changing situation and new cases are being provided with the best medical care.

"No need to worry... the situation is completely under control. The federal and provincial governments are jointly making all-out efforts to protect the masses from coronavirus on war footing," he wrote using his official Twitter handle Earlier in the day, two more cases of novel coronavirus emerged from Sindh, pushing the tally to 15 in the province One of the patients is from Hyderabad who arrived from Syria via Obha while the other is detected from Karachi who arrived from Iran via Dubai, the provincial health department said All educational institutions is Sindh and Balochistan have been closed. changing situation and new cases are being provided with the best medical care.

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Balochistan has been con-firmed in a 12-year-old boy, a hospital official confirmed. The patient has recent travel history of Iran, said Dr Airport in Karachi and have

advisory issued in light of the coronavirus outbreak.In an online statement, the national air carrier said that passen-gers will be able to claim a



Noorullah Musakhail, the medical superintendent at Fatima Jinnah Hospital in Queta. The child belongs to Sindh's Dadu district. This takes the dobt number of COVID-19 cases in the countrollers have been quarantined affer they were suspected of having contracted the novel cornoraivus. Civil Avisition Authority spokesper-

been isolated as per the stan-dard operating procedure, Khokhar said.He added that directions have been issued to screen all staff members of air traffic control who are postair traffic control who are post-ed in Karachi for any symp-toms of COVID19 The Pakistan International Airlines has suspended flight opera-tions between Pakistan and Milan, following the Italian government's updated travel

refund if they cancel their tick-ets. The number of dead from riots in Italy's overcrowded prisons over measures imposed to contain the coronimposed to contain the coron-avirus rose to 12 on Tuesday, Reuters quoted officials as saying. Inmates, many angered by restrictions on family visits, started going on the rampage on Sunday, set-ting fires, taking hostages and escaping from one prison.

Govt's economic policies aim at welfare of masses: Shah Mahmood



Sindh Govt taking all imperative measures, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah

KARACHI MARCH 11: Information Minister said that from the cricket fans should not be formation. Local covernment, Housing & Town Government, Housing & Town Government had ensured an interest to the covernment with the normation of Pakistan corest and Wildfile Syed said Hussain Shah has said that the Sindh government care said that the market of Pakistan Coronavirus.



expected cases of cronovirus. Coronavirus had any linkage Provincial Information With China or Iran. Three Minister said that in this regard complete data of the people coming from abroad was being collected. He requested the people not to panic. The provincial Minister for Information and Local Government expenses of views of the provincial Minister of the provincial thussin Shah said that no match of the second phase of Minister for Information and Local Government said that being cancelled, and all matches would be played as a raffal of the Cornivirus. We should be together.

US defence secretary postpones trip to Pakistan as coronavirus spreads

CORONAVIRUS SPREADS

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Afghanistan would have certainly dominated the discussions.

Sindh CM calls for calm as coronavirus cases in province rise Meanwhile, Sindh Minister for Information Nasir Shah also confirmed that PSL matches will be held as scheduled in Karachi.

Karachi: Sindh Chief Murack Ali Shah on Tuesdiy urged residents to remain caim and take precautions, even as the number of coronavirus cases. In the province rose to 15, with the first case outside Karachi being confirmed in Hyderbadd.

Shah, who was chairing a meeting of the provincial lask force on CCVID-19, was informed that the 14 patients under treatment at various hospitals after testing positive are all recovering, according to information released by the Chef Minister's Office.

The meeting was told that samples of a further two suspected patients have been sent for testing and their results are awaited. Out of the total 15 cases detected in Sindh so far, one patient was discharged after making a full recovery. A second "high risk" 6"-7-year-old patient was discharged of the meeting that a total of 162 tests have so far been carried out in Sindh out of which 14" came out regalive and 15 were positive. Chief Minister Shah noted that all of the cases to have emerged in the province so far have been imported." It means we will have to be more cautious in checking the passengers coming from frant, Afghanistan, Italy and such other countries at the sipport and the suspect(s), if any, must be quarartimed there instead of bringing (them) to the city, he said, according to a statement issued by his office. Shah said the government will speed up its efforts to control the virus from spreading further. Nobody in Sindh needs to worry, by the blessing of Allah the student is under control, he added.

vent infections.
It was pointed out during the meeting that 167 pilgrims who returned from Iran were in quarantine at their homes.
The chief minister observed that around 4,000

passengers land at Karachi airport every day, therefore arrangements for their screening must be made fool-proof. He directed the chief secretary to talk to the federal government and request it to make quarantine arrange-ments at the airport for sus-pected cases of coronavirus.

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"I want none of the pas-sengers with pneumonia or coronavirus symptoms [to] be brought out of the airport and expose him/her to others," he said, according to the press release.



a health education and screening desk will be estab-lished at the immigration counters at Karachi airport. The World Health Organisation will also provide special training to health department officials and doc-tors and parametical staff

department officials and doctors and paramedical staff.
PSL matches in Karachi to be held as scheduled
During the meeting, Chief
Minister Shah announced
that the Paskistan Super
League 2020 matches scheduled.
He directed in Karachi, statining from March 12, will
go ahead as scheduled.
He directed the chief secretary and police chief to
make necessary arrangements in this regard, including issuing an advisory for the
spectators.
Shah also directed provin-

speciators.
Shah also directed provincial minister Syed Nasir cial minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah and Karachi Commissioner Iffithar Shalwani to hold a meeting with PCB authorities and dis-cuss all precautionary meas-ures. He asked them to install hand wash and sanitiser boxes at the stadium and advise people with travel his-tory of Iran not to visit the sta-

Click here for Dawn.com's live updates on the coron-

scheduled in Karachi. Speaking to reporters and a Speaking to reporters after a meeting held to review preparations for the upcoming matches, he said "all arrangements are complete." He said fungation will be carried out at the National Stadium before the match starts and thermal screening will be done of spectators upon entry. "The Sindh government is ready; matches will take place as per normal," he said.

The Pakistan Cricket Board had earlier said that it will follow the Sindh govern-ment's directives regarding future PSL matches sched-

them is bleaches elegating future PSL matches scheduled to be held in Karachi. "We will follow the Sindo government's directives. However, for now the matches are still scheduled for Karachi," a PCB spokesperson had told Dawnhews TV. Health minister proposes ban on public gatherings. Earlier, as the total number of cases in Sindh rose to 15, the Sindh health department, reportedly decided to suggest a number of measures to the provincial task force in order to deal with the threat of the virus. Sindh Minister of Health and Population Welfare Dr.

and Population Welfare Dr Azra Fazal Pechuho during an internal department meet-ing on Tuesday, according to her media coordinator following: 1. S i n d h
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setting up its own health desk
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place amid coronavirus threat KARACH: Governor Sindh governor said no contact with according to the schedule rovernment of Pakestan has been established yet, but he is across the country. The ground will be sanical concravirus threat. ARY ement. Speaking to journalists in outbreak: Sindh officials receives reported. Read more: Coronavirus Speaking to journalists in outbreak: Sindh officials receives reported. Read since Light new coronavirus cases surface in Karachi as tally jumps to 16 in Pakestan Earlier in the day, the Sindh officials receives reported. Read more: Coronavirus Speaking to journalists in outbreak: Sindh officials receives reported. Read since Light new coronavirus cases surface in Karachi as tally jumps to 16 in Pakestan Earlier in the day, the Sindh officials receives reported. Read since Light new coronavirus cases surface in Karachi as tally jumps to 16 in Pakestan Earlier in the day, the Sindh officials receives received to the coronavirus cases surface in Karachi as tally jumps to 16 in Pakestan Super League season the (PSL 5) games out of Karachi amid fears of the coronavirus.

Governor Sindh says best measures in



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He said provincial governament of Pakistan has made ments are taking precaution. He measures to curb the spread with the coronavirus threat.

Replying to a question, the

Karachi Times Cheif Editor Editor

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A common enemy

THE carnage unleashed by the militant Islamic State group in Kabul on Friday is a chilling reminder that this implacable enemy has much to gain from continuing chaos in Afghanistan. Around 30 people were killed and chaos in Afghanistan. Around 30 people were killed and at least 61 wounded when a gathering of Shia Hazaras in the capital was targeted by gummen belonging to the terrorist outfit. A transnational Islamist group such as IS poses a threat to the entire region; it constantly seeks cross-border allies amongst like-minded violent extremists in its quest for global dominance. The situation thus calls for more than the government in Kabul and the Afghan Tailban to find a way to work together following the withdrawal of foreign forces from their country, it requires that Afghanistan and Pakistan and potentially Iran, given the many sectarian attacks carried out by IS Iran, given the many sectarian attacks carried out by IS

fran, given the many sectanan attacks carried out by IS coordinate intelligence-gathering and tactical planning, and perhaps to some extent consider operational coordination, if they are to vanquish the terrorist group. Moreover, strategic objectives have changed in the cur-rent political scenario, requiring a recalibration of (tacit) alliances. The Taliban, locked in battle with Nato and Afrihan security forces and requirant to gone, us another the property of the p alliances. The Tallban, locked in battle with Nato and Afghan security forces and reluctant to open up another front turned a blind eye to TTP militants fleeing military operations in Pakistan's tribal areas and seeking shelter inside Afghanistan. Similarly, the Afghan government, not to mention the US, did the same to gain leverage against Pakistan. When IS expanded its franchise to Afghanistan, it easily found recruits from within the increasingly radicalised local population, and became a direct threat to the Tallban's largely ethnonationalist movement by appealing to the same demographic.

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The Taliban even lost to the IS some of its more hardline ers who were violently opposed to talks with the US and influenced by the terrorist outfit's pan-Islamist ambiinto miletines by the terrors could be persistent and interest tools. Pakistani militants, however mostly former T TP elements comprise the largest component, with Central Asians making up the rest.

Violence against women

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Changing pace of life

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Hindus celebrate the festival of colours across the country



festival of Holi was celebrated in packets of the metropolis on Monday, bringing young and old alike together in the festivities.

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The majority of Hindus living in the older parts of the city celebrated the religious holiday in their neighbourhoods, showering colours across areas including Seetal Das Compound, Wavri an Wajhara Wavri an Wajhara Compound in Moosa Lane, Club Compound near Kakri Ground, Baghdadi, Kumbhar Wara, Kamal Gali, Saifi Lane, Swami Narayan Lane, Swami Nara Temple and other localiti

es have still sent us wishes," he said, warm

leaders had also felicitated the Hindu community on the toreligious holiday in their occasion, sending gifts for neighbourhoods, showering the annual holiday. "We wanted to celebrate Holl in an open ground at Wavri an Wajhara first," stated Mohan Lal. a compound in Moosa Lane, member of the Maheshwari Community. "But our Muslim brothers in India are being tortured, so we cancelled the revent."

Speaking to The Express Tribune, he too said that the festifual was being celebrated with love and affection, with out being overshadowed by class or skin colour.

Sunita Rathore, another as the beginning of their new torsain the control of the celebrate it.

understood the true meaning of the festival. The majority o adding that many political Hindus living in the older leaders had also felicitated parts of the city celebrated the Hindu community on the

Temple and other localities.

"This is a festival of love and triumph," asserted Dr Jaipal Chhabria, a political activist." It is the festival of the sachist. "It is the festival of the sachist." It is the festival of the sach sach shared their success and love on the occasion without plants and of the business of the sach sawaii Narayan farmers and of the business. Temple, said her family, and activist. This is because of According to Dr Chhabria, many of his friends and relatives had decided to celebrate the festival with simplicity. "This is because of the prevailing situation in float," he explained. Thowever, our friends and colleagues from other community, who celebrate it sat the beginning of their new seasons," he added. According to Dr Chhabria, many of his friends and relatives on the occasion without plants the festival with simplicity. "This is because of the prevailing situation in float," he explained. "However, our friends and colleagues from other communities have still sent us of Holl in her village, warm wishes," he said, adding that many political eleders had also felicitated the Hindu community.

Rizvia rescue operation concludes

KARACHI: The rescue valuables?" they asked. operation following the collapse of a five-storey building lapse of a five-storey building hey had come to by to search in Rizvis Society was completed on Sunday right, while the building owner, Muhammad Jawed Khan, has still not been arrested. As many as 27 bodies and several injured persons had been found during the founday rescue operation. The building had collapsed on Thursday, destroying two extra burden on the building cars and leaving the adjoining building height sold building claiming that the on Thursday, destroying two extra burden on the building cars and leaving the adjoining bad led to the incident. They building better sold sold provided that the governat it too may collapse. Several parts of a third building their loss os that they can build also collapsed, while a fourth building was declared diagrem. The police meanwhile, a building was declared diagrem. The police meanwhile, a fortice that the declared diagrem.



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Association of the police, ing two cars and leaving the Rangers, army, fire depart—adjoining building bent, lead-ment, Sindh Building Control adjoining building bent, lead-ment, Sindh Building Control ing to fears that it too may col-Authority (SCBA) and relief lapse. Several parts of a third services, with the assistance building also collapsed, while a of area mesidents. After rescue fourth building was declared teams cleared the area, those 'dangerous' by the authorities, affected by the tragedy gath—one of the buildings was ered at the site, surveying the vacaled after officials declared rubble that once was their that it was also at risk of caving home. Complaining that no in. Rescue operations were government officials had come carried out by the police, to their aid, they expressed Rangers, army, fire depart-worries about how they would ment, Sindh Building Control set up their residences once Authority (SCBA) and relief again. "Who will compensate services, with the assistance us for the loss of lives and of area residents.

officials declared that it was that he would soon be appre-also at risk of caving in. hended. The building had col-Rescue operations were lapsed on Thursday, destroy-

24 new underpasses, flyovers needed to clear KCR routes

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roads that have been constructed on the track of the improvement of road infraKarachi Circular Railway structure in the surroundings (KCR), the KCR review committee was informed during a meeting of Monday.

Sindh Chief Secretary

Syed Muntaz Ali Shah, presiding over the meeting, tions at Federal Urdu enconstruction of underpasses and flyovers to Karachi were still encodes.

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Entertainment Sports and Technology

rachi: Ghazi Salah Ul Din, Professor Anwar Ahmed Zai, Professor Tusif Ahmed Khan, Ikhliaq Ahmed and others are addressing book launching ceremony International Stories written by Zafar Qureshi at press club Karachi.





President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) Agha Shahab Ahmed Khan presenting crest to Chairman Sindh Revenue Board Khalid Mehmood during his visit to KCCI on Tuesday. Chairman Businessmen Group & Fomer President KCCI Sirg Kassam Teli, General Secretary BMG AQ Khalil, Senior Vice President KCCI Arshad Islam, Chairman GST/ SRB Subcommittee Shakeel ur Rehman, Former President Khalid Firoz, Advisor SRB Mushtaq Kazmi, Member SRB Magsood Jahangir and Former Senior Vice President KCCI Ibrahim Kasumbi are also seen in the picture.

Ban imposed on marriage halls, lawns, banquets, piyala hotels

KARACHI MARCH 11: riage halls, lawns, ban-e Government of Sindh, quets, piyala hotels and tea exercise of the powers stalls functioning after 23:15



conferred under Section hours (Midnight) and ban on 144 (6) Cr.P.C has imposed use of fireworks during mar-riage ceremony for

improved safety to public life & property for a period of ninety (90) days, with immediate effect, within the terri torial limits of Hyderabac

In pursuance of Section 195 (i) (a) Cr.P.C. the S.H.Os of concerned Police Station has author ized to register the com-plaints under Section 188 PPC in writing for the violation of Section 144 Cr.P.C

on the recommendations of the officials in the Sindh

the officials in the Sindh government.

"We are in constant contact with the provincial government in Sindh. We have not thought about changing the venue yet. We will decide on the crowd according to the recommendations of the officials of the Sindh government. We are hopeful that the Bangladesh leam will tour Pakistan as scheduled," Zakir said. "Initfally the cases of coronavirus."

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were reported in Karachi and Islamabad. We still

HBL PSL 5 matches in Karachi to go ahead as scheduled amid coronavirus fears Cricket Board's (PCB)'s Director International Cricket Operations Zakir Khan claimed that a final decision will be made based

Minister Nasir Hussain Shah, after a high profile meeting on Tuesday, con-firmed that the Habib Bank Limited (HBL) Pakistan

not fatal and that adequate measures had been taken inorder to conduct the matches in a safe environ-

ment.
"The HBL PSL matches



Super League (PSL) sea-

will continue as scheduled.

Super League (PSL) sea-son five matches will be hosted in Karachi as sched-uled amid fears of the spread of the coronavirus in the city after two more cases of coronavirus were reported in Karachi this week, which raised the number to 15 in Sindh out of 18 reported cases in the entire country.

Shah, however, was adamant that the virus was

will confine as scheduled.

We would advise caution for foreigners. The with size of the special cases in the entire country.

Man to come to the ground.

We will also conduct ther-mal screening. Shah said.

Meanwhile the Pakistan

and Islamabad. We still hosted marches in Rawalpindi. Many countries are holding matches without crowds. We will also take a look at the situation in Karachi. We will work along the guidelines of the Sindh government. Changing the venues in Karachi We currently not part of our plan." Haris Rauf returns to Lahore Qalandars' squad



Pacer Hans Rauf has returned to Lahore Qalandars' squad for the ongoing Habib Bank Limited (HBL) Pakistan Super League (PSL) 2020 after

being declared ht, it was announced today. Haris is available for selection for Qalandars' match against Peshawar Zalmi at Lahore's Gaddafi

Stadium on Tuesday. He was rested after the first two matches as he experienced pain in his right heel and was replaced by bowler Salman Irshad, who leaves the side following Haris' comeback.

The 26-year-old's return to the Qalandars' side was approved by the event's technical committee which includes PCB CEO Wasim Khan, Bazid Khan, Marina Iqbal, Sameer Khosa and Dr Sohall Saleem.

Raafay Israr's latest music video and soundtrack 'Wajah kia thi" creates a buzz!

2020: Pakistani rising star Raafay Israr, known for his successful debut single 'SAJNI' and his spectacu-lar live performances all over the country, has come out with a beautiful track

mellow song, it has been garnering amazing response all over media. He adds, "This song holds a very special place in my heart because I usually compose the song first and



"Wajah kia thi".

The song is sung and composed by Raafay himself. The video features Noor Hassan and Azeekah Daniel. It has been direct-ed by Syed Ramish and produced by Mahnoor Sheikh. This video has a very basic concept based on our society's reality. It focuses on how status, caste, parents' choices, egos, etc are often responsible for wrong decisions for ilfe-partners. He has dedicated this song to all his fans who have been in a similar situation at some point in their life."

Says Israr, "I usually plan a song and then the lyrios start to come naturally to me, but this song was unplanned. Wajah kia thi is a completely different

then make my friends and fans hear it. This time people heard it live on the guitar when a few months ago while waiting somewhere I was humming and strumming this song, not realizing that people around me stopped by to hear it. They immediately told me that this should be my next song, so that's when I decided to work on it and began to compose it!"

It may be noted that Israr is a singer, song-writer and performer who launched his career in April 2018, with the hit song Sajin. He began singing and learned the guitar at a very young age and started performing in his school shows where he was mentored by the legendary Benjamin Sisters.

NBP pledges to empower more women for a stronger nation

Karachi: An increase in articipation of female ork force in a holistic cocasion as the Chief wireman and the cocasion as the Chief comen can translate their leas will contribute to gher economic growth, urged them not to undersial Asma Shaikh, estimate themselves, EVP/Group Chief, women need to be more DMC while addressin as environment in which duest, she encouraged women can translate their ideas will contribute to higher economic growth, said Asma Shaikh, SEVP/Group Chief, HRMG, while addressing a large gathering of female employees at the Women's Day Celebration at the NBP Head Office.At the



onset of the celebration, Ms. Asma Shaikh conduct-Ms. Asma Shalakh conducted an interactive session in which she asked the participants to speak up about their challenges and share their success stories with others. She encouraged all the females to learn to express, write and think no matter in whatever stage they are in their careers. Working women in Pakistan feel they face a number of challenges to make their voice heard in business environments. The two key challenges often identified by women in the workplace are susin the workplace are sus-taining a belief in their own ability and potential, and having the confidence to put themselves forward for enior positions. Sadaffe Abid, NBP BoD,

succeed, it creates a powerful ripple effect. It is also very important that women raise their voice, think through the bottlenecks, and develop the confidence to talk about their issues. Like on social media, if you raise your voice, companies will pay attention. We have to build allies. networking is critical. Speakcal. Speak up, talk to people, say yes to opportunities, have faith in yourself. Men have lots of confidence, women need to do that to on. many to follow in her foot steps.

Proclamation

Daily Times. Karachi pleased to design Syed Zeshan Hashmi as Bauru chief of Mirpurkhas, for news and advertisement blow mentioned cell number and email

Cell# 03133504646 Email: zeshan hashmi@live.com

Niger parliamentary friendship group called on Pakistani Envoy Ahmed Ali Sirohey

President Pakistan Niger parliamentary friend-ship group called on the Head of Mission Hon'able Adamou Sabo Hassan president Pakistan Niger parliamentary friend-ship group called on the head of Mission at Pakistan embassy. He warmly welcomed the new Envoy and assured his full support to promote broth-Envoy and assured his full support to promote broth-erhood and commercial relationship between two countries. He briefed about the working of group and its membership, He further added that members are taken from across the party line by the president of Parliament. He expected that the invitation from speaker national assembly

of Pakistan would be concerns. He assured that extended to visit Pakistan. all possible efforts would he also showed his con- be made to bring two



cern on the serious crimes committed by Indian gov-ernment against innocent ernment against innocent Muslims in Delhi and occupied territory of Kashmir. Mr. Ahmed Ali Sirohey appreciated his efforts and

nations closer in all fields He requested continuous support from him and his group. The president of the group was president sour

possible avenues for trade and technical assistance with the UK were discussed. Sepcial emphasis was laid on the importance of Rules of Origin and the lack of understanding that is present on the industry and it was renormand.

TDAP's Consultation with Exporters for new GSP Scheme of the UK in Lahore

In wake of Brexit, Department of International Trade, UK (DIT) and Department for In ternational Development, UK (DFID) are developing their ov scheme for the are developing their own scheme for the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) that will become effective from January, 2021 after completion of the transition period. Besides that, the UK is also undertaking a review of its current MFN tariff regime for its further rationalization. UK Government has sought inputs from Pakistan for designing of the new scheme which

Pakistan for designing of the new scheme which will maintain the current level of preferential access available to Pakistan under the EU's GSP/ GSP Plus scheme. To obtain stakehold-ers' inputs, TDAP organized a consultative session with concerned trade bodies and exporters today at Pakistan Hosiery Manufacturers & Exporters Association (PHMA)Office Labore to seek proposals for mak-

seek proposals for mak-ing the new UK GSP scheme more user friend-

between UK and Pakistan, and to address any issues being faced by the Pakistan side under the current EU-GSP scheme. Mr. Kamal Shahryar, Adviser on

During the consults

Shahryar, Adviser GSP Plus, gave a pres-entation and sought entation and sought inputs from stake holdrs.

regime and MFN tariffs as well as avenues for improving overall trade and cooperation between the UK and Pakistan covered. This included broad parame ters for the new GSP scheme and MFN tariff r mak- rationalization, origin GSP certification system and friend- rules of origin, standards trade and compliances, and

ome of the major rs like US Azguard 9, Master Textile servis, Master lexitie
etc. attended the session. TDAP is planning to
hold similar consultative
sessions with trade bodies and exporters during

Special steps should be taken to recover the property tax: Mukesh kumar chawla

KARACHI MARCH 11: A meeting on property tax chaired by the Minister for chaired by the Minister for Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control and Parliamentary Affairs Mukesh Kumar Chawla was held in his office. The meeting was also attended by Secretary Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control Abdul Haleem Sheikh, Director General Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Director Taxes and other officers. Briefing the meeting, Director General Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Director General Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Director General Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control Shoaib Ahmed Siddiqui, Director General Excise and Taxation & Narcotics Control Shoaib Ahmed

Siddiqui said that in term Slociqui said that in term of property tax, Rs 1637.556 million from Karachi, Rs 66.707 million from Hyderabad and Rs 31.678 million from Sukkur were recovered. He further informed that Rs 19.350 million Larkana, Rs 8.653 million from Shaheed Benazir Abad and Rs 9.060 million

from Mirpur Khas were recovered. General Shoaib the current financial year, Rs. 1771.004 million had been collected in the realm of property tax.During the same peri-od in the previous finan-cial year, Rs.1671.042 millions were collected.

Addressing the meet-ing, the provincial minis-ter for Excise and Taxation & Narcotics



Control and Parliamentary Affairs said that the offi-Affairs said that the offi-cers would have to work hard to achieve the goals of property tax, asking them to launch a special campaign to collect prop-erty tax. He said that offi-cers who were not show-ing interest in achieving their tax targets would be taken to task.

investigation launched in emblezment of funds in sindh house islamabad

Funds in KARACHI MARCH 11: Sindh Anti-Corruption Department has launched an investigation into the allegad emblements of development funds and mega corruption in Sindh House Islamabad Staff Colony. According to details, the complaints werre received regarding emblements / misspropriation of development funds allocated for Sindh House Islamabad Staff Colony. It is pertinent to mention that from the year 2015 to 2019-20, 13 crore 82 lakh 45 thousand and 700 rupes were released for the development works of Staff

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provincial building division
Works Karachi officials
usurped all the money
through fake bills and
vouchers and not a single
rupee was spent on development works. The inquiry
was ordered by Provincial
Minister for Anti-Corruption
Jam Itaramuliah Dhanju on
complaints of corruption in
the aforementioned project. Anti-Corruption, sindh
Department, following the
roders of the Sindh minister
for Anti-Corruption, has
launched an investigations
against the officers of
Provincial Building Division

Norks Karachi. Akhter Ali Jouch, Chief Engineer, Arshad Ali Bhutto Superintendent Engineer, Muhammad Aquel Assistant Engineer Sindh House, Akhtar Chaudhry Accountant Clerk, Tariq Azad Confractor and other officers have been involved in the alleged scam. Meanwhile Provincial Minister for Industries and Commerce & Cooperative Department and Anti-Corruption Jam Ikramullah Dharejo has said in a statement that no officer involved in corruption will be forgiven and afforts are being made to establish a corruption.

coronavirus outbreak: Oil prices jump 8pc after biggest one-day fall since 1991

8% on Tuesday from the biggest one-day rout in nearly 30 years, as investors eyed the possibility of ecostimulus despite a price war en top producers Saudi Arabia

nomic stimulus despite a price war between top producers Saudi Arabia and Russia. US President Donald Trump on Monday said he will be taking 'major' steps to gird the US economy against the impact of the spreading coronavirus outbreak and will discuss a payroll tax cut with congressional Republicans on Tuesday. Brent crude futures rose \$2.51, or 7.3pc, to \$36.87 a barrel by 0418 GMT, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude galined \$2.15, or 6.9pc, to \$33.28 a barrel. Both benchmarks plunged 25pc on Monday, dropping to their lowest since February 2016 and recording their biggest one-day percentage.

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Asian shares bounced and bond be temporary as oil demand contin-yleds rose from historic lows as uses to be hit by the economic impact speculation of coordinated stimulus of the coronavirus outbreak, analysts from global central banks and gov-said.

"Oil's rally right now will likely be



deepen spending cuts and could treduce production after OPEC's decision to pump full bore into a glocal market hit by shrinking demand due to the coronavirus outbreak. "When you look at the leverage the industry is in, at proces of around \$30, it's not profitable," said Jonathan Barratt, chief investment officer Probis Group. "Saudis and other Middle Eastern producers have their budgetary constraints, Russia is starved for cash and the breakeven for [...] shade has to be around \$50 a barrel. So the dynamics of all those put together will mean they will come to an agreement somewhere. On the demand was set to contract in 2020 for the first time since 2009. Saudi Arabia slashed its official selling prices and made plans to ramp up crude outbut near month.

for the Institute and the Saudi Arabia slashed its official selling prices and made plans to ramp up crude output next month after Russia balked at making a further steep output cut proposed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to stabilise oil marets Brent crude futures were down \$11.81 or 26pc, at \$33.46 a barrel by 0650 GMT after earlier dropping to \$31.02, their lowest since February 12, 2016. Brent futures are on track for their blogscat daily decline since January 17, 1991, when prices dropped at the start of the first Gulf War, as the market had

Dr Adnan attacked to obstruct Nawaz's treatment: Shehbaz Sharif

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London: PML-N chief and Leader of the
Opposition in National Assembly Sherbaz Sharif
on Tuesday condemmed the attack on Nawaz
Sharifs personal physician Dr Adnan Khan.
He said that the nature of the attack showed it
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These precautionary measures may be subject to further updates based on the latest guidance



responsible [for the attack] after investigation. However, police has not yet made a comment on the nature of the attack. PML-N leaders Shahid Khagan Abbasi and Ahsan Iqbal have also condemost the attack. Khan was out on his daily walk when he was attacked by two masked men. Gen News reported According to the report. he sustained injuries on his head, face and chost after the two men attacked him from behind, punched him and hit him with a metal bar. Khan was taken to a hospital.

a hospital. Khan accompanied Nawaz when he left for London for his treatment in November and has remained with the former premier since then.

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of the national health authorities and international organisations on the spread of Coronavirus, in order to arsure the safety of all residents of the State of Qustar, "it clarified. The countries include Bangladesh, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Nepal, Philippines, South Kores, Sri Lanka, Syria and Thailand A statement by the Arab country's Government. Comminication Officer said decision came in addition to Qatar Airways suspending flights to and from Italy as "a preventive measure due to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide". The decision affects at individuals intending to enter from these countries.

PML-N leadership demands Shehbaz Sharif's return from London

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Senate's transaction rate was 90 per cent related to women-sponsored agenda and 89 per cent in case of men-sponsored agenda. Most of the agenda sponsored by women, however, was in their private capacities, whereas, government agenda in parliament continues to be men-dominated because of low representation of women in the executive.

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Men members of the cabinet accounted for 89 per cent of govern-ment business, while women minis-ters initiated only 11 per cent of gov-ernment-agenda items. Women's contribution to government business in the NA was slightly higher (12 per cent) than their contribution in the Senate (eight per cent) nesumably

Court reserves verdict on Faryal Talpur's plea seeking restoration of bank accounts

Islamabad: An accountability court in Islamabad on Tuesday reserved its decision on a plea seeking restoration of bank accounts of Paiskian Peoples Party lawmaker Faryal Talpur. The court will now announce its verdict on March 20.

Authorities froze Talpur's bank accounts in the fake bank accounts case that involves alleged money laundering of billions through 38 alleged money laundering of billions through 29 accounts, which were found opened in three banks — Summit Bank, Sindh Bank and United Bank Ltd.

he Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) had

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Stressing upon Talpur's knowledge of illegal
transactions, the anti-graft watchdog's
counsel said the PPP leader's plea is non-maintainable and added that the accounts
were frozen as per law.
However, Talpur's counsel, Faroog H Naek,
maintained that the bureau had admitted to
freezing the accounts before the inquiry was
finalised. "NAB has accepted that the case
initially fell under Federal Investigation initially fell under Federal Investigation Agency's (FIA) domain," he explained



named Zardari. Talpur. Omni Group chairman Anwar Majeed, his sons and over 10 others as suspects in an interim charge sheet filed in a banking court in August 2018. The case was transferred to Islamabad after a

Karachi banking court accepted the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) transfer request forwarding the joint investigation team (JIT) report to the bureau with directions to

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"Freezing accounts before an inquiry violates the law."
Naek further pointed out that the bank account was of personal use and not 'benami'. He said the counsel was not seeking to unfreeze Zardari Group's bank accounts and added that those accounts were not even

US, Russia not to accept 'Islamic emirate' in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON: The United States and Russia have agreed to work together to ensure that the international community does not accept or support the restoration of the "Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan". In a joint statement released by the US State Department in Washington earlier this weekend, the United States and Russia also welcomed the Tailban's commitment to "a political process and their

to "a political process and their prospective role in a new post-setprospective role in a new post-set-tement Afghan Islamic government as determined by the intra-Afghan negotiations. But they "reaffiamed that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is not recognised by the international community the United Nations, and further-more, the international community will not accept or support the restoration of the Islamic Emirate of Afshanistan."

Afghanistan". On Saturday, the Taliban issued a On Saturday, the Tailban issued a statement as well, insisting that it's their duty to restore the "Islamic government" that existed before US forces toppled their government in Kabul in 2001. But they too avoided using the term, Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan American representatives drafted a joint statement in Doha on Feb 28, a day before signing a peace deal with the Tailban. The deal calls for an intra-Afghan dialogue to create a new administrative setup in Kabul and lays down conditions for the ultimate withdraw-al of all 14,000 US and Nato troops from Afghanistan. The Taliban, however, insisted that their leader Mullah Haibatullah was

tions designations' on Taliban lead-ers "in order to support the peace



"the only legal ruler of Afghanistan forces from the country, they we forces from the country, they were duty-bound to restore an "Islamic government" in Afghanistan, a term also used in the US-Russia joint statement. The Tailban said the Doha agreement aimed at ending 19 years of war in Afghanistan, but it "will have no impact" on their "legitamate claims". In the joint statement, the United States and Russia expressed readiness for romenoement of intra-Afghan negotiations to "review the status of sanc-

or support activities that threaten the peace, stability and security of Afghanistan or other countries will affect the review.

The two countries encouraged all

Ine two countries encouraged all countries to support the Afghan people and contribute to a lasting peace settlement in the interest of all. They pledged to work with the Kabul government, Afghan political leaders, civil society and the Taliban to 'bring about a comprehensive and sustainable peace agreement that ends the war and contributes to that ends the war and contributes to regional stability and global securi-

Feb 22-28 reduction of violence in Afghanistan and urged all sides to further scale down violence in order to create an environment conducive

to create an environment conducive to intra-Afghan negotiations. Russia and the United States called on the Taliban and other Afghan groups to take concrete steps to ensure that the territory of Afghanistan was not used by Al Qaeda, the militant Islamic State group or other international terrorist groups to threaten or attack other countries. They said they expected all sides would observe a casesfire for the duration of intra-Afghan negotiations to enable participants. all sides would observe a dealerine for the duration of intra-Afghan negotiations to enable participants to reach agreement on a political roadmap for the country's future and the modalities of a permanent and comprehensive ceasefire. They called on all Afghans to begin discussions immediately on issues of mutual concern, such as prisoner releases and a ceasefire. Washington and Moscow pledged to provide political support and economic assistance to a future Afghan government if it respects the rights of all Afghans.

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'No imminent plans' for flight operations to Pakistan, US embassy

New York: The United States Embassy in Islamabad on Tuesday said there were 'no imminent plans' for starting direct flights between Pakistan and the US. According to a press release from the embassy, officials from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) — the US government agency that oversees airport and air carrier security — will visit Islamabad airport, view Pakistan's aviation security infrastructure, and meet with their Pakistani civil aviation counterparts this week.

er, the statement goes on to add "there

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travel is essential to facilitate trade and connections and fostering stronger bonds between the United States and Pakstan. "We look forward to confinuing our relationship with the Pakstan Civil Aviation Authority as explore additional areas of cooperation and the possibility of capacity development." Suggested that the TSA team's sixt was linked to the commencement of direct flights between the US and Pakstan.

Last month, on January 22, Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) spokesperson Abdul



are no imminent plans for direct flights between Pakistan and the United States.* According to the press release, TSA officials were in Pakistan as part of the US Mission to Pakistan's ongoing efforts to strengthen economic ties and air connectivity between the United States and Pakistan. TSA Attach Daniel McQuaid was quoted in the press release as saying "Secure international air

Hafeez had said Pakistan was expecting to resume direct flights to the US in May this year "subject to a final clearance by the US Transportation-Security Administration." A United States (US) Transport Security Administration (TSA) team of Monday visited Islamabad International Airport (IIA) to conduct final inspection and give clearance to Pakistar International Airlines.