

PAKISTAN

inbrief



The vehicles confiscated by police in Paharipura Police Station, Peshawar, have turned into junk. — APP

CHASHMA

PM opens nuclear power plant today

Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi will inaugurate Pakistan's fifth nuclear power plant C-4 here on Friday, having capacity to generate 340MW electricity. The Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission is pursuing its vision of nuclear technology for peaceful purposes and set to achieve another milestone with the operation of Chashma Nuclear Power Plant Unit-4. — APP

ABBOTTABAD

Parking ticket dispute claims life

One person was killed and two others were injured on Thursday when a parking contractor of District Headquarters Hospital (DHQ) Abbottabad opened fire on them over a dispute over parking ticket. The parking contractor opened fire on three people when they refused to pay for the parking killing one person Rafaqat on the spot while two others were injured. — APP

KARACHI

SHC scraps order for removal of IGP

A two member division bench of the Sindh High Court (SHC), comprising Justice Munib Akhtar and Justice Umar Sial, on Thursday dismissed Sindh government's notification for removal of AD Khawaja from the post of Inspector General of Police (IGP-Sindh). — APP

PESHAWAR

100,000 saplings to be planted

The district government here on Thursday inaugurated tree plantation drive during which more than 100,000 saplings would be planted while strict security measures will also be taken for protection of these plants, said District Nazim Asim Khan. — APP

KARACHI

29 dengue cases reported in 6 days

At least 29 cases of dengue fever have been reported from different parts of Karachi this month, said Dr Abdul Rashid Shaikh, Sindh Programme Manager for Dengue Prevention and Control here on Thursday. He said 887 cases were registered during first eight months of the current month as compared to 2418 in 2016. — APP



ANGER AGAINST MYANMAR ATROCITIES

Protesters raise slogans in Islamabad against the ongoing atrocities against the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar on Thursday. Placard in centre reads 'Oh God help Burmese Muslims.' — AP

NAB to file criminal charges against ex-PM Sharif and Dar

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's national anti-corruption agency will file criminal charges against former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Finance Minister Ishaq Dar after a probe into their finances.

Nawazish Ali Asim, a spokesman for the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), in a text message on Thursday confirmed the decision, but didn't say when the watchdog would file the four references. A full statement will be issued later, he said.

Sharif, who is currently in London while his wife undergoes cancer treatment there, was disqualified from office following a landmark ruling by the South Asian nation's top court in July that said he was "dishonest" in his financial disclosures. He has denied any wrong doing. A spokesperson for Sharif couldn't immediately be



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reached for comment. Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb and a spokesman at the finance ministry didn't answer calls seeking comment.

The charges, while expected after the Supreme Court ordered the

anti-corruption body to investigate the corruption allegations further, will add further pressure on the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz ahead of elections next year. Imran Khan, the leader of Pakistan's second largest opposition party, brought the case against Sharif and is hoping to lure dissatisfied PML-N politicians after his hard driving anti-graft campaign.

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Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, who was appointed as Sharif's successor, in an interview last month said the removal of Sharif did hurt business sentiment, but projects will continue as planned and growth targets will be met. — Bloomberg

India should resolve Kashmir through political means: Bajwa

ISLAMABAD — India should resolve the Kashmir issue through "political and diplomatic" means rather than "abusing" Pakistan, army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa has said.

Addressing a Defence Day gathering in Rawalpindi, Gen. Bajwa said people of South Asia need peace for prosperity.

Accusing India of "killing" innocent people on the Line of Control (LoC), he said the country should give peace a chance.

"It is in interest of India that for a durable solution to the issues (in Kashmir), it should prefer political and diplomatic process instead of abusing Pakistan and using bullets against Kashmiris," the Chief of the Army Staff said. Gen. Bajwa said Pakistan wants to address the Kashmir issue through dialogue.

"Welfare of millions of people of these two countries is linked with permanent peace. But for it to happen, it is necessary that innocent and unarmed people on the LoC are not targeted through a planned way," he said.

Pakistan will continue to extend "political, moral, and diplomatic support" to Kashmiris for their



Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa addressing the ceremony to mark the Defence Day. — APP

right to self-determination in line with the UN Security Council resolutions, he said.

He accused India of trying to destabilise Pakistan through "militancy and usurping its share of water". The army chief also said that Pakistan was a responsible nuclear state. "Our nuclear programme is just a deterrent against the enemy that introduced this unconventional war in the region," he said.

Gen. Bajwa said that Pakistan was against terrorism.

"We are against war and terrorism. We want relationship with all countries based on mutual respect and equality," he said. — PTI

Asif: Pakistan has to quickly adjust to new situation

ISLAMABAD — The geopolitical situation in the world is undergoing a "seismic shift" and Pakistan has to review it pragmatically and quickly adjust its direction, Foreign Minister Khawaja Asif said on Thursday.

Speaking after the conclusion of a three-day meeting of the Pakistani envoys here, Asif referred to the "altering" regional and international situation, saying the geopolitical changes taking place in the world were unprecedented.

"Perhaps, such changes were not even witnessed after the World War II. New alignments have been made, strategic policies are dictating nations' interests," he said.

"We are undergoing a seismic shift," Asif said, adding that Pakistan has to review these situations pragmatically and take the right direction.

"We have to quickly adjust our direction," he asserted.

During the meeting, the diplomats discussed the US policy on South Asia and Afghanistan and Pakistan's envoy to the US, Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry, gave a briefing on the situation following US President Donald Trump's statements.

Asif said that there is a 50 to 60-year-long history behind the Washington policy and the regional situation "which is gradually unfolding".

"In my personal view, (in the course of this history), we have only incurred losses and haven't gained much," he was quoted as saying by Dawn.

"We don't have a lot of time — the developing regional situations do not allow us to take our time," the minister reiterated.

Asif said that in the coming days "there will be a policy shift in the country."

The new policy will be formulated with the army and the country's institutions and will keep Pakistan's interests in view.

Asif said that recommendations in this regard will be made to the National Assembly based



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on the advice given by the envoys during the meetings.

Asif said, "there is a difference — a distance — between the world's perception and Pakistan's perception of the war," apparently referring to the US remark a day earlier that Pakistan "must change its approach" to terrorism.

His remarks came days after the Brics nations in their Xiamen declaration expressed "concern" over the violence caused by the Taliban, Daesh, Al Qaeda and its affiliates including Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement, Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan, the Haqqani network, Lashkar-e-Taiba, Jaish-e-Mohammed, Tehrik-i-Taleban Pakistan (TTP) and Hizbul Ahrar.

"The groups named are already banned in Pakistan," Asif said during the presser.

He said that Pakistan's dependency on US has been greatly reduced. He, however, said Pakistan's relationship with the US has not ended and future communications will be made keeping in view Pakistan's interests.

"Pakistan will cooperate with countries who recognise its sacrifices," the minister said. — PTI



**APPOINTMENT AS
CEO/PRESIDENT
OF THE BANK OF PUNJAB**



Government of the Punjab is seeking a strong, self-driven, highly committed, motivated, energetic and career-oriented person of professional excellence as President/CEO of the Bank of Punjab who shall be responsible for the overall direction and administration of the Bank in line with the policy directives of the Board of Directors; ensuring the Bank's success and gearing all the aspects of the Bank's activities towards deriving maximum value in the best interest of shareholders, customers, employees, and the public.

Those having strong background in banking and inter-personal skills may apply stating qualifications and experience as prescribed in the Fit & Proper Test circulated by State Bank of Pakistan.

(www.sbp.org.pk/bprd/2007/Encl-FPT-C4.pdf)

It will be a contract appointment for a period upto 5 years. Salary package will be negotiable/market based. The final appointment of the President shall be subject to the clearance from SBP.

A detailed CV, along with attested academic testimonials, experience certificate, CNIC and recent photographs, with address should be submitted to the following address by **29th of September, 2017**. A soft copy may also be emailed at fd.ds.res@punjab.gov.pk. The date of interview will be intimated after shortlisting of candidates.

(No TA/DA admissible for interview).

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Benazir case: Cops challenge conviction

ISLAMABAD — The two former senior police officers convicted in Benazir Bhutto assassination case and sentenced to 17 years in prison on Thursday challenged their conviction in a higher court, saying they have been made "scapegoats".

An Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) in Rawalpindi last week convicted additional inspector general Saud Aziz and Senior Superintendent of police Khuram Shehzad for negligence and security lapses and sentenced them to 17 years in prison.

The two have challenged the judgement in the Rawalpindi bench of the Lahore High Court, a court official said.

Both the officers contented in the appeal that they had provided adequate security to Bhutto who was killed in Rawalpindi, the official added. Bhutto, the Pakistan

People's Party chief and a two-time prime minister, was killed along with more than 20 people in a gun and bomb attack in Rawalpindi's Liaquat Bagh during an election campaign rally on December 27, 2007. She was 54.

The officers asked the court to overturn the verdict, saying the decision was full of contradictions as the court set free the five prime suspects who were kept in jail since 2008 when they were arrested. — PTI

Deadline Extension for Request for Proposal (RFP)

South Punjab Forest Company (SPFC), Government of the Punjab, Pakistan, is soliciting proposals from Individuals / Firms / Companies to undertake Afforestation / Rangeland activities on 40,112 hectares under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for 15 years, on produce sharing / annual fee basis. A total of 187 forest lots of various sizes in five districts comprising Muzaffargarh, Rajanpur, D.G. Khan, Bahawalpur and Rahim Yar Khan of Punjab province are open for afforestation / rangeland activities.

With reference to SPFC's advertisement published in Khaleej Times dated July 30, 2017, the competent authority of SPFC is pleased to extend the deadline for submission of bids from September 15, 2017 to September 29, 2017 by 1400 Hours PST. The bids will be opened on the same day at 1500 Hours PST in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives at PC Hotel, Lahore, Pakistan.

For further details, interested parties may visit www.spfc.org.pk or contact at info@spfc.org.pk; Ph: +92-42-99232376