

Govt committed to providing favorable atmosphere to investors: Saad

Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique on Friday said that the coalition government was committed to provide favorable atmosphere to investors who were keen to invest in the country. During a meeting with Ambassador of Iran to Pakistan, Ayatollah Mohammad Ali Hashemi who called on him here, the minister said that bilateral relations between Pakistan and Iran were improving in all the fields. He said that Pakistan Railways was constantly striving to improve its customer base through long term agreements with domestic and international suppliers. The minister said that Pakistan government was offering business-friendly environment to all the foreign and local investors. The ambassador said the relations between Pakistan and Iran was long lasting. During the meeting, bilateral issues of the two countries and railways were also discussed. Both the dignitaries discussed the ways to improve and enhance economic ties between Pakistan and Iran during the meeting. Secretary/Chairman Railways Zafar Zaman Jangho, Secretary Railway Board Niazur Ali Shah, Director General Planning Abdul Majeed and other officials were also present in the meeting. **APP**

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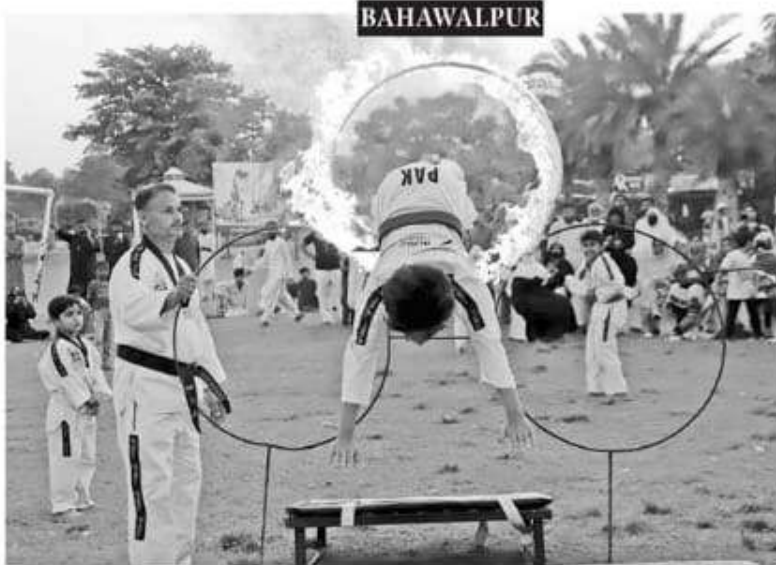
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Taekwondo specialists display their skills during a competition at Taekwondo Martial Art Club, online

Punjab CM hints at upgrading Kunjah and Jalalpur Jattan to tehsil level

Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Pervaiz after announcing projects amounting to billions of rupees after arriving in Gujrat for the first time CM while talking with the media persons at the Zahoor Palace Gujrat said that he is aware of public problems and has on jobs have been filed. Gujrat has been formally granted the status of a division from today. He is upgrading Kunjah and Jalalpur Jattan to the tehsil level. Rescue 1122 centres will also be set up in Kunjah and Jalalpur Jattan. A dual road from Gujrat to Hafizabad and a bridge to link Mandi Bahaudiney with Hafizabad will be constructed on River Chenab near Qadirabad. Expedition work is ongoing for setting up industrial estate in Gujrat, he stated. CM declared that we would bring an excellent sewerage system and provision of clean water in Gujrat. A Water Management Company will be established in Gujrat and garbage will be seen nowhere, he added. CM revealed that Aziz Bharti Hospital will be upgraded to 500 beds adding that Wazirabad Institute of Cardiology will be upgraded to 500 beds. A mother child care and cancer hospital will also be established in Gujrat. The hospitals of Kunjah and Jalalpur Jattan will be upgraded and will be made modern. An Engineering University will also be set up in Gujrat and schools as well as colleges will be upgraded. The time is not far when Gujrat will become Aligarh of the modern era. CM stated three times more work will be done in other cities as compared to Gujrat. We will bring a better company in Lahore for the waste management than a Turkish company. He stated that income tax solar pumps are being provided to the landlords adding that jobs will be provided to the special persons. An allowance for the blind persons has been increased adding that the problems of the flood affected people will be redressed. Rescue 1122 ambulances have been given to all the

tribals of Punjab.

A safe city system will be launched in every division of the province adding that free legal aid has been revised and work on aid reforms is going to be resumed. CM informed that no work is being started from the very beginning but rather we are restarting the work from where it was left. Work in every sector will be seen up to date within one month and no public demand will be left out. We will fulfill all the promises. I became CM with the prayers of the public and every single moment is precious. We want to do all the work and pay for it by heart. When Imran Khan visits in September then he will come to know about the splendid welcome which will be accorded to him by the people

of Gujrat. He said that he thanks Allah Almighty on becoming CM and also thanks Imran Khan and the PTI.

Khan. CM noted that it makes no difference by giving laptops as practical work should be done. He demonstrated that Shalwar Sharf kept on distributing laptops but did nothing for the progress of human resource. He said that we are adhering to the Islamic policies and working for the nation adding that we are doing away with many traditions and five years prohibition will be ended on its violation. Chaudhry Wajid Hussain, former Federal Minister and MNA, Muzaffar Elahi, Hassan Elahi, Musa Elahi, MPA, Abdullah Yusuf Wariachi, Shuja Nawaz, Pt Sharif Bokhari, Munim Tahir and other notable personalities of the area were also present on the occasion. Gujrat CM Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi was accorded a warm welcome and a grand reception on reaching Gujrat. **www.dtc**

KP CM holds online Kutchehri, orders steps to resolve issues

As a part of the initiative of holding Kutchehri, the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mahmood Khan, held an online Kutchehri on Friday for District Bagram.

During the online Kutchehri held via video link, people from different parts of district Bagram apprised the chief minister of their issues related to the various provincial departments. The chief minister, on the occasion, issued directives to the authorities concerned for immediate steps to resolve the issues and address the public grievances.

Additional Chief Secretary Shabbir Ali Shah, Senior Member Board of Revenue Zakir Hussain, administrative secretaries of concerned departments and other high ups were also present on the occasion whereas concerned Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and officials of the line departments via video link attended the online Kutchehri.

Talking to the complainants through video link the chief minister said that holding online Kutchehri was an effort of the provincial government towards resolving the public issues which will be continued in future.

He said that a separate online Kutchehri would be held for each and every district of the province. Touching upon the development schemes in district Bagram, the chief minister said that during the last four years, a number of development projects worth around Rs 2,000 billion were completed whereas work on various development projects worth Rs 5.7 billion was also in progress.

"Development projects worth Rs 2,000 billion have been reflected in the current development budget for the district," he said and added that various projects worth Rs 1.5 billion would also be implemented under the district development plan. Besides Rs 500 million had been allocated for the acquisition of land for establishing the campus of Hazara University in Bagram.

He assured that the commitment made to the people regarding status of district to Tehsil Alai would be fulfilled adding that home work to this effect has been completed and the people would

hear good news in this regard very soon. Moreover, he said that a cabinet committee has been constituted regarding creation of some 6 comprising certain districts of Hazara and Malakand divisions and hopefully the new zone would be established within a month.

On the citizens complaint regarding the health card scheme in DHO Bagram, the chief minister has directed the secretary health to conduct an inquiry and submit him a report within the next 21 days.

Responding to another complaint regarding illegal cutting of trees in Alai, the chief minister directed the Secretary Forest to submit an inquiry report within three weeks and said that the provincial government would not allow illegal cutting of trees adding that the elements involved in this matter would be taken to task.

Similarly, he directed the Deputy Commissioner Bagram to immediately launch the cleanliness drive in the urban areas of Bagram and submit him a report to this effect within a month.

In response to a complaint regarding alleged corruption in government contracts, Mahmood Khan directed the Commissioner Hazara to inquire into the matter and submit his inquiry report within the next 21 days.

On the complainants regarding deficiency of teaching staff in various schools, the chief minister directed the Secretary Education to ensure recruitment of teachers for those schools under the PTC funds further directing them to get SNGs of the required posts approved from the relevant forum in order to resolve the issue on a sustainable basis.

He also directed the authorities concerned to submit an inquiry report regarding alleged violation of merit in the process of recruitment in the prison department.

On the public demand regarding upgradation of health units in the certain areas of the district, the chief minister has directed the health department to visit the proposed areas and submit a feasibility report in this regard. The chief minister in the demand of the general public has announced the establishment of a public library in Union Council Patal Sharif. **APP**

Rescue 1122 rescues 40 people from flood affected areas

The district emergency service Rescue 1122 rescued around 40 people besides their valuable items including over 35 cattle during rain-induced flood in different areas of the district. According to the Rescue 1122 spokesman, the district emergency service Rescue 1122 has launched relief and rescue operations in rain and flash flood affected areas of the district.

The current torrential rains triggered low-level flash floods in certain areas of the district, affecting a number of houses and standing crops. **APP**

AJK SC orders EC to revisit schedule of holding LB elections till Nov 30

Asad Jinnah & Kashmir Supreme Court on Friday directed the Election Commission of AJK to revisit the schedule of holding of the local bodies elections in AJK by extending the time till 30th of November this year in the interest of justice.

Earlier on the recent orders of the apex court of AJK, the Asad Jinnah Kashmir Election Commission had announced the schedule of holding of the civic polls in AJK on September 28.

A full bench of the Supreme Court of Asad Jinnah Kashmir headed by Chief Justice Raja Saad Ahmad Khan, with Justice Raja Ali Khan and Justice Khawaja Muhammad Nazeem, announced the unanimous decision on the case titled 'Bokhar A Taulab VS Asad Govt. of the State of Jammu & Kashmir', over an application seeking grant of extension in time for conducting the local bodies elections, filed on behalf of the government of AJK praying to allow an extension of time to conduct the LB polls till March next year (2023). The petitioner had also prayed for grant of any other relief which the learned apex court deem fit to be granted to the applicants, according to the judgment announced here on Friday.

Earlier, after hearing the learned Advocate General and Raja Sajad Ahmed Khan, Advocate, the learned counsel representing the applicants, the time was given to them to consult with the Asad Jinnah Kashmir Prime Minister and the other concerned quarters to come with a definitive stance in clear terms that what is the real intention of the Government and how much time is required to arrange the requisite amount demanded by the Chief Election Commissioner because the main thrust of the counsel for the applicants was that prosperity the Government of Asad Jinnah and Kashmir as well as Pakistan is facing the financial crisis.

After seeking instructions from the AJK Prime Minister and other concerned quarters, the learned Advocate General stated that it would be convenient for the Government to hold the elections in May, 2023, however, Raja Sajad Ahmed Khan, Advocate insisted for holding of the elections after the month of Ramadan in Muharrar.

"It is very interesting that in the application, they have prayed for grant of time till March, 2023, however, the stance taken by them in the Court is even against their own prayer", the learned

court remarked in the judgment.

Haroon Riaz Mughal, Advocate President, Asad Jinnah Bar Association, and Raja Anwar Ali Khan, Advocate, appeared and stated that the Court has already taken lenient view while extending the time more than once. There is no justification for further extension. It appears that the Government is not serious in holding the elections, however, if the Court comes to the conclusion that some further time is required then the extension should not be granted according to the wishes of the Government.

Raja Asad Ahmad Khan, Advocate, who represents the Vice Chairman of AJMK Bar Council stated that the Government has come totally with a new stance which reflects that it has an intention to hold the elections rather it is an attempt to escape from its responsibility. The application for extension at time has been filed at the stage when all the process has been completed, the election schedule has been announced and the public is mentally prepared to choose its representatives, hence, grant of further time will create an unrest in the society.

As far as the third argument pertaining to paucity of cases before the High Court, is concerned, to verify the position we have summoned the Registrar of the High Court, who appeared in Chamber and submitted the details of the cases. He apprised the Court that all the decision cases pending before the High Court have almost been decided and only few newly instituted cases, which are not more than 2 to 4 in number, are pending and there is possibility that the same will be disposed off expeditiously. In this state of affairs, this argument of learned counsel for the applicants has also an substance, the judgment by the learned apex court of AJK said.

Over the status of request for extension of time for holding of the elections as stated herein above, the learned Advocate General, as well as Raja Sajad Ahmed Khan, Advocate, after seeking instructions from the Prime Minister and the other concerned quarters requested for holding of elections in May, 2023 or after the month of Ramadan were yet.

The learned court remarked in its judgment as saying, "however, amazingly their stance is against their own application wherein they have prayed for extension of time till March, 2023." **APP**

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NOTICE FOR THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of Apna Microfinance Bank Limited is scheduled to be held on Saturday September 10, 2022, at 12:00 noon, at Registered Office, K-4/3 64/4, Ch. Khaliq-uz-Zaman road, Ghat, Karachi to transact the following business:

AGENDA

01. To read and confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on June 18, 2022.
02. To receive, consider and adopt the Annual Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 together with Directors' and Auditors' Reports thereon.
03. To review, consider and appointment of RSM Ayesha Hyder Liaquat Nauman, Chartered Accountants as auditors of the bank for the year ending December 31, 2022 as proposed by the Board of Directors and to fix their remuneration.
04. To transact any other business with the permission of the chair.

By Order of the Board
Rafat Abbas
Company Secretary

August 19, 2022
Karachi

NOTES:

01. A member of the Bank entitled to attend and vote at this meeting may appoint another member as his/her proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her proxies in order to be effective must receive by the Bank not less than 48 hours before the meeting.

Central Depository Company of Pakistan Limited (CDC) account holders will further have the following under mentioned guidelines as laid down by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

For Attending Meeting:

In view of the outbreak of CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19), The Securities & Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP), vide its Circular No. 6 of 2021 dated March 3, 2021 (to be read with Circular No. 4 of 2021 dated February 15, 2021), has allowed the companies to hold their general meetings through electronic mode. Therefore, in the wake of prevailing situation due to pandemic and government's restrictions on public gatherings, the AGM of the Bank will be conducted only through video-conference facility, to protect the well-being of all the shareholders and avoid large gatherings by provision of video-link facilities. In pursuance with the restrictions imposed by the Government and SECP directives, as mentioned above, it has been decided to hold the AGM electronically at the above given date and time. The members can send their comments/suggestions related to the agenda items of the meeting through following means:

WhatsApp	Email
	Agm@apnabank.com.pk

The members who are willing to attend and participate in the AGM can do so through video-link via smart phones, computers, tablets etc. To attend the AGM through video-link, members are requested to get their following particulars registered by sending an email of WhatsApp at the number/ address given above, at least 48 hours before the date/time of the AGM i.e. latest by 07 September, 2022 and download video-link from Zoom.

Name	Folio/CDC Account No.	CNIC No.	Email
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Upon receipt of requests, the video-link login credentials will be shared with the interested shareholders in their email address or WhatsApp message. Feedback/queries received from shareholders would be discussed in the meeting and made a part of minutes.

The Company will follow the best practices and comply with the instructions of the Government and SECP to ensure protective measures are in place for well-being of its members.

02. Members are requested to immediately rectify the change of their address, if any.
03. The Share Transfer Book of the company will remain closed from September 4, 2022 to September 10, 2022 (both days inclusive). The share transfer office is situated at P.O. Registrar Services (Pvt.) Ltd, Office no. 1705, 17th floor, Saima Trade Tower-A, 11 Chundrigar Road, Karachi. (Phone No. 021-32271905, 32271906. Fax 021-32621233. info@trgstr.com, www.trgstr.com). Transfer received at the share registrar office at the close of business on September 3, 2022 will be treated in time.

For Apna Microfinance Bank Ltd.

Rafat Abbas
Company Secretary

NATIONAL TRANSMISSION & DESPATCH COMPANY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR 220/132KV QUAD-E-AZAM BUSINESS PARK GRID STATION SHEKHUPURA UNDER NTDC OWN RESOURCES

1. National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) a corporate entity constituted after restructuring of WAPDA invites sealed proposals from the Consulting Firms for Construction Supervision Consultancy Services for 220/132KV Quad-E-Azam Business Park Grid Station Shekhupura under NTDC Own Resources.
2. RFP Documents containing detailed terms and conditions, etc. are available at the following address given below, during office hours, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Chief Engineer (Material Procurement and Management), NTDC, 9th Floor, Shalwan Complex, Eghat Road, Lahore, Pakistan. Telephone: +92 43 96022507, Facsimile: +92 43 96022172. E-mail address: cgem@ntdc.com.pk

3. Price of the RFP document is Rs. 2000/-, the method of payment will be by a non-refundable fee in form of bank draft from any scheduled bank of Pakistan in favor of Chief Engineer (M&M) NTDC. The documents may be collected in person or may be sent by courier service by an additional fee of 1,000/-. No liability will be accepted for items or late delivery in such case. RFP document can also be downloaded from NTDC website i.e. www.ntdc.com.pk. Note of cost, however, purchase of RFP Document is compulsory for participation.
4. The proposals, prepared in accordance with the instructions in the RFP document, must reach at above address on or before 8th September, 2022 at 11:00 AM PST. Technical proposals will be opened the same day at 11:00 AM PST. This advertisement is not available on PPRA and NTDC websites (www.ppra.org.pk & www.ntdc.com.pk).

NTDC reserve all its rights regarding rejection of proposals as defined in Clause 23.1 of PPRA Rules 2014. (PUBL. NO. 494)

Chief Engineer (M&M) NTDC
9th Floor, Shalwan Complex, Eghat Road, Lahore