



Presidential order soon on GST collection

"A blind man once asked a wise man, "Can there be a thing worse than losing eye sight?": "Yes" he replied. "Losing your Vision"

**The Indo-Pak-US game .
.....on page 02**

Gilani urges need for strengthening Pak-Tajik cooperation

The Explorer National News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani has urged the need to further enhance the existing cooperation between Pakistan and Tajikistan corresponding to their historic and brotherly relations. The Prime Minister was talking to Ambassador of Tajikistan Zubaydov Zubaydullo, who called on him at Prime Minister's Secretariat here on Tuesday. The Prime Minister stated that the existing transit trade agreement with Afghanistan has the mandate to extend this facility to Central Asian States. This trade facility, therefore, he added, can be utilized for

enhancing the business links between the two countries. He said that the government would look into the possibility of a reciprocal arrangement under which land should be offered to the Tajik side at Gwadar and Peshawar Exclusive Free Zones in return for land to Pakistan in the Punjikoi Free Zone in Tajikistan. He said the Tajik government should officially propose the arrangements to be considered by the relevant authorities of Government of Pakistan. The Prime Minister specially mentioned the recent visit of Pakistan's delegation headed by Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, BOI to attend Paki-

stan-Tajik Business Forum in Dushanbe from July 15-18. The Prime Minister hoped that the ongoing feasibility study on supply of electricity from Tajikistan to Pakistan under CASA 1000 Initiative will be expanded. He added that in the Energy Review Meeting scheduled for later in the afternoon, he would urge the concerned Ministers and Chief Ministers to fast track the project. Talking about the road links between Pakistan and Tajikistan through Wakhan strip, the Prime Minister said that Pakistan has already consented to the idea and negotiations are in progress with Afghanistan in this regard. He urged



the Tajik side to take up this issue as well with the Afghan government to either be part of the project or

allow Pakistan and Tajikistan to construct the road. The Prime Minister said the presence of Sufi Saint Syed Hamdani's shrine in Tajikistan is a strong spiritual bond between the two countries. The Prime Minister informed the Tajik Ambassador that Government of Pakistan was also extending scholarships to the Tajik students for learning Urdu at NUML, Islamabad and had reserved 10 seats for Tajik nationals in the fields of IT. He further asked that government nonetheless would look into the possibility of increasing the number of scholarships for Tajik students.

More fake degrees from PPP, PML-Q, PML-N

LAHORE: Higher education commission (HEC) rejected the degrees of PML-Q's Balochistan MPA Yar Muhammad Rind, PPP Punjab MPA Ijaz Ahmed and PML-N MPA Zahoor Hussain Khosa on Tuesday. Rind was elected as MPA from PB-31 Bolan II in the 2008 general elections. The HEC has alleged that Rind had submitted a degree obtained from an unauthorised Madrasah. Rind is a seasoned politician and was elected MNA in 1997 and in 2002 as well.



ISLAMABAD: Mian Raza Rabbani, Advisor to PM and Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister for Petroleum called on Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani at PM Secretariat.

We will not pull out from war against terror: Asfandiyar

The Explorer Monitoring News Desk

KARACHI: We will not pull out from the fight against terrorism, Awami National Party (ANP) chief Asfandiyar Wali Khan said on Tuesday. "We will not compromise on our anti-terror policy," Wali remarked a day after a suicide attack occurred near Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's Information Minister Mian Iftikhar Hussain's residence in Pabbi. Asfandiyar further said that the killers of Mian Iftikhar's son cannot be called human beings. Iftikhar Hussain's son, Rashid Hussain, 27, was gunned down in Pabbi (in Nowshera district) on Saturday.

Baloch militant outfits killed 252 settlers in 2010: Senate told

The Explorer National News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Interior Rehman Malik on Tuesday informed Senate that militant outfits in Balochistan killed as many as 252 settlers since January to July 2010, on behalf of foreign hands, assuring the House to furnish photo evidences on militants' activities in an in-camera briefing. Winding up discussion on resolutions admitted by the House on demise of Baloch leaders Habib Jalib Baloch and Maula Bakhsh Dashti, the interior minister told the House that the parallel military forces raised by some Baloch leaders have killed three army officers, 21 officials of FC, 29 of police, 26 settlers from Punjab, 21 from Pukhtoonkwa, 12 from Sindh and 112 from other parts of the country. "Terrorism is pervading the country including Punjab, Pukhtoonkwa, Sindh and Gilgit-Baltistan. Does it mean they all should raise liberation armies? Balochistan is part of Pakistan, they why the settlers are being killed there," he questioned. He said there is no concept of violations, liberation forces, Lashkars and armies in political parties but contrary to that four such forces are operating in Balochistan, in

what he said are being funded by the foreign elements poised to destabilize the country by disrupting peace in Balochistan, the hub of natural resources. The Interior Minister questioned parliamentarians from Balochistan as why they do not react when national flag is set on fire in their province where youth is being misused by anti-state elements to undermine national integrity and stability. "Balochistan Liberation Army is being run by Harbiyar. Balochistan Republic Army is also in action there despite the fact the country already has its own army. Dr Allah Nazar is heading Balochistan Liberation Front and Javed Mengal has raised Lashkar-e Balochistan," he informed the House. All of these forces, he said, are meant to fight against Pakistan army and mentioned to a college in Balochistan where the national flag cannot be hoisted and national anthem played. He said the elimination of liberation forces is a must for the country's stability and peace, adding the PPP leadership rendered numerous sacrifices but they never stood against national integrity.

Allegations against ISI should be protested: Chaudhry Shujaat

The Explorer National News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The allegations levelled against the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to link it with Taliban should be strongly protested with the US by the government, the Pakistan Muslim League-Quaid (PML-Q) Chief Chaudhry Shujaat said. Talking to the media outside the Parliament House on Tuesday, he said it was not good to link such baseless things with ISI. He said the government showed its weakness by not raising its voice on this serious issue. He said the government should take this issue seriously with the US. "The government is ignoring the sacrifices of the Pakistan Army in tribal areas which is harmful for the country," he said. About flood affectees, Chaudhry Shujaat said that the government was interested in

completing it tenure instead of resolving



the masses' problems.

Responding to a question about sugar crisis, he said that Sugar mafia was sitting in the meeting of Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and it was impossible to end the crisis.

NATO says cannot verify Afghan civilian deaths

The Explorer International News Desk

KABUL: NATO said Tuesday its investigation into a rocket strike that the Afghan president says killed 52 civilians found no evidence that its forces were involved. President Hamid Karzai said Monday that a rocket attack on a residential compound in the southern province of Helmand was carried out by NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF).



ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister Labour & Manpower, Syed Khurshid Ahmed Shah chairing a meeting with leaders of various labour & Federation.

Sindh gov't establishes tribunal to investigate Karachi killings

By our reporter

KARACHI: The Sindh government has established a judicial tribunal to investigate the incidents of targeted killings in Karachi, sources said on Tuesday. The office of Chief Minister Sindh Qaim Ali Shah announced the formation of the tribunal to investigate the killings in Karachi.



ISLAMABAD: H.E. Rodolfo J. Martin Saravia, ambassador of Argentine Republic to Pakistan shaking hand with Dr. Abdul Hafeez Sheikh, Federal Minister for Finance.

US hunts for leaker of Afghan war documents

The Explorer International News Desk

WASHINGTON: The Pentagon said on Monday it was launching a manhunt to find whoever leaked tens of thousands of classified documents on the war in Afghanistan, one of the largest security breaches in US military history. US defense officials said the person behind the release of some 91,000 classified documents appeared to have "secret" clearance and access to sensitive documents on the Afghan war. More leaks were possible, officials acknowledged.

Judiciary respects the Parliament: CJP

The Explorer National News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The federation counsel Waseem Sajjad Tuesday continued his arguments before 17-judges larger bench of the Supreme Court hearing petitions challenging various clauses of the 18th constitutional amendment.

The hearing was later adjourned for today. The bench headed by Chief Justice Iftikhar Mohammed Chaudhry today accepted a joint petition for hearing filed by a number of civil society organizations, trade bodies and concerned citizens on Monday. Contending before the court, Sajjad said that framing basic structure of the Constitution is purely a legal decision and only the Parliament is entitled to do so.

To which Justice Khalil-ur-Rehman Ramday questioned that "Do you want parliament to take a wrong step and resultantly people take to streets to get the decision withdrawn by using force and a bloodshed?"

Ramday said the procedure of appointment of the judges has been same for last 150 years, what is the rationale behind changing the procedure? In his remarks during the hearing, the CJP said the court gets wisdom from the parliament. He said the judiciary respects the Parliament. "We praise the parliament for not endorsing the steps taken on November 3, 2007."



Leakage of documents is no case against US-Pak cooperation, Haqqani

The Explorer National News Desk

ISLAMABAD: The much-publicised leaking of classified documents does not make the case against cooperation between the governments of Pakistan and the United States, made necessary by the challenge of global terrorism, says Ambassador Hussain Haqqani. "The much publicized leaking of several thousand classified documents relating to the war in Afghanistan may have provided the war's American critics an opportunity to press their objections, Pakistan's ambassador to Washington said. "It does not, however, make the case

against military and political cooperation between the governments of the United States and Pakistan, made necessary by the challenge of global terrorism", he said while writing in Tuesday's edition of Wall Street Journal (WSJ). More Pakistanis have been killed by terrorism in the last two years than the number of civilians who died in New York's Twin Towers and over the past nine years more Pakistanis than NATO troops have lost their lives fighting the Taliban, he said. Up to 2,000 Pakistani police have been killed and mosques and hotels have

been savagely attacked, he said. "Under elected leaders, Pakistan is working with the U.S. to build trust between our militaries and intelligence agencies", he said. In recent months, he said, Pakistan has undertaken a massive military operation in the region bordering Afghanistan, denying space to Taliban extremists who had hoped to create a mini state with the backing of al Qaeda. He stated that Pakistan is crucial for helping Afghanistan attain stability while pursuing the defeat of al Qaeda-led terrorist ideologies.

Azad Jammu and Kashmir prime minister elected

The Explorer National News Desk

MUZAFFARABAD: Sardar Ateeq Ahmed was unanimously elected as the new prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday. Turmoil in the AJK legislative assembly began when a no-confidence motion was moved in the house against former PM Raja Farooq Haider.

Rains lash parts of country

The Explorer National News Desk

ISLAMABAD: Monsoon spell continued, lashing most parts of Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan and northern areas, Aaj News reported on

whereas rain with thunderstorm is expected in Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Kashmir, eastern parts of Balochistan and Hazara division.



Tuesday. According to Meteorological office, the rain spell will continue for next 24 hours

Strong monsoon current from Bay of Bengal is penetrating sub mountainous areas of Punjab and Kashmir, met office sources added. Met office also issued new advisory for floods and rains that predicted floods in storm drains and lakes in Gujranwala, Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Dera Ghazi Khan after rains expected in these areas. The rainfall recorded during last 24 hours was Balakot 71 mm, Rawlakot 21 mm, Sialkot 64 mm, Dir 25 mm, Kohat 32 mm, Muzaffarabad 35, Karachi 39mm, Mitthi 32 mm, Nawabshah 17 mm and Thatta 13 mm.