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PM promises 'extraordinary measures' for Karachi



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Describing the security situation in Karachi as 'extraordinary' and warranting 'extraordinary measures',

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said on Tuesday his government was committed to taking such measures to bring normality back to the country's economic hub.

"We are committed to doing everything possible to save this beautiful city, which is the economic hub of our country. We believe that it is an extraordinary situation that warrants extraordinary meas-



ures, which we are going to take for sure," the prime minister said while addressing a group of the city's businessmen and traders at the Governor's House.

The meeting was the last of a series of
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Zinda Bhaag nominated for Oscar consideration



Adeel Qureshi
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Pakistani film Zinda Bhaag has been nominated by the Pakistani Academy Selection Committee (PASC) for Oscar consideration,

Zinda Bhaag will be Pakistan's first
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Govt wins support for talks with Taliban

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Although the ruling PML-N managed on Monday to garner across-the-board support from political parties represented in parliament for talks with militants, the military leadership made it clear that dialogue was possible only with "our people", and not foreign elements active in tribal areas of the country.

Chief of the Army Staff General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Director General of the Inter-Services Intelligence Lt Gen Zaheerul Islam briefed politicians on the military's engagements in the lawless tribal region at the government-spon-

sored All Party Conference which continued for over four hours.

The presence of a considerable number of foreign fighters, multiple factions of the Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) and the absence of government's writ, particularly in North Waziristan, were the "odds" which the military leadership said they were facing in the region.

In his about 40-minute presentation, the ISI chief informed the participants about the areas which had been cleared of militants in the tribal region and the ones where both foreign and local armed militants were

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Pakistani nurse wins laurels



Shahzeb Afzal
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Anila Ali Bardal stands as Pakistan's first nurse to

have received the award for excellence in neonatal nursing, presented to her on Friday at the 8th International Conference of Nurses, held at the Waterfront Hotel in Belfast, Ireland.

With over three million newborn deaths globally, Pakistan has the third highest number, making this nursing concentration especially



pertinent.

Saving new lives Bardal shared the honour with Christine Sammy from Kenya, while Malawi's Neta-syi Gowero was the runner up.

While nurses provide the majority of care to sick new born children in health facilities,

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EDITOR'S NOTE

News websites, blogs, social media news feeds and what-not are updated every second. People visit these forums constantly, and comment freely on the issues of their interest.

Often there are comment skirmishes, even wars, fought on these platforms. Sometimes, randomly, issues are taken up and enough pressure is built up, so, the 'authorities' are forced to take some action.

And at this point they, the authorities, seem to have figured out how to turn any situation to their advantage. In the face of this seemingly insurmountable force, this doesn't mean we should just forget about the whole thing and "lolz" our lives away. However, if we want to bring about real change, we need to know what we really want. Then get out there and aim deeper, aim higher.

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Campaign to enroll 43,000 out-of-school children kicks off in capital Islamabad

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An ambitious three-day national campaign to enrol 500,000 out-of-school children was launched in the capital on Monday. The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) area is targeting 43,000 children in the drive.

The proposed target for each primary school is 50 children. Of the 43,000 out-of-school children, 24,217 are boys and 19,019 are girls, according to the recently-launched National Action Plan 2013-16. The number rises to 130,000 when the age bracket is broadened up to 16 years old age. The plan, which is designed to fulfil the second Millennium Development Goal (MDG), which is to achieve universal primary education by 2015, fixes the numbers, targets and strategies for enrolling children aged five to nine across the country.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Malala vows to step up fight

Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

Malala Yousafzai vowed on Friday to intensify her struggle for "a world where everyone can go to school".

Speaking at a ceremony in The Hague where she was awarded the 2013 International Children's Peace Prize, Malala said last October's attack on her had made her more determined than ever to continue her campaign.



"I was just one target for their violence," Malala said in her acceptance speech, referring to her near-fatal shooting when a Taliban gunman's bullet grazed her brain.

"There are many others for whom we must continue... so that children all over the

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Capital marks 48th Defence Day



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The 48th Defence Day of Pakistan was observed on Friday in army units, naval establishments and air force bases, but there was lack of enthusiasm among the civilian population.

Army officials paid homage to all those who laid down their lives for the defence of the country. They prayed for the progress and pledged to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Pakistan at all costs, while the general population expressed concern about army's role in protecting the country's sovereignty.

Talking to Daily Times, residents of Islamabad termed the unilateral US drone strikes as a violation of Pakistan's sovereignty and said that common people from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa were being killed ruthlessly by these drone strike, but expenditures of the army and security forces were increasing day by day in the name of defence.

They demanded that the government curtail defence and non-development expenditures to provide health, education and other basic necessities to Pakistanis. They expressed their deep concern over the pathetic situation of people who had become the victims of terrorist attacks in the country.

Most of the people, while talking to this scribe, said that the defence policies in the country had badly failed, and termed the secession of East Pakistan, the Russian invasion of Afghanistan, Kargil, US air raid in Abbottabad and the unilateral drone strikes as the best examples of security forces' failure in defending the country's sovereignty.

Intellectual circles of Rawalpindi and Islamabad demanded a reduction in defence allocations in the budget and said that they did not want a 'defence state'. Mohammad Jaffar Hussain Naqvi, a retired college professor, while speaking to Daily Times said that Pakistan's army was the world's sixth biggest and was ranked amongst the top 15 armies regarding defence expenditures, but was not capable to stop US drones and terrorists activities in the country.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Development work: ECNEC approves Rs26b for reviving Pakistan Railways

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The federal government approved on Friday ten mega development projects worth Rs51.8 billion, including a Rs25.7 billion package for Pakistan Railways (PR) for the repair and procurement of locomotives

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even in line with national priorities. For instance, the Ministry of Communication had to withdraw a project for the construction of the 110 kilometer long Hassanabadal-Havelian-Mansehra Expressway, E35, co-funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The proposed cost of the project was Rs46.8 billion including Rs13 billion in loans from the ADB.

However, Ecneec was told that this cost would only cover half of the 110km road, inviting criticism from Ecneec members who questioned the rationale of bringing half-baked project in front of the highest economic forum in the country. The project was also deemed to be not in line with the government's Gawadar-Kashgar initiative.

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Pakistan raises discount rate to 9.5 per cent

Rubab Akhtar
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Pakistan's central bank raised its key discount rate to 9.5 per cent from 9.0 per cent on Friday, in line with requirements set by the International Monetary Fund.

The decision was announced by State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Governor Yaseen Anwar while unveiling the bank's monetary policy statement at a press conference. Referring to seeking of US\$6.6 billion loan from International Monetary Fund (IMF), the governor held previous elected government responsible for it.

"Past government took certain good steps but it deferred to take difficult monetary decisions to ensure financial discipline. Thus, we had no option but to resort to IMF," he responded to a query from the media.



He appreciated the present government's economic/fiscal policies and approach and acknowledged that it has started by taking very aggressive decisions and hoped to continue moving in the right direction and bring financial discipline in the country.

Analysts had widely expected the State Bank of Pakistan to raise its monetary policy rate – a rate at which banks borrow from it through its discount window – at some point this year in order to tighten Pakistan's monetary supply.

Courtesy : Dawn

Govt working for public welfare: CM

Sehar Nadeem
BS41 3607

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif has said that the provincial government is implementing a comprehensive programme of public welfare.

He said this while talking to a delegation of Department of International Development (DFID) led by its new head in Pakistan Richard Montgomery in a meeting at the Chief Minister's Office,

The CM said that for the rapid progress in the province revolutionary steps have been taken for the uplift of education, health, infrastructure and skills development sectors.

He further said that country could be put on the road to progress and prosperity by providing the young generation with education.

He said that the scope of Skills Development Programme was being extended to 18 other districts along with southern Punjab.

He went on to say that unemployment could be eliminated while huge foreign exchange could be earned through skilled manpower and promotion of vocational education.

Shahbaz Sharif said that the Punjab government was paying special attention to development of the education sector and a comprehensive roadmap was being implemented in this regard.

He said that besides ensuring attendance of teachers in educational institutions, the previously missing facilities were also being provided in schools.

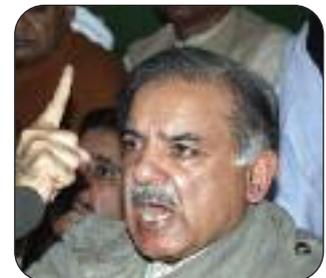
He said that the Skills Development Programme was continuing successfully in south Punjab and now its scope was being extended to 18 other districts of the province.

Shahbaz Sharif further said that youths were being imparted training in different skills under the Skills Development Programme which was making them self-reliant as well as enabling them to play their due role in development of the province. He

said that the health insurance scheme was being launched in the province and termed the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund an achievement of the Punjab government.

Talking about the devolution of powers to the grass roots level, Shahbaz Sharif said that such a local bodies system was being introduced which would resolve peoples' problems at their doorstep and ensure transparency and self-accountability.

He said that the local bodies law had been approved by the assembly and elections would be held soon in the province.



He said that reforms had also been introduced in the taxation system and tax had been imposed on large houses while a solid strategy had been adopted for the transparent utilisation of funds. He said that Pakistan was facing an energy crisis and steps were being taken to control this problem. Besides working on new projects of power generation, action was also being taken against gas and electricity thieves, the chief minister added.

Meanwhile, DFID head Richard Montgomery appreciated the measures taken by the Punjab government for development of the province as well as welfare of the masses.

He specially lauded the metro bus project and described it as a gift to the people of Lahore.

He said that the Punjab government had set a shining example by spending public money on the masses. He also commended the steps taken by the Punjab government for the development of health, education and other sectors. He went on to say that the measures taken by the CM were also being appreciated abroad.

Courtesy : Daily Tims

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Despite well established mechanisms, the body had to reject some proposals brought forward that were deemed ill-prepared, highlighting the decay in bureaucracy over the years.

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kilometer long Hassanabadal-Havelian-Mansehra Expressway, E35, co-funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The proposed cost of the project was Rs46.8 billion including Rs13 billion in loans from the ADB.

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The expressway project had been cleared last week by the CDWP, after being vetted by various wings of the Ministry of Planning. Like other ministries the planning ministry was also facing problems of capacity constraints coupled with an influx of retired bureaucrats who focused more on internal politics than professionalism, according to sources.

Ecneec approved two projects for PR, one for the procurement of 50 Diesel Electric Locomotives worth Rs19.4 billion and the other pertaining to the

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BSc results: UoP announces free education for position holders

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The University of Peshawar (UoP) will be offering free higher education to students who pass the Bachelors of Arts/Bachelors of Science (BA/BSc) exams with distinction.

The condition applies to those students who choose to pursue further education and attain a masters or a PhD.



The announcement was made by UoP Vice Chancellor Professor Dr Rasool Jan while addressing students, parents and faculty members after the BA/BSc results were announced

Courtesy : Dawn

Honourable struggle: A safe place under duress

Adeel Qureshi
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The story of Master Mohammad Ayub's evening school is not a new one. The capital rings with appreciation for almost three decades old institution that has provided, and continues to provide, free education for hundreds of children.

And yet, despite the extensive media attention garnered, the school has failed to attract donations crucial for the construction of shelter for these students.

The legacy continues
The school, stretched over 5 marlas, can be reached via the F6 slums. The rocky, unbalanced passage of congested lanes leads right to Master Ayub's doorstep.

"The first room was built seven years ago. Now there are three rooms, including a library. All this was built with raw material and with my students help," he says proudly. "About five to ten of my students who are now grownups helped me in the construction."

One such student is Farhat Abbas, who is fiercely determined to carry on the work of the school. Once a pupil at the school, he is now a teacher.

"My friends and I would walk miles to get water for the construction," Farhat recalls with a smile on his face.

Master Ayub, too, remembers the effort. He cannot stop gushing about his students.

"From carrying bricks to painting walls, my pupils have always been the foundation of my success," he says.

Where's everyone now?
Over the twenty-eight years, newspapers, non-governmental organizations, and even



members of the international press, have knocked on Master Ayub's door. Yet, his plans to build two rooms for his students have seen no support. "Many organizations even come and arrange events for the children, and the media is invited to cover these activities," says Ayub. "However, they all make tall claims and leave. No one has offered to build, or assist in building, a two-room shelter for these kids."

To realize his vision, Ayub has been cutting costs and saving from his own pocket to build the rooms in the slum area right across the school. He bought the land seven years ago and has slowly started the construction.

"For years, I have been dividing my salary into three – one share for myself, one for my household and then one for this school," he says. "So far, I have spent Rs300,000 on just the single storey building of the school."

No giving up
Today, the school serves as a safe place for many. There is a computer lab, a classroom, and the library holds over 600 books.

Today, the school has a total of 270 enrolled students, with thirty-five percent girls and sixty-five percent boys.

And yet, although the building was constructed primarily using strong bricks, there are some parts covered with steel sheets – rusted ones installed years ago.

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Ishq Khuda to be screened at Norway film festival

Iqra Mushtaq
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Lollywood seems to be on a roll. Recently released commercial film *Ishq Khuda* — which fared well at singe-screen cinemas in the country — will be screened at the Bollywood Film Festival in Norway on September 11.



The admiration this movie has received from across the border will definitely boost the confidence of other film-makers in Pakistan, says film's director Shahzad Rafique. The star-studded cast includes Shaan, Meera, Ahsan Khan and Wiam Dhamani.

"This is a premier film festival which has been known to screen top films from South Asia," film's assistant director Hasnat Afridi tells us. He reveals that *Ishq Khuda* is the only Punjabi film which has been selected for screening.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Fashion show in Peshawar

Rubab Akhtar
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Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the adjacent tribal areas of Fata have long held an image as bastions of religious conservatism. However, Thursday night's fashion show, held by a private entrepreneur in Peshawar, which displayed the work of over 50 designers from across the country ap-



pears to be a sign of change. Peshawar's elite were audience to an ensemble of products, ranging from wedding classics to formal dresses and casual wear. The fashion show served to refute the notion that the region has no tolerance for modern notions of fashion and self expression. Some of Pakistan's top models, Rachel, Sana Raza, Kiran Chaudhry, Maria Chaudhry, Noor Khan and Saba had the rare opportunity to take part in the event, many of whom left with the message that 'all is not gloomy back in KP and Fata.'

Courtesy : Dawn

Pakistani Guitar School a Hit Among Rock'n'Roll Youth



Iqra Mushtaq
BS40 3559

As Pakistani rock'n' roll music begins to heat up, Pakistan's youth have taken upon themselves to teach and learn to play the guitar in bigger numbers than ever – with a Lahori group of youngsters opening a guitar school. 'The Guitar School', as it is known, has been surprisingly successful. Around 40 students have signed up, ranging from surly teenagers in drain-pipe jeans to more practised musicians such as Ahsan looking to hone their skills.

On a recent afternoon a woman brought in two reluctant-looking teenage daughters for lessons. "It will do them good to learn," she said. Pakistani rock gained traction with the arrival of satellite television in the 1990s. Today the musicians, many self-taught, publicise themselves through networking websites such as Facebook and MySpace, and Pakistan's growing number of FM radio stations. And despite the security concerns, a fresh concert scene is emerging. In Lahore a pair of unemployed rockers have



tapped into that enthusiasm with a new school for rock'n'roll. Even in a summer of Taliban violence young Pakistanis are rocking on. An underground music scene is quietly thriving in the country's major cities, nourished by the internet and the passion of mostly amateur bands. Classes take place in a small room lined with egg boxes; the school's teaching style is reflected in its motto: "Play it like you feel it." Others have a playful take on the turmoil. The Islamabad band Bumbu Sauce – the name comes from a Pot Noodles packet – recently brought out Jiggernaut, a single that mixes references to kung fu, talking dogs and the Taliban. Guitarist Shehryar Mufti is not worried the insurgents might take the joke badly.

Courtesy: goodnews

Contd. Honorable struggle: A safe place

"Most of the damage happens during the rainy season, as the sheets are not strong enough to hold the water," says Ayub as he inspects cracks on the damaged roof. "The computer room was damaged, too, but luckily the computers are okay."

But despite the difficulties, and despite the setbacks, there is no stopping this Master.

"I have started saving already to construct a stronger roof. I need Rs25, 000 to shelter this building and avoid further damage, and I will do it," he says confidently. "As soon as my first floor is strong enough, I will build the second storey."

Courtesy : Dawn

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sittings PM Sharif presided over; most prominent of them was a last-minute 'all-parties conference' that created quite a stir among the political parties.

Mr Sharif made it clear that he was not here to encroach upon the mandate of the PPP and MQM in Sindh, but he 'sincerely extended his hand' to improve matters in Karachi.

"We are facing multi-faceted challenges which require all of us to keep our political interests aside and help each other to exterminate terrorism," he said.

He said he had talked to the provincial government, governor and various political parties and all of them wanted effective action for peace in the city.

"We should not see who is affiliated to which party; we all have to take indiscriminate action against criminals for which we can change our laws if needed."

However, he said in the same breath that the Sindh chief minister was 'supportive' and "told me that his government would grant every power demanded by the Rangers".

However, the federal government's mission Karachi gave an impression that the ruling party's homework was poor, which eventually caused serious hiccups for the entire initiative, particularly on the front of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, the city's dominant party.

The abrupt revocation of an invitation from the government to the MQM's parliamentary leader in the National Assembly, Dr Farooq Sattar, to attend Wednesday's cabinet meeting in Karachi led the party to heap opprobrium on the government. Later a consolatory offer to Dr Sattar to hold a 'one-to-one' meeting with the prime minister was repudiated

as well.

The PPP, which rules Sindh, had initially requested the federal government to allow provincial Information Minister Sharjeel Memon to attend the cabinet meeting, which, sources said, the PPP leadership decided not to press after Dr Sattar's invitation had been rescinded.

Both the main parties of Sindh now have one representative each to attend the cabinet meeting — Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah and Governor Dr Ishratul Ibad.

Prime Minister Sharif launched his mission in the afternoon with meetings with the governor and the chief minister, followed by the APC which had been planned on Monday evening. Initially, over a dozen key parties, except for the PML-F and the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf, agreed to attend it. Leaders of the PML-F said the 'casual' invitation given on phone to them was 'unacceptable'.

However, after a request by the PML-N's top leaders to Pir Pagaro, he sent Imtiaz Shaikh to attend it. The PTI opaquely chose to keep quiet and abstained.

The MQM, which attended the meeting 'under protest' criticising the government move to keep it out of the planned cabinet meeting, reiterated its demand for army's participation in the city's security affairs.

"We stuck to our position in the meeting with the prime minister to call the army to save Karachi because police and Rangers have failed," MQM's Senator Babar Ghauri said.

"Taliban are present in certain parts of Karachi and they can only be eliminated by the army," he said. He said a monitoring team should be formed to ensure that action was taken only against criminals or militants.

Karachi PPP chief Abdul Qadir Patel said his party had demanded strengthening of the police and boosting their morale because their effectiveness had been proved in the past and they could do the same again.

PML-N's Irfanullah Marwat claimed none of the parties had demanded army's deployment.

"None of the parties demanded to call in the army, thus this demand has formally died down," he told Dawn.

ANP's Shahi Syed said the government should consider measures which would ensure better results than those the intended targeted operations could bring about.

The last activity Mr Sharif was engaged late in the evening was a briefing on the law and order situation by the chief secretary, inspector general of police and other officials of security and intelligence agencies.

According to the sources, figures about increasing killings in Karachi, the incapability of the police to bring the culprits to book or ensure effective prosecution against them and inadequately-equipped police with insufficient resources and manpower were among the deficiencies the PM was informed about.

Courtesy : Dawn

Contd. Development work

The project "Construction of Dirgi Shabozai to Taunsa Sharif" was approved on the condition that the Balochistan government would allocate Rs250 million in its current budget for 2013-2014, while the federal government would include its share in the budget 2014-15. The project had been lingering for the past four years and will reduce the distance between Punjab and Balochistan by 90 km.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Contd. Pakistan nurse wins

there are very few like these winners who dedicate themselves fully to newborn care.

"Christine, Anila and Netsayi were selected over a number of outstanding candidates for their unwavering leadership and passion for ensuring every newborn has a chance to survive and thrive," said Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) President Karen New, according to a statement issued by the Aga Khan University Hospital (AKUH), where Bardai works.

Bardai is the Head Nurse of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the AKUH and has been striving to reduce the newborn deaths. She also provides counseling to those parents who have lost their babies, and support for mothers of sick children.

The award for nurses, organised by Save the Children and COINN, was established in 2009. The previous winners hailed from Ghana and India.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Contd. "Zinda Bhaag"

official entry in the the "Foreign Film" category after Ghoonghat which was nominated for Oscar consideration in 1963.

A total of four films were submitted to the committee for consideration including Chambeli, Josh and Lamha (Seedlings).

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences will choose the final nominees for all award categories including Best Foreign Language Film by 8th January 2014. The complete and final list of Oscar nominees will be announced on 16th January 2014.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

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rehabilitation of 30 Diesel Electric Locomotives with an estimated cost of Rs6.3 billion. PR plans to utilise these locomotives for freight purposes.

Ecneec directed that PR should follow Public Procurement Regulatory Authority rules aimed at ensuring transparency and observe all codal formalities in these projects, according to an official hand-out by the Ministry of Finance.

Ecneec also sought an update from Minister for Planning Ahsan Iqbal regarding the Rs59.3 billion Kachhi Canal Project. Ecneec had established a committee to unearth possible wrongdoings in the project. Ecneec was told that "variations" were observed in the project and any further update would be shared after a scheduled visit to the site to ascertain the progress on the project. The Kachhi Canal project cost has already escalated from less than Rs20 billion to Rs59.3 billion with no signs of early completion.

The project titled "Reconstruction of Nawabshah-Sanghar Road (61) KM" was approved by Ecneec with the condition that if the project could not attract funds from donors/agencies, the entire cost would be borne by the Government of Sindh. The project envisages reconstruction of an existing 61km road along with reconstruction improvement of existing culverts and bridges to improve existing road width ranging from 6m-7.3m, with 2.5m wide treaded shoulders on both sides.

The project titled 'Remedial Measures to Control Waterlogging due to Muzaffargarh and TP Link Canals' was approved in principle and the Punjab government was asked to arrange funding from donors. This project will help reclaim 33,800 areas of land out of the command area of 967,000 acres.

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Contd. Govt win support for talks with Taliban

based in North Waziristan. The military's current deployment in the region was also shared with the politicians. The gist of his briefing, according to a source, was that the government first would have to figure out those factions within the TTP which were local and willing to hold talks under the constitution of Pakistan.

It appeared to be the obvious reason that the APC in its eight-point resolution underscored the need for "negotiating peace with our own people in the tribal areas".

"There is clear missing of deterrence from the PPP government's three Ds — dialogue, development, deterrence — policy to deal with the militancy in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa," the analyst said.

Drone attacks

Referring to the issue of drone attacks in which thousands of Pakistanis had lost their lives because of 'blowback' from actions of Nato/Isaf forces in Afghanistan, the APC asked the government to consider the possibility of taking the issue to the United Nation because drone attacks were a clear violation of international laws.

The real issue — talks with the Taliban — came up in fourth of the resolution points. Referring to the outcome of an earlier

APC held in September 2011, the conference decided to give "peace a chance" and said dialogue must be initiated with "our own people". "It should be the first priority."

Although the use of force is an obvious second option, it wasn't mentioned in the 1100-word resolution drafted by Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan.

In the fifth and sixth points, the resolution praised the federal government for its initiatives to deal with violence in Karachi and urged the chief minister of Balochistan to start dialogue with estranged Baloch elements.

In the seventh point, the APC asked the government to make all-out efforts for peace in Afghanistan through continuous and sustained engagements with its government and the people.

And in the last point, it 'authorised' the government to initiate dialogue with all stakeholders. In his about ten-minute briefing, Gen Kayani assured the politicians of the army's full support to whatever initiative the government decided to bring peace to the country.

Interior Minister Chaudhry Nisar informed the participants about the government's initiative in

Karachi and other areas against criminal elements.

In his introductory remarks, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said his government considered dialogue as a priority option to curb terrorism in the country. He said his party (PML-N) had stressed the need for serious dialogue in the previous APCs.

He said a solution to the issue of terrorism would be worked out with consensus after thorough deliberations by the participants.

Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan, Prime Minister Sharif and Army Chief Kayani held a separate meeting before the APC.

Politicians' remarks
PML-Q chief Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain asked the prime minister to go ahead with his decision of holding talks or otherwise as people had given him the mandate to run the country.

He said consensus was a good thing, but it wasn't mandatory all the time. After all it was the government of the day which had to take policy decision.

Mehmood Khan Achakzai said it was a good omen for the country that the civilian and army leadership was on the same page.

Courtesy : Dawn

Contd. Malala won to set up

world can have a right to go to school," she said to thunderous applause.

Malala, 16, received her prize from the 2011 Nobel Peace laureate, Yemeni journalist and activist Tawakkol Karman, who told a humbled Malala "you are my hero."

"You cried: 'No one can stop me or any girl from learning'," Karman told Malala, speaking in Arabic in an address praising the Pakistani teen's achievement.

"The bullet aimed at your head at that moment was a milestone in the history of your country," Kar-

man said at the ceremony at the historic Knight's Hall near the Dutch parliament.

After she was shot, Malala was given life-saving treatment in Britain where she now lives.

Her brave fight for survival and her speech at the United Nations in July have made her a leading contender for this year's Nobel Peace Prize.

But the response to her in Pakistan has been mixed, with many hailing her as a national heroine while others have criticised her for promoting a "Western" agenda.

The International Children's Peace Prize, an initiative of the Dutch-based KidsRights Foundation, was launched in 2005 and set off by former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev when he chaired the Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates in Rome.

It carries a cash value of 100,000 euros (\$133,000) that is invested in projects relating to the winner's cause.

Last year's winner was 13-year-old Cris "Kesz" Valdez for his work with Filipino street children while he himself was destitute.

Courtesy : Dawn



Younus Khan shines for Pakistan again

Muhammad Shahzeb Afzal
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Younus Khan carried on from where he left off in the first Test as he played another solid innings for Pakistan on the second day of the second Test against Zimbabwe at Harare Sports Club.

Younus followed up a match-winning double century in the first Test with an unbeaten 52 as Pakistan reached 163 for three at the close of play in reply to Zimbabwe's first innings total of 294.

When he reached 50 for the 49th time in Test cricket Younus became the fourth Pakistan batsman to reach 7,000 runs in Tests.

Batsmen of both sides played cautiously on a slow pitch. Only

five wickets fell in the day, while 222 runs were scored.

As in the first Test, Younus batted patiently against steady bowling. With several prominent cracks in the pitch he stretched well forward to most deliveries, with bat and pad close together to combat any unpredictable bounce.

Younus and fellow veteran Misbahul Haq will resume today, after putting on 67 for the fourth wicket. They came together soon after tea when opening batsman Khurram Manzoor was run out for 51.

Younus faced 127 balls and hit six fours, while Misbah made 27 not out off 88 deliveries.

Manzoor survived confident appeals for a catch behind and leg

before wicket early in his innings. He showed good timing as he hit nine fours in reaching his fourth Test half-century off 119 balls, but his innings came to an end when he played the ball to leg and set off for a run. He was sent back by Younus and could not beat Elton Chigumbura's throw to wicket-keeper Richmond Mutumbami. Pakistan endured a frustrating morning as their bowlers struggled to dislodge the Zimbabwe tail.

Junaid Khan took his fourth wicket of the innings when Prosper Utseya hooked a short ball to deep backward square leg after making a stubborn 22 off 82 balls. Junaid finished the innings with four for 67.

Tendai Chatara and Brian Vitori



put on 46 for the last wicket before left-arm spinner Abdur Rehman ended Zimbabwe's resistance when he trapped Chatara leg before wicket for 21. Rehman took three for 47.

Manzoor and Mohammad Hafeez put on 29 for Pakistan's first wicket before Hafeez was caught at first slip off left-arm opening bowler Vitori for 22 – his highest score in five Test matches in 2013.

Azhar Ali made seven before he was leg before to Tinashe Panyangara.

Courtesy : Express Tribune



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Pakistan captain Misbahul Haq stood firm as his side lost five wickets chasing victory on the fourth day of the second Test against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club on Friday. Set 264 to win, Pakistan were 158 for five at the close of play, setting up a tense last day with Zimbabwe having a realistic chance of sharing the series and earning a rare victory against one of cricket's major nations. Misbah was unbeaten on 26 and will resume batting on Saturday with wicketkeeper Adnan Akmal (17 not out), with Pakistan

needing another 106 runs to win.

Pakistan made an aggressive start to the chase after bowling out Zimbabwe for 199, breaking a trend of slow scoring on a wearing, cracked pitch. But they were forced to become more cautious as the Zimbabwe bowlers struck at regular intervals. First-change bowler Tendai Chatara made a crucial breakthrough when he dismissed Mohammad Hafeez and Azhar Ali in quick succession to reduce Pakistan to 46 for two in the 12th over. Opening batsman Manzoor Ahmed stroked his way to his second half-century of the match, hitting 11 fours in an innings of 54 before he was caught at short leg off off-spinner Prosper Utseya.

That brought Misbah in to join

fellow veteran Younis Khan but Pakistan suffered a huge blow when Younis was bowled for 29, shaping to play left-armier Brian Vitori to leg and losing his leg stump. Misbah might have given a difficult chance when he was on 14, with wicketkeeper Richmond Mutumbami diving far to his right but unable to hold on to a low deflection. But Mutumbami made no mistake when Asad Shafiq tried to cut Utseya and top-edged the ball into the wicketkeeper's gloves. Chatara finished the day with two for 29 from 13 overs, while Utseya had two for 40 from 13 overs.

Earlier, left-arm opening bowler Rahat Ali took five for 52 as Zimbabwe were bowled out after adding only 78 runs to their overnight 121 for four.

Rahat made the first breakthrough of the day when he had Vusi Sibanda caught behind for 10 and he followed up with the key wicket of Zimbabwe captain Brendan Taylor, who made 27 off 83 balls, as well as tail-ender Chatara. Off-spinner Saeed Ajmal claimed two wickets and left-arm fast bowler Junaid Khan one as Pakistan kept the Zimbabwe batsmen under pressure. Pakistan won the first Test at the same venue by 221 runs. Zimbabwe have only won 10 of their previous 93 Test matches, with six of the wins coming against fellow minnows Bangladesh. But they have beaten Pakistan on two occasions, in 1994/95 and 1998/99. They have also beaten India twice, most recently in 2000/01

Courtesy : Express Tribune

Zimbabwe eye rare Test win : Misbah stands firm as Pakistan stumble