

Bilateral naval exercise Thamar Al Tayyib 2023 culminates in North Arabian Sea

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ISLAMABAD—Pakistan Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman Bilateral Exercise Thamar Al Tayyib 2023 (TAT-23) was conducted in the Gulf of Oman. This was 11th edition of the series of Thamar Al Tayyib exercises being



conducted between Pakistan Navy and Royal Navy of Oman since 2002, a news release

said on Sunday. The Pakistan Navy Flotilla comprising of Pakistan Navy

Ship ASLAT with embarked helicopter, Fast Attack Craft PNS QUWWAT and PN

Maritime Patrol Aircraft along with Special Operations Forces participated in the exercise. The bilateral exercise was conducted in two phases. Harbour phase included operational discussions and exercise planning conferences.



RAWALPINDI Senior party leader, ex member Central Executive Committee PTI Mussadiq Ghuman filed his nomination papers in NA-57 Rawalpindi.

Losing the Bat, Facing Extinction: PTI Grapples with Identity Crisis

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ISLAMABAD—After the decision in the Tosa Khana case, a petition was filed against Imran Khan in the Election Commission for his disqualification and removal from the chairmanship, along which the Election Commission issued an order to hold intra-party elections within 20 days. As a result of which PTI conducted intra-party elections as per the orders of Election Commission, Barrister Gohar Ali Khan was elected as the new Chairman so that in case of Imran Khan's ineligibility, there would be no questions raised about the parties ticket given by him, PTI had submitted the results of the intra-party elections to the Election Commission. But now, five members of the Election Commission, in a

unanimous decision, rejected PTI's intra-party election and withdrew the bat sign from PTI. PTI was accused that they did not hold the intra-party elections earlier but when they did, they were not in accordance with the constitution of PTI itself, in light of which Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf has been deprived of the bat sign just before the elections. The election symbol is the identity of any political party, which plays a prominent role in allowing voters to identify that party's candidates on the ballot paper. So PTI is trying its best to save its representation "The bat", but the recent verdict has somewhat dashed its hopes. Barrister Gohar Ali Khan has claimed that he will be challenging this decision in the High Courts and Supreme Court as well. In the past too, efforts were made to

erase some political parties' election symbol effecting their existence. Those parties had been stripped of their election symbol but they still survived and have been able to identify themselves with a new election symbol. Pakistan People's Party and Muslim League-N are the foremost examples among them. But now it is to be seen that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf manages to hold up in the upcoming elections after having lost their identification of the bat symbol and their candidates forced to enter the polls with different election symbols, so the question is Will this party be able to maintain its existence in the future? Will it be recognized with a new symbol? Will it be able to take back the iconic mark of the bat? Only time will tell us the answers to these questions.

Pakistan on crossroads



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Pakistan is going through its most difficult era where back in April 2022 former PM Imran Khan's government was removed via a vote of confidence in the parliament however most Pakistanis believe behind the scenes it was a regime change operation carried out by USA and its allies as they were annoyed due to clear change in Pakistan's foreign policy specifically its ties with Russia and China Under PM Imran Khan Pakistan played its role in resolving Afghanistan conflict resulting in withdrawal of NATO forces from Afghanistan in addition to that Pakistan took a firm stance on Kashmir and Palestine issues. Pakistan

15 months after regime change operation resulting in political turmoil, decline in economic growth and Pakistan facing Isolation on World stage During this period all initiatives of health, industry, tourism and education sector reforms were halted Overseas Pakistanis remittances reduced significantly. Pakistan's exports suffered badly, industrial growth declined inflation went to almost 40% On the other hand after 15 months of disastrous performance PDM government under Shahbaz Sharif completed its tenure and another interim government was installed this time an establishment stooge. Anwar ul Haq Kakar from Baluchistan with only one responsibility to manage and oversee fair and free general elections to be held on 8th February 2024 however situation on ground is as follows According to many credible polls and surveys Imran Khan's PTI enjoys popular support of people of Pakistan in all provinces however Imran Khan since regime change had many assassination attempts including one in Wazirabad rally where his convey was targeted by shooters from three different directions and as result he sustained 4 bullet wounds No case was registered against assassins as Imran Khan pointed out that Pakistan's military establishment was behind this heinous act.

Pakistan to benefit from e-commerce action plan launched in Shanghai



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SHANGHAI—A new business model, "Silk Road e-commerce action plan launched here to benefit Pakistan and other BRI countries. It will provide global consumers with a wealth of goods and services with its convenient, efficient and low-cost features, and we would like to ride the wave of it to boost bilateral trade," according to Aqeel Ahmed Chaudhry, director of the Pakistani national pavilion located in the Silk Road e-commerce cooperation pilot zone center, Pudong, Shanghai. In a move to promote

the Silk Road e-commerce as a novel business model, the government of Pudong, Shanghai, officially released the "Action Plan for Advancing the Construction of the Silk Road e-commerce Cooperation Pilot Zone in Pudong New Area". This initiative aims to leverage the convenience, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of Silk Road e-commerce to offer a diverse range of products and services to consumers all around the world. It is worth mentioning that the State Council has designated Shanghai as the pilot zone for Silk Road e-commerce cooperation

on October 17, aiming at improving digital economic cooperation among countries along Belt and Road Initiative, deepening mechanism innovation, and strengthening international cooperation. According to the plan released last week, a comprehensive Silk Road e-commerce service system will be established by 2025, according to Gwadar Pro. The focus will be on creating a high-quality Silk Road e-commerce cooperation pilot zone center, facilitating further trade cooperation among BRI countries through e-commerce.

Soon after that almost 138 fabricated fake cases registered against Imran Khan including stealing sheep, murder and leaking state secrets etc Imran Khan's residence was attacked and destroyed in Lahore, many of his supporters were killed and injured On 9th May while Imran Khan was at Islamabad Court premises to attend a court hearing he was abducted by security forces and his lawyers were brutality assaulted in the court.

The Muslim Ummah should stand up for the Palestinian cause: Shujauddin Shaikh

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Muslim all over the world should stand up to support the Palestinian cause. This is our duty as a Muslim to attend the call from Masjid Al Aqsa and help the Palestinian Muslims morally, materially and in all other possible ways. This was stated by the Ameer of Tanzeem-e-Islami, Shujauddin Shaikh, while addressing a seminar held at the Qaid-e-Azam Auditorium, Faisal Masjid, Islamabad. Shujauddin Shaikh warned that the smoke arising from the fire at the Holy Land was fast approaching our door steps. If we failed to realize the gravity of



the situation, the results might be disastrous not only for the Muslim Ummah but the entire world. The seminar was part of Tanzeem-e-Islami's 11-day campaign to garner support for the Palestinian cause and express solidarity with our Palestinian brothers and sisters in their hard times who have

stood up for the protection of Al Aqsa mosque. Speaking on the occasion, Hamas spokesman Dr. Khalid Qadumi apprised the audiences of the brazen Israeli atrocities in Palestine and the way the brave Palestinians and Hamas has been heroically resisting these brutal activities. In his speech the Markazi

Nazim Nashr o lshaat of Tanzeem e Islami, Ayub Beg Mirza, said that the Israeli bombing has left over 200,000 people dead and hundreds of thousands more injured with over six hundred thousand homeless during the last two and a half months. This was being done by none other than

the so-called champions of human rights – the US and its western allies. He called upon the so-called champions of the human rights to put an end to their brutal activities and give peace a chance in the holy land. Senior journalist and anchorperson Hamid Mir said if half a million people can come out on the streets in London and hundreds of thousands of jews in the US can make their voice heard in the corridors of US power, why can't the Muslims of Pakistan gather at least a hundred thousand people to register our protest against the unabashed human rights violations in Palestine.

China Southern Airlines resumes Lahore-Guangzhou flight

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ISLAMABAD—China Southern Airlines, one of Asia's largest carriers, has resumed its Lahore-Guangzhou flights on after a suspension from February 27, 2019. Aircraft Boeing flight No CZ6037 flew from Guangzhou and landed at Lahore Airport and Aeroplan flight No CZ 6038 took off from Lahore and reached Guangzhou on December 20.

The completely full loaded flights signified passengers' soaring interest, a China Southern Airlines official told Gwadar Pro. She said that flight operations will continue for three



days a week on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Earlier, China Southern Airlines resumed air routes from Lahore to Urumqi, with the first direct flight took off from Allama Iqbal International Airport on June 13. The Urumqi-Lahore route was suspended on January 24, 2020, due to Covid-19 curbs on the

aviation sector. The activity marked a defining moment for the resumption of flights after more than 3 years. The flights are scheduled on a weekly basis, specifically on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays. The inception of the Air Silk Road has set in motion deep and synergic aviation integration between Pakistan and China.