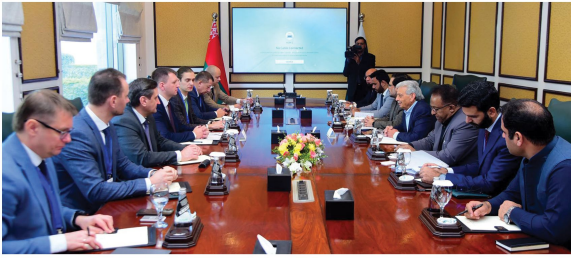


Tanveer for promoting industrial, agricultural trade ties with Belarus



STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD—Minister for Industries and Production Rana Tanveer Hussain here on Monday highlighted the importance of expanding bilateral trade relations with Belarus specially in the industrial and agricultural sectors.

The minister stressed

the need to explore ways and means to increase the industrial cooperation between the two countries in diverse fields.

During a meeting with Belarusian delegation, which was led by Minister for Industries Aliaksandr Yafimua, Rana Tanveer said Pakistan has considerable export potential with Belarus

for items like inflatable footballs, articles of bedding and similar stuffed items, sports and outdoor equipment, footwear, rubber, plastic and metal products, said a news release.

During the meeting, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to advancing the partnership between Pakistan and Belarus in

multifaceted areas.

Highlighting the trade potential, Minister Yafimua shared that Belarus imports goods worth \$17.2 billion annually, noting that Pakistan's current share in this trade is not reflective of its true export potential.

He said that Pakistani products will be given space in the Belarusian market.

He identified key products that Pakistan could export to Belarus, including inflatable footballs, bedding items, sports and outdoor equipment, footwear, and rubber, plastic, and metal goods.

Rana Tanveer discussed cooperation in the field of agricultural machinery and establishing tractor plants besides technology transfer under Joint Ventures (JVs).

The minister extended invitation to the Belarusian counterpart to start a pilot project on agricultural productivity enhancement in Pakistan.

Similarly, he said M/s Millat Group dealing

with agricultural machinery wanted a JV for manufacturing agricultural equipments in Pakistan. During the meeting, both sides also deliberated on the prospects of Belarusian investment and JVs in the area of electric vehicles (EVs). Rana Tanveer said that around thirty-one companies have issued manufacturing licenses by the Engineering Development Board (EDB) enabling them to produce two-three-wheeler EVs in Pakistan and the production figures are steadily rising.

He said that the National Electric Vehicle Policy 2019 set ambitious targets of 50% reduction of the country's projected emissions by 2030 and to convert 30% of vehicles to Electric Vehicles (EVs). 50 % of bikes to be e-bikes by 2030.

Shaping a peaceful future: Education can end the cycle of violence



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Education plays a pivotal role in shaping a peaceful future by breaking the cycle of violence. Throughout history, societies have faced conflicts and violence, often stemming from ignorance, prejudice and lack of understanding. Education has the power to transform mindsets, promote tolerance and empathy contributing to a more harmonious and peaceful world.

Today education provide individuals with knowledge, critical thinking skills and values that promotes non-violence. In modern days of education create a ripple effect that transcends generations and cultures. Now these days world plagued by conflicts, wars and injustices the role of education in fostering peace can't be underestimated. Education equips individuals with tools to understand complex issues and embrace diversity.

When people are educated about different cultures, religions and perspectives it foster mutual respect and understanding that reduce the likelihood of conflicts. An example of this is schools that incorporate peace education programs have shown to decrease violence among students and promote conflict resolution skills. Basic aim of education is cultivates problem solving skills that are essential in resolving disputes. Teaching individuals how to evaluate peaceful solutions that promotes a culture of dialogue and negotiations. In an increasingly interconnected world, the role of education in shaping a peaceful future cannot be overstated.

Education serves as a powerful tool for breaking the cycle of violence that plagues many societies. Fostering critical thinking, empathy, and conflict resolution skills, educational institutions can cultivate individuals who are more likely to engage in constructive dialogue rather than resorting to aggression.

Moreover, education promotes social cohesion by encouraging understanding and respect among diverse cultural groups. Through inclusive curricula that highlight shared histories and values, students learn to appreciate differences rather than fear them.

The understanding is crucial in preventing the escalation of tensions into violent confrontations. Furthermore, investing in education can address the root causes of violence, such as poverty and inequality. Providing marginalized communities with access to quality education, we empower individuals to break free from cycles of despair and exclusion. Ultimately, prioritizing education is vital for establishing long-term peace and stability within societies. An increasingly globalized world, educational institutions are uniquely positioned to bridge cultural divides. Through curricula that emphasize multicultural perspectives, students gain insights into the values, traditions, and histories of various cultures. This exposure cultivates empathy and appreciation for differences, which are essential components of social harmony. Collaborative learning environments encourage interaction among students from varied backgrounds.

Indian SC weighs Yasin Malik's trial amid security concerns



NEWS DESK

MIRPUR (AJK)—In a significant legal development, the Supreme Court of India has reportedly emphasized the importance of a fair trial, drawing comparisons to the case of terrorist Ajmal Kasab, during the ongoing appeal by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) concerning veteran Kashmir freedom struggle leader

Yasin Malik, says a report reaching here Sunday from across the line of control (LoC). Malik, the report said, is embroiled in a fake case linked to the alleged killing of an Indian Air Force personnel.

As the CBI challenges a directive for Malik's physical appearance in a Jammu court, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta expressed serious security concerns, highlighting potential risks

to both Malik and witnesses involved in the trial.

The bench, comprising Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Augustine George Masih, is currently deliberating on the matter, the report said.

In a related statement, Raja Muzaffar, US-based acting Chairman of Yasin Malik faction of the JKLF-Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front, on Sunday urged the Indian government to reconsider its stance on Malik, arguing that he should be viewed not as a terrorist, but rather as a figure akin to Gandhi or Nelson Mandela for the people of Kashmir, says a message reaching and released to the media here Sunday night.

The JKLF acting Chairman contends that acknowledging this perspective was essential for resolving the longstanding issues in the region, emphasizing the need for political will to foster change, he concluded.

Belarusian minister explores handcrafted rickshaw



STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD—Federal Minister for Commerce Jam Kamal Khan brought a touch of Pakistani culture to the Pakistan-Belarus Business Forum 2024 by showcasing a beautifully handcrafted rickshaw.

The two-person taxi, featuring intricate designs and highlighting local craftsmanship, drew the admiration of Belarusian

Energy Minister Alexey Kushnarenko.

In a high-spirited moment after the forum, Minister Kushnarenko explored the rickshaw, sitting inside to appreciate its design and comfort.

Federal Minister Jam Kamal Khan, while sharing the details, highlighted the hard work and artistry behind the vehicle.

He also extended an offer to export these iconic rickshaws to Belarus,

emphasizing their cultural and economic value.

Minister Kushnarenko expressed keen interest in the idea, showing enthusiasm for exploring such unique trade opportunities.

This interaction added a personal and cultural dimension to the event, symbolizing the strengthening ties and mutual appreciation between Pakistan and Belarus.

Ensuring law and order in capital utmost priority; says IGP



According to the details, Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, visited D-Chowk and various duty points, a public relations officer said.

He met with the officials of Islamabad Police and other law enforcement departments and boost their morale who are performing duties in order to maintain the law and

order situation in the capital.

On the occasion, IGP Islamabad has instructed the officials to be highly alert and ready all the time to deal with any emerging

law and order situation.

"Will shall take every possible necessary measures to protect the lives and property of citizens as well as private and commercial property and ready to thwart adventurism from any elements" he said while addressing the officials.

He further said that, all the officials who are performing duties are putting their best efforts to maintain the law and order situation in the capital.

All the officers have been directed to stay vigilant in their own respective areas and brief the personnel to deal with any law and order situation and check all the duties by themselves.

CRIME CORNER

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SSP Operations Muhammad Arsalan Shahzab is among the police officers assigned to protect the citizens. Every officer of Islamabad Police is committed to maintaining law and order.



DIG Islamabad visits hospital to inquire after injured cops

According to the details, Deputy Inspector General of Police Islamabad, Syed Ali Raza, visited the PIMS hospital and met with police officers who were injured while performing duties to ensure law and order in

Islamabad. DIG Islamabad appreciated the efforts of the injured officers and boost their morale. He also met with the doctors to receive an update on their health condition. He issued instructions to the medical staff for the better

treatment and care of the injured officers.

During the visit, DIG Islamabad emphasized the unwavering dedication of these officers, who, without hesitation, put their lives at risk to protect the lives and

property of the citizens.

He praised the efforts of these officers who remain constantly engaged in ensuring the safety and security of Islamabad's residents and maintaining peace and order in the city.