

Not considering joining PPP govt, says Faisal

KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan leader Faisal Sabzwari has on Tuesday ruled out any consideration to join Sindh cabinet by MQM-P.

Talking to a private television channel, Faisal Sabzwari said MQM-P tried to work in coalition with the PPP government after 18th amendment.

MQM-P can join back the federal cabinet, if country's situation was improved, else can decide to sit on the opposition benches as well, Sabzwari said.

Replying to a question, the MQM-P leader said party convener Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui informed Federal Law Minister Farogh Naseem after his decision to step back from the post of the federal minister.

"Farogh Naseem was chosen as law minister by PM Khan himself."

Faisal Sabzwari said Federal Minister for Planning, Development

and Reforms Asad Umar in his meeting with the party leaders on Monday (yesterday), had said that he wants to resolve MQM-P's reservations.

A delegation led by Asad Umar held a meeting with Muttahida Qaumi Movement-Pakistan (MQM-P) leaders at the party's temporary headquarters in Bahadurabad to assuage their reservations.

The meeting had taken place a day after MQM-P convener Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui announced his resignation as federal minister for Information Technology.

Speaking at a post-meeting press conference, convener Siddiqui had downplayed talks saying it was a scheduled meeting. He reiterated his party would continue with its cooperation with the PTI government.

Asad Umar had said Khalid Maqbool didn't retract his decision to quit the federal cabinet. - NNI

Factories dump untreated industrial waste in Keenjhar Lake

KARACHI: Industrial waste from the factories of Nooriabad and Kotri industrial areas pose serious threat to Keenjhar Lake - the main source of water supply to Karachi.

Toxic waste and polluted water used by factories being dumped into the Keenjhar Lake without proper treatment since a long time now, sources said.

Around 61 industrial units operational in two industrial zones, have not a single treatment plant to treat the industrial waste, according to local sources.

The industrial waste of Nooriabad, which has been stored in the Kallu Khuhar Dam near Nooriabad, often flows downstream into Keenjhar when the water level rises in the dam, local people said.

The effluents from the Kotri-based industries also dumped into the lake through the Kalri Baghar Feeder. The waste from Kotri industries flows into the Keenjhar Lake throughout the year, while effluents from Nooriabad entered in the lake by the yearly torrential gush.

It is to be pointed out that another major cause polluting the lake water is the waste dumped by tourists and visitors to the site as it is a major picnic spot for people but it lacks proper management.

"Several thousand people from Karachi visit the Keenjhar lake weekly," a local official said. - NNI



KARACHI: Dua being offered on the occasion of sending two containers of rice as a relief for Syrian refugees by Khubab Foundation.

NITL selects Refinitiv's World-Check so as to combat financial crime

KARACHI: Pakistan's First & Largest Asset Management Company National Investment Trust Limited (NITL) has selected World-Check from Refinitiv to support its compliance effectiveness in line with the provisions of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan's (SECP) Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Combating Financing Terrorism Regulatory Framework, says a Press release.

Refinitiv's World-Check Risk Intelligence is used by regulated companies to help screen for financial crime risks as part of their anti-money laundering compliance programmes. Refinitiv's World-Check

Risk Intelligence database delivers accurate and reliable data that assist clients' in their decision-making processes. It employs hundreds of specialist research analysts across the globe, who adhere to stringent research guidelines when collating information from reliable sources - such as watch lists, government records, and reputable media publications.

"This step marks another milestone for NITL's vision to ensure effective compliance in line with the SECP AML & Combating Financing Terrorism Regulatory Framework. We are committed to fighting financial crime and will be leveraging our robust technology

infrastructure to achieve our compliance vision as we scale our business in a sustainable and responsible manner," said, Adnan Afridi, Managing Director, NITL.

"We're pleased to have been chosen by NITL as it moves towards establishing a solid compliance program. KYC screening is now a critical process in mitigating financial crime and regulators are placing significant attentions in this area across their policy making agenda. We believe this partnership will help NITL take a further step in meeting their regulatory requirements in Pakistan and beyond," said Nadim Najjar, Managing Director, Middle East and Africa, Refinitiv.

AIOU admissions' first phase begins today

Raza Kazmi

ISLAMABAD: Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) will open its first-phase of admissions for the Semester Spring, 2020 from Wednesday January 15, across the country.

According to Director Admissions Muhammad Riaz, academic programs being offered in the first-phase include Matric, F.A. MS/M.Ph. PhD and BS (face-to-face).

Contrary to previous practice, the AIOU now holds admissions for each semester in two phases. Second phase will begin from March one, through which applications will be invited for Master, B.Ed (Associate degree) and teachers' training programs.

The two-phase admission's plan made the process more efficient and facilitated for the aspiring students. It is also aimed at streamlining the academic sessions for timely mailing of books and conducting examination. It also facili-

tates the designated Banks that receive the admission forms.

The applications for the admissions of Matric, FA programs will be received till February 20, while admission forms for the MS/M.Phil/PhD/BS (face-to-face) will be received till February 14.

As per new schedule, admissions of BA/BS/B.Ed/MA and M.Sc programs will take place from March 1 and would be continued till April 15.

The AIOU will help the interested students to apply for the admissions through Online. Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Zia-Ul-Qayyum has advised the University's Regional offices to set up special Counters with computer and internet facilities for helping the students in the admission process.

The University will set up Prospectus's sale points here at the University's main campus as well as regional and coordinating offices throughout the country.

FPCCI urges to provide gas to new industries

KARACHI: Mian Anjum Nisar, President and Sheikh Sultan Rehman, Vice President of the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) urged the Government of Pakistan to provide gas connection to new industrial units as well as uninterrupted supply

of gas to existing industries in order to meet export targets.

They in a statement issued in Karachi strongly criticized the stoppage of gas to industrial estates of Karachi by Sui Southern Gas Company Ltd, resulting in serious loss of productivity. This in turn leads to failure in meeting export orders on time and financial losses to exporters as they have to ship by air to meet the deadlines. They expressed their displeasure that industrialists of Karachi had to resort to sit-ins on this issue.

They underscored the need to provide basic amenities like water, power and gas so that industrialists can focus their attention on increasing productivity and meeting export targets rather than protesting on the streets. They urged the government to wholeheartedly support the industry which is facing a very hostile environment and fighting for survival.

"Failure to supply uninterrupted gas will lead to further closure of industry resulting in increased unemployment and serious.

Bolstering economic growth support to SMEs is eminent

KARACHI: The Financial Analyst Ateeq Ur Rehman while thanking the State Bank of Pakistan has said that Refinancing Facility for Modernization of SMEs Mark-up rate under the SBP scheme is up to 6.0 percent (2 percent SBP refinancing rate and 4 percent banks' spread) but the Commercial Banks are reluctant to lend to SMEs that is the financial management or supply chain financing of SMEs are totally neglected despite Central Bank's effort to redirect the focus of SME development in a greater extent, says a Press release.

Ateeq Said that SMEs of Pakistan are still under credit constraints under this Roller Coaster Economy because of the challenges and unavailable opportunities for access to finance. Further, the risk mitigation policy reveals that SME NPLs (non-performing loans) has been reduced to less than 4 percent and its role has been vibrant as "drivers of growth", still the preference is missing under the financing policies of the authorities.

He said Pakistan's SME sector which contributes 40% to the GDP, constitutes 90% of the enterprises, employs 80% non-agricultural worker and contributes 25% to the exports has been neglected and ignored by previous governments. SMEs are the back bone of our economy and are facing major challenges specially the highest utility charges, hike in interest rate, complicated and higher rate of taxation, collateral and government policies.

Further, in such high interest rate environment it is unlikely that SMEs sector can trigger expansion or increase investment. The lackluster performance in overall economic sector reflected the overall economic slowdown in the ongoing fiscal year. It is so difficult to understand as to why, this sector is missing from the financial infrastructure of Pakistan only on supplantation of doubtful finances including non-performing loans in the past and has resulted in erosion of equity.

Pakistan's economic downturn has indeed exacerbated these problems. Growing cost of doing

business and high cost of production has attributed to Pakistani SME Difficulties. Due to hike in cost of imported raw material and Rupee depreciation against USD coupled with additional custom duty from 4% to 11% and additional sales tax, all these extra cost are being alone born by SMEs and they are continuously absorbing these losses on their balance sheets.

Absence of finance has frustrated the development of this vital segment of the economy. It still remains financially excluded. Ateeq said Support to SME is eminent for the Job Growth, alleviating poverty and Bolstering Economic Growth.

Dr. Akbar Zaidi appointed Executive Director, IBA

KARACHI: The Honorable Chief Minister Sindh and Patron of IBA, Syed Murad Ali Shah has appointed Dr. S. Akbar Zaidi as the Executive Director, Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi for four years as per a notification issued by the Universities and Boards Department, Government of Sindh.

Dr. Zaidi is a renowned academic and political economist with over 35 years of teaching and research experience in Pakistan and abroad. He has served as a faculty member in renowned institutions across the globe, including Columbia University, Johns Hopkins, IBA, Karachi and the University of Karachi. He is a political economist with interests in political economy, development, the social sciences more generally, and increasingly, history.

He has written over 75 academic articles in international journals and as chapters in books. Amongst his books, are: Military, Civil Society and Democratization in Pakistan (2011), The New Development Paradigm:

Papers on Institutions, NGOs, Gender and Local Government (1999), and Pakistan's Economic and Social Development: The Domestic, Regional and

Global Context (2004). His recent books include Issues in Pakistan's Economy: A Political Economy Perspective published by Oxford University Press in 2015, and a co-edited volume entitled New Perspectives on Pakistan's Political Economy: State, Class and Social Change, published by Cambridge University Press in April 2019.

Dr. Zaidi holds PhD and MPhil degrees in History and Economics from University of Cambridge, an MSc in Social Planning in Developing Countries from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a BSc in Economics from University College London.

Dr. Zaidi is the 10th head of the Institution replacing Dr. Farrukh Iqbal, who served the Institute for more than 3 years. - NNI

Summit for Young ENT Residents at DUHS

KARACHI: The Vice Chancellor of Dow University of Health Sciences Prof. Mohammed Saeed Quraishi said that the University encourages medical research and financial resources are also provided for this purpose. Research requires a large sum of money, in this regard, Dow alumni along with the government is playing an important role, says a Press release.

Saeed Quraishi said the Dow University faculty has announced significant progress in the operation of the eardrum in which the eardrum is being operated by endoscopy. Twelve operations have been carried out free of cost in the ENT of the Civil Hospital, through endoscopy of the eardrum. He was speaking at the "Summit for Young ENT Residents" in collaboration with Dr. K.M Ruth Pfau Civil Hospital Karachi Department of ENT and Pakistan Society of Otorhinolaryngology at the Arag Auditorium of Dow University of Health Sciences.

In addition to the conference, the guest of honor was the Vice Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical University Professor Tariq Rafi, Principal of Dow Medical College Professor Amjad Siraj Memon, Chairperson of "Summit for Young ENT Residents" Professor Shuja Farrukh, Secretary Summit Prof Dr. Atif Hafeyz Siddiqui, senior professor Iqbal Khayani also spoke on the occasion while Pro Vice Chancellor of Dow University

Prof. Zarnaz Wahid, Vice Principal of Dow Medical College Dr. Shumaila Khalid, Head of Department ENT Jinnah Sindh Medical University Prof. Sameer Qureshi, Senior ENT Experts from all Teaching Universities along with a large number of students attended the Summit.

Prof. Muhammad Saeed Qureshi said that it was a pleasure to hold this Summit for young ENT doctors. The conference will inspire young doctors to explore and, in turn, help them develop their professional skills and overcome their weaknesses. He said that during the last years in developed countries, the communication skills of the public sector doctors of

Pakistan have been questioned. But after observing the 20 selected young doctors presenting their papers, it seems that no one in the future will dare talk about our young doctors' communication skills. He congratulated the ENT sector on holding this Young Doctors Summit and wished all the best in future. He added that other departments should also organize similar programs to enhance the capabilities of young doctors.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical University Prof. Syed Mohammad Tariq Rafi said that we are proud to hold the Young Doctors Summit in Karachi. The


program will also encourage young doctors to read, learn and increase their knowledge as most of the young generation can be seen staying away from reading books and getting themselves used to multimedia. Today's Summit is attended by ENT doctors from all the medical colleges across Karachi. This is the first conference of its kind in which young doctors have provided the opportunity to present their research papers to seniors. It will help to promote the culture of research in Pakistan and monthly meetings will certainly play a vital role in this regard.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal of Dow Medical College Professor Amjad Siraj Memon said that holding a Young ENT Summit at Dow Medical College was an honor. While speaking to the audience, Summit Chairperson Prof. Shuja Farrukh said that there are excellent ENT doctors and surgeons in the civil hospital and we want this capability to be transmitted to our young doctors. Pakistan ENT Society has been organizing various programs throughout the country since 1981, this is the first summit which is organized for our young doctors.

Young doctors from Aga Khan University, Zia-ud-Din, Hamdard Medical University, Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Liaquat National Medical College, Lyari Medical College and Dow University of Health



KARACHI: Prof. Iqbal Khayani handing over a prize to Dr. Hafeez Moez who presented a research papers at the summit for Young ENT Residents held here at Dow University of Health Sciences.



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Tender Notice
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A. Offers are invited from manufacturers / suppliers for supply of the following:-

Sr No	Tender Enquiry No.	Description	Qty (Nos)	Opening Date
International Tenders				
1.	SN-4097/20	Factory Bends	467	12 Feb, 20
2.	SN-4098/20	Anchor Flanges	16	12 Feb, 20
3.	SN-4099/20	Odorizers	06	13 Feb, 20
4.	SN-4100/20	Sensing Tubing & Fittings	2,747	13 Feb, 20
5.	SN-4101/20	Ball Valves	46	18 Feb, 20
6.	SN-4102/20	Plug Valves	1,032	18 Feb, 20
7.	SN-4103/20	Stud Bolts	23,093	19 Feb, 20
8.	SN-4104/20	Screwed Fittings	2,509	19 Feb, 20
9.	SN-4105/20	Check/Needle/ Relief Valves	126	20 Feb, 20
10.	SN-4106/20	Free-End Insulating Joints	62	20 Feb, 20
11.	SNT-2005/20	Laser Based Leak Detection Equipment (Hand Held)	10	13 Feb, 20
12.	SNT-2006/20	Online Gas Chromatograph	04	13 Feb, 20
Local Tenders				
1.	LED-009/20	Monitoring Software (Server, Storage)	01	04 Feb, 20
		1. Supply/Installation/Commissioning of upto 500 KwP on Grid PV Solar System for SNGPL Regional Office Lahore Building with Operation and Maintenance Services for 5 years from the date of commissioning	01	
2.	LET-004/20	2. Supply/Installation & Commissioning of upto 500 KwP on Grid PV Solar System for SNGPL Regional Office Islamabad Building with Operation and Maintenance Services for 5 years from the date of commissioning	01	29 Jan, 20

The tenders will close at 1530 hours and will be opened in public at 1600 hours, on the dates mentioned above at Gas House, 1st Floor, 21-Kashmir Road, Lahore. **Tender documents can be purchased up a day before opening date of each tender, from 1100 to 1230 hours on any working day.** Local manufacturers/suppliers desirous of quoting for above tenders are required to provide a copy of valid Sales Tax registration, Income Tax, and latest Professional Tax Certificates along with their request for purchase of tender documents. Before purchasing tender documents, an authorized representative of the bidder may first examine the tender documents available at the above mentioned address. For further information in International Tenders please contact Mr. Aatir Mahmood, at telephone # 042-99201449 and Mr. Saeed Akbar Sumra for Local Tenders at telephone # 042-99204644. Tender fee is Rs.1,000/- (non refundable) each in cash or Pay order/ Demand Draft in favor of SNGPL. Amount of Bid Security is 2% (excluding GST) of total value of each bid. Tender Notice is also available at website www.ppra.org.pk.

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B. The closing dates of following tender enquiries have been extended:

Tender Enquiry No	Description	Extended Closing Date
SND-2119/19	Gas Regulators	30 Jan, 20
SNT-2004/19	Corrosion Inhibitor for High Sulfur Transmission Lines	03 Feb, 20
LE-088/19	Distemper/Weather Sheet, Paint Enamel, Kerosene Oil	28 Jan, 20
LED-162/19	1. Air Conditioner 02 Ton Floor Standing 2 Air Conditioner 03 Ton Floor Standing	31 Jan, 20
LEP-034/19	Synthetic Engine Oil	28 Jan, 20
LEP-037/19	M.S Sheets / Plates	28 Jan, 20
LET-140/19	Gas Leak Detection UAV	28 Jan, 20
LET-169/19	Engine Driven Welding Plant	30 Jan, 20
LET-181/19	1. Digital DSLR Camera with Lens Kit 2. Video Camera with Lens Kit	30 Jan, 20

CORRIGENDUM / ADDENDUM / CANCELLATION

C. Tender Enquiry No. SN-4089/19 "Filter Separator" the Total Quantity to be read as 17 Nos. Instead of existing one.
D. Tender Enquiry No. SN-4094/19 "Weldolets" the Total Quantity to be read as 600 Nos. Instead of existing one.

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