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Highlighting the growth of the institution as an effective mechanism for speedy and inexpensive justice, Wafaqi Mohtasib Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi stated that it has perfected its complaints-handling mechanism over the last 40 years. The incidence of complaints has touched an all-time high figure of 164,173 during 2022 and the disposal of 157,798 complaints has been unprecedented.

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months of the current year, it has received 90,660 complaints and disposed of 92,387 complaints including the backlog which is reflective of the public confidence in the institution.

Addressing the international seminar, Qureshi said the ombudsmanship has taken firm roots in Pakistan. The ombudsman institutions are functioning in the country with the full support of its citizenry and the government.

He said the Wafaqi Mohtasib's institution meets all the given standards in terms of the Venice Principles (2019), the Paris Principles (1993) and the UN Resolution 77/224 of December 2022. Ejaz Ahmad Qureshi being the current President of the Asian Ombudsman Association (AOA), also chaired an informal meeting of the AOA members on the sidelines of the international seminar.

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**PM views Saudi leadership's generous support instrumental in securing IMF deal**

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday thanked the Saudi leadership for their generous and unwavering support for Pakistan, which, he said, was particularly instrumental in securing the deal with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). (Details on Page 8)



**PM Laptop Scheme to empower youth: Muzam**

Addressing the PM, Muzam Shariq said the prime minister's laptop scheme to empower the youth is a commendable initiative and will provide a boost to the youth. He said the scheme will help in the development of the country and will provide a boost to the youth. (Details on Page 8)

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FAISALABAD: Wafaqi Mohtasib (Ombudsman) addresses international seminar on the role of Ombudsman in promoting the fair administration, good governance and the rule of law (11 July 2023 Bangkok).

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