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SUBJECT: PRESS CLIPPINGS

Enclosed please find herewith the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) and other important news in today's newspapers for kind perusal.

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Subject: SUMMARY OF BISP RELATED NEWS ITEMS

Sr. No.	Newspaper	Summary of Items	Trend	Remarks
1	Dawn	Cabinet decided not to change BISP name	Positive	Highlighted portion in the clipping is related to BISP. The Nation, Daily Times, Pakistan Today News, The News International, The Express Tribune, Pakistan Observer, Patriot, Daily Jung, nawa-i-Waqat, Daily Express, Jahan Pakistan, Naye Baat, Daily Dunya, also carried same news.
2	The News International	No Substitute for economic growth	Positive	Highlighted portion in the clipping is related to BISP
3	Daily Times	Fake account case probe	Negative	Highlighted portion in the clipping is related to BISP

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Govt bans IPL matches telecast, puts BISP under Ahsas

PM tells cabinet members not to discuss their differences openly; new heads of PIA, OGDCL, gas utilities appointed

By Syed Irfan Raza

ISLAMABAD: After facing strong resistance from within the party and drawing ire of the opposition, the government on Tuesday scrapped its plan to change the name of Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), but decided to place it along with other social welfare schemes under the umbrella of its new programme, Ahsas.

In a meeting chaired by Prime Minister Imran Khan, the federal cabinet also decided to impose complete ban on the Indian Premier League (IPL) cricket tournament telecast in a tit-for-tat response to the Indian ban on the recently held Pakistan Super League (PSL).

The government also appointed heads of the Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL), Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (SSGC) and Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL), Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (PIAC) and Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation, reconstituted the boards of several government organisations and decided to create a new division/ministry.

Taking a serious notice of the ongoing differences between Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and another Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) leader Jehangir Tarin, the prime minister, who also heads the PTI, told the cabinet that "internal party matters should not be discussed openly".

It was observed during the cabinet meeting that FM Qureshi, who is also PTI vice-chairman, was sitting quite away from Mr Khan.

Just a day ago, Mr Qureshi addressing a press conference along with Punjab Governor Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar had said Mr Tarin should not attend cabinet meetings after being disqualified by the Supreme Court.

The foreign minister had also opposed the government move to change the title of the BISP which was named after slain PPP chairperson and former prime minister Benazir Bhutto.

Following the cabinet meeting on Tuesday, Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry told the media that the name of

"BISP is not being changed but it will be placed under the new programme, Ahsas".

"We have decided that the BISP name will not be changed," he said while giving details of the cabinet meeting. "Not only the BISP but also all other social welfare departments will come under the umbrella of Ahsas," he said.

About the IPL, the minister said game and culture should not be politicised but the Indian government had first banned the PSL and targeted Pakistani people, its showbiz people and cricket team. "India crossed all limits when its team played a match while wearing caps of Indian army," he added.

The information minister said the prime minister directed the relevant authorities to prepare a roadmap for three main crops — wheat, cotton and rice — to improve their yield.

About economic situation, he said the finance minister would soon give details of government's economic policies.

Responding to a question regarding military courts whose two-year term expired last month, Mr Chaudhry said the government would not extend the term of the military courts if it was not desired by the opposition. "Military courts were set up under the National Action Plan and helped eradicating terrorism in the country. But if the opposition does not want them anymore, the government will not extend term of the military courts," he reiterated.

Asked about reports regarding wrapping up of 18th Amendment in the Constitution, the minister said except some clauses overall it was quite beneficial and the government had no plan to roll it back.

The cabinet also decided to reconstitute the boards of several government organisations. Air Marshal Arshad Malik was appointed chairman of the PIA, Mr Shamsuddin was appointed chairman of Pakistan Mineral Development Corporation, Qamar Javed Sharif was made OGDCL chairman, Dr Shamshad Akhtar was made the head of SSGCL and Syed Dilawar Abbas new chairman of SNGPL.

In a separate decision, the cabinet approved release of Rs58 billion funds for erstwhile Federally Administered Tribal Areas (Fata) for its security and development works.

The federal cabinet also gave approval to the formation of a new ministry/division to be called Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation Division to overcome poverty in the country. Incumbent BISP chairperson Sania Nishtar will head the new division.

Cabinet decides not to change BISP name

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The Federal Cabinet, which met under chairmanship of Prime Minister Imran Khan on Tuesday, decided not to change name of the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP).

Addressing a news conference, Minister for Information and Broadcasting Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said that the BISP issue was deliberated in the cabinet meeting and the government is not going to amend its name.

The information minister categorically announced that the government is not going to change the name of Benazir Bhutto Income Support Programme (BISP).

He said that financial aid is provided to poor people through the BISP, Zakat and Pakistan Baitul Maal, whereas under the new social welfare programme, new initiatives will be taken.

He clarified that the cabinet has formally approved creation of Social Protection and Poverty Alleviation Division to be headed by Dr Sania Nishtar and it will coordinate functions of different organisations under the newly launched Ehsas Programme.

The proposal to amend the BISP

name was floated last week at Ghotki at the meeting of Grand Democratic Alliance (GDA), a coalition partner of the ruling PTI which was also attended by Prime Minister Imran Khan.

The move drew ire of the PPP which alleged the PTI-led ruling coalition was trying to change the 18th constitutional amendment that embodies the BISP as well.