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اليكرت بين،	ن جو بحل پیداادراستعا	زيومرز يعنى وه صارِفير
الى، ى سى لى كو	رقم میں کی واقع ہوج	اس ت قابل إدا يكى
ركونيجر أكوابيخ	ف تصادر 22 نوم.	كجوزه تراميم يرتحفظات
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بثيك مولتررزي	relace 21	رايم ري تفلي تك
20 <i>ی ی کی کی کو</i>	سابتي ايك 10 د كمار ليسرو تم	آراء برغوركيا جائركا.
ب کا جائزہ کیے نہا اکس بھی	م من منتشب کام می ورا مر منتشب که متارشک	مسابقت کوفر وغ دیے اور حکومت کو پا کستان
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تام الم	زند د که محن	قانون میں ترامیم کیا کرتا ہے، سی کی کی
نکی جنہوں نر	نے وق میں کہ بوری رز کیلئز نقصلان دہ ہو	بوند جزيزرا پرزيوم
الد اور نير ا	روپ معان ره نغلقه دسکوز کساتھ مع	پالیسې د فعاتِ اپنے م
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نے کے بعدی	فيتحفظات موصول مو	ب، مختلف ذرائع -
نائي شعبه بهت	باكه باكتتان كاتوا:	ی بی نے نیر اکویتا
جس میں تقریل	رهن يرافحصاركرتات	زياده مېنگے درآ مدي ايز
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سے بچت کے	سرِی بیونڈ جزیشن ۔	خصه ڈالتے ہیں، ڈ باوجود تیل کی بڑھتی
نیں، ڈسکوز کی	ہوتی بنین الاقوامی سیمتر گراہ	باوجود لیل کی بر گھتی
ل تجديد تواتاني	النجالش ادرعامی قاج	ناابلياب، محدود مالياتي
ایں، تیرالے	دزورا یم سے مصادم	کی کوششیں نیپر اکی مجو
باین یکرنگ تقلید: بدادا	جر مر ميناً بخل م	این 10 فروری ی فرار کسلو که
ن در ایم بل	5. 1. 11 that	کے فوائد کو تسلیم کما ہے میں بچت اور کم سے کم
ثن كمينون ادر	رزيوم زكوديكر جزيط	د سری بوند جزیزرا
ی رکھا جانگا،	للے میں بھی نقصان ب	آئی لی پیز کے مقا۔
ي ورويكو	يرز ب بل كي يوز	د سكور د سرى بوند جز
روي كلوداف	19.32 UP.	وات في تحنشه (جبكه مو
ب رو رایک	رب ہونے اور ایم	فى تحشه ب) مي خريد
والمل فروخت	ه اختبامي سار مين كو	ايت مارك اب كيساتم
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ی می پی نے نہیٹ میٹرنگ کی کا ئیڈ لائنز
کو برقر ارر کھنے پر نبیر اے فیصلے کوسرابا
اسلام آباد(نامه نگار خصوصی ) کپائیژن کمبیژن آف پاکستان ) می می بی ( نے نیکٹل الیکٹرک پادر
ریکولیٹری انتقارتی )میرا (کی جانب سے موجودہ
ایرا) متبادل اور قابل تتجدید توانانی (دستری بدید بعزیش اید مید مسرعک ریادیش، 2015 کو
برقرارر کھنے کے فیصلے کا خبر مقدم کیا ہے۔ یہ فیسلہ نیر ا کی جانب سے مید میشر مگ ریکولیشنز میں ترامیم کی
تجويز كالعدسا مفآيا مي المنيش ك
حوالے سے خدشات سامنے آئے تھے۔ بحوزہ ترامیم سے بیکٹل ایوری پادر پر پڑ پرانس ) این اسے
بی پی ( کو میکٹل ایوری از فی پر چیز پرانس) این اے ای پی پی ( سے بدل دیا جاتا، جس کے بیتے
یس دٔ سنری بیوند جنر بیرز <i>ا</i> پرز بومرز <sup>م</sup> یعنی ده صارمین ا
ہو بھل پیدااور استعمال کرتے ہیں، کو قابل ادا کیلی رقم میں کی داقع ہو جاتی۔ سی می کی کو بحوزہ تر امیم پر
تحفظات يتصادر 22 نومبركونير اكوايي تتفظات
ے آگاہ کیا۔ نیرا نے یقین دہائی کرائی کہ مجوزہ ترامیم پر سمی فضل تک چینچنے ہے پہلے تمام اسلیک
مولدرز في آرا پر غور (باق صلحه 7 بغیه نمبر 49)
بقيه يضاكورابا 49
کیا جائے گا۔ کپنیشن ایک، 2010، ی می پی کو
کیا جائے گا۔ پییشن ایک، 2010، ی ی پی کو کپنیشن کو فرون دینے کے لیے پالیسی فریم ورک کا این لوزیہ جار ک کی تاہیں ہو کہ شیش ہے۔
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تمام اسٹیک ہولڈرز کی آراء پرغور کیا جائے گا، نیپر ا اکستانی توانائی کاشعبہ مہنگے درآ مدی ایب دھن پرانحصہ لاہور (خر زگار) کمپنیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان | خیرمقدم کیا ہے۔ یہ فیصلہ نیر اک جانب سے نیٹ نے نیشنل الیکٹرک یادر ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی کی میٹرنگ ریگولیشتر میں ترامیم کی تجویز کے بعد جانب سے موجودہ نیر متبادل اور قابل تجدید مانے آیا ہے، جس سے کمپنیشن کے حوالے سے توانائى دسرى بيوند جزيش ايند نيث ميرنك خدشات سامن آئے تھے۔ جوزہ تراميم سے ریگولیش، 2015 کو برقرار رکھنے کے فیصلے کا کمنیشنل ایور تکی پادر پر (باق صفحہ 4 بقیہ نمبر 49) الارتارى رجزياس عدل ر یا ماتا، جس کے نتیج میں ڈسٹری بیونڈ جزيززا يرزيدمرز، يعنى وه مارفين جو بجل پيدا اور مال كرت جن الوقاعل ادا يجل في من كي دائع جو حاتی بری بی کو بخوز ہتر امیم پر تحفظات متصادر 22 نوم کو نیر اکواپی تحفظات ے آگاہ کیا۔ نیر انے بان كرائي كرمجوزه تراميم يركمي فصليتك يهنجنا ے سل تنام استیک بولڈرز کی آرا یرفور کیا جائے گا۔