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Briefs
Molana Fazl convenes PDM huddle on Nov 11
ABID RAZA
LAHORE: Maulana Fazlur Rahman, President Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM), an anti-government alliance, has convened an emergency meeting of the PDM bigwigs on November 11 on the wish of PML-N supremo and former PM Nawaz Sharif. Nawaz Sharif will participate in the meeting via video link. The PDM meeting would ponder on the prevailing political crisis and would also make important decisions.

Taliban leader makes first appearance
NEWS DESK
KABUL: Taliban supreme leader Haibatullah Akhundzada addressed supporters in the southern city of Kandahar, officials announced Sunday, his first public appearance since taking control of the group in 2016. Akhundzada has been the spiritual chief of the Islamist movement since 2016 but has remained a reclusive figure, even after his group seized power in Afghanistan in August. His low profile has fed speculation about his role in the new Taliban government - and even rumours of his death. On Saturday, he visited the Darul Uloom Hakimah madrasa to "speak to his brave soldiers and disciples", according to Taliban officials.

Clash not in favour of country
STAFF REPORT
LAHORE: Special Representative to the Prime Minister on Inter-faith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi on Sunday said that clash was not in favour of the country and its people, and all differences should be settled peacefully. Talking to the media after visiting the Mayo Hospital to inquire after the police officials, who got injured during clashes with the TLP protestors, he said the TLP workers and the police officials both were near to his heart, as both were Pakistanis.

Naya Pakistan PM Imran all praise for Saudi role

"Relations between the two countries have withstood the test of time"



STAFF REPORT / DNA
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan said that owing to their complementarities in the socioeconomic fundamentals, Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 provided opportunities to Pakistan to engage with Saudi Arabia in realizing Naya Pakistan's ambitious plan. "I must say that there are significant complementarities in the socio-economic fundamentals of the 'Naya Pakistan' and the Saudi Vision 2030. Both lay emphasis on economic opportunity and diversity, domestic growth, modernization and development, and trade linkages and connectivity," the prime minister said in an interview with Saudi Arabia's Al-Riyadh newspaper published Sunday. The prime minister said

Pakistan could contribute manpower; both skilled and semi-skilled besides sharing its expertise in other sectors like IT, infrastructure development, and agriculture. He said Pakistan and Saudi Arabia had historically enjoyed long-standing fraternal ties, rooted deep in common faith, shared history and mutual support. Both countries have stood by each other, through thick and thin, regardless of the change in leadership. "We never had the reason to reposition our relations with Saudi Arabia in the wake of regional or international developments - in the past as well in as contemporary times. Relations between the two countries had a special bond for seven decades now. "It is now our earnest desire to transform this relationship into a deep, diverse and mutually beneficial strategic partnership. We are now working to consolidate historical gains by exploring new and non-conventional areas of cooperation. We want our trade relations and investment cooperation to be commensurate with excellent political relations," he said. He said during his recent visit to Saudi Arabia, he had the opportunity to attend the first

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ISLAMABAD: Speaker National Assembly, Asad Qaisar, Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, MoS for Parliamentary Affairs, Ali Muhammad Khan and Mufti Muneeb-Ur-Rehman jointly address Press Conference. - DNA

NZ crush India by 8 wickets
DNA
DUBAI: New Zealand dished out a thoroughly clinical display with both the bat and the ball to steamroll India by eight wickets in a Super 12 match of the T20 World Cup on Sunday. Earlier, India set 111 runs target for New Zealand in the Twenty20 World Cup on Sunday at the Dubai International Stadium. Earlier New Zealand skipper Kane Williamson won the toss and elected to bowl against India with both teams looking for their first win. The Kiwis made one change from their opening loss to Pakistan with fast bowler Adam Milne coming in for Tim Seifert. Devon Conway took over wicketkeeping duties.

Govt 'reaches accord' with proscribed TLP
Details to be unveiled at 'appropriate time', says Mufti Muneeb ur Rehman
SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: The government's negotiating team announced on Sunday that it has reached an agreement with the proscribed Tehreek-i-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) but did not divulge any further details, with Mufti Muneebur Rehman saying the specifics will come to light at an "appropriate time". The agreement comes after almost two weeks of clashes that left at least seven

TLP awaits leadership's nod to call off protest
STAFF REPORT
LAHORE: Soon after the government announced that an agreement has been reached with the Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) on Sunday, the religious party issued a statement saying that a final decision to call of the protest will be taken after consultation with the members of the Majlis-e-Shura - top decision-making body of the group. Earlier, Mufti Muneebur Rehman flanked by the federal ministers said in a press conference that TLP chief Saad Rizvi had also endorsed the agreement, saying it was not a "victory or defeat" of any group.

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Climate change: G20 leaders make no pledge

The communiqué also makes no reference to achieving net zero by 2050

AGENCIES
ROME: The leaders of the world's richest economies have agreed to pursue efforts to limit global warming with "meaningful and effective actions". But exactly how this will be achieved was not revealed in the leaders' communiqué at the G20 summit in Rome. Host nation Italy had hoped that firm targets would be set before the COP26 summit in Glasgow, which has now begun. The G20 group, made up of 19 countries and the European Union, accounts for 80% of

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Joe Biden, Erdogan meet amid tensions

NEWS DESK
ROME: US President Joe Biden has held talks with Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on the sidelines of the G20 meeting in Rome amid tensions over human rights and a request from Turkey for F-16 fighter jets. Biden told Turkey's Erdogan on Sunday his request for F-16 fighter jets had to go through a process in the US and expressed a desire to handle disagreements between the two countries effectively. The leaders met amid tensions between the two countries over defence and human rights issues. US lawmakers have opposed the sale of F-16 fighter jets.

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PIA starts regular flights to Najaf

Najaf governor, Pak ambassador, head of Iraqi civil aviation receive the first passengers
KHAYAM ABBASI
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan International Airline (PIA) on Sunday started regular flights to Najaf, a city of Iraq and its first plane reached there with 91 passengers. According to a private news channel, PIA Chief Executive Officer Air Marshal Arshad Malik with

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Pakistan supports Korean candidate for DG ILO

DNA
ISLAMABAD: As the elections for the seat of Director General International Labor Organization (ILO) are taking place in March next year, Pakistan is likely to support South Korean candidate Ms Kang Kyung-wha, who also served as her country's first female Foreign Minister from 2017-21. Sources told this correspondent that the assurance in this regard has been given to the Korean side. They said initially decision has been taken keeping in view the cordiality of Pakistan-South Korea relations as well as the excellent record of the Korean candidate in a wide range of fields such as human rights and disaster recovery. They said that the Korean candidate believes the ILO needs more active publicity in the global crisis caused by Covid-19 and has a strong will to contribute to the international community based on her wide-ranging experience. The Former Korean foreign minister has also served as an aide to the UN Secretary General and deputy representative of the UN Human Rights Office. She also worked as deputy emergency relief coordinator and assistant secretary-general for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in 2013. If elected, Ms Kang will be the first Asian and the first woman to become the ILO chief. To win the election, Ms Kang will need to garner a majority vote from ILO's 56-member governing body.

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Of TLP protests and govt confusion

When there is a toothless opposition; a dead civil society and a marooned justice system, it becomes the duty of the sitting government to heal masses' wounds because that is what it was voted to power and also because we can't leave everything to God!!

COMMENT
ANSAR M BHATTI



ISLAMABAD: The banned Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan (TLP) once again resorted to roads demanding immediate release of its leader Saad Rizvi and expulsion of the French ambassador. The National Security Council (NSC) in its meeting on October 29 rightly turned down both the demands declaring them unwarranted and illogical. The NSC further resolved not to tolerate any further breach of law calling upon the outfit to vacate all roads and go home. Prime Minister Imran Khan's decision not to use force against the protesting people also received kudos from all and sundry for using force would have turned out to be counterproductive.

The agreement announced on Sunday October 31, 2021, during a press conference of government ministers and TLP representatives, though helped in defusing the tension and temporarily resolving the issue, however the details of the agreement were not shared nor did they take any questions from the media, which was quite surprising and intriguing. Both sides claimed that everything was settled but the way the announcement was made and details kept secret, implied as if there were still issues that needed to be addressed. It is still unclear whether the mob will disperse after this agreement or not. The presser thus created further confusion and gave rise to more conspiracy theories. As we know, TLP was created during 2018 election with an avowed aim of denting the vote bank of Pakistan Muslim League (N) because PML-N majority votes comes from the right wing school of thought. Since the purpose was to get the PTI elected, come what may therefore be a number of gimmicks were employed to achieve this end. Creation of TLP was one of them. And realistically speaking this gimmick did wonders as it greatly damaged the PML N vote bank due to which the party had to suffer defeat even in the areas that used

to be its strongholds. The plan was to disband TLP once the election results were achieved, however when TLP saw people voted for it in large numbers it instead decided to become a regular political party and got it registered with the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP). After the 2018 elections, the TLP was engaged for a protest against the French magazine Charlie Hebdo when it first published blasphemous cartoons of Prophet (PBUH), which caused an outrage in the entire Muslim world and especially in Pakistan. Faizabad became the center point of this protest and it ended after the intervention of the security agencies that helped the govt strike a deal - a deal which nobody owns even today. One of the clauses of the deal was that the govt will discuss the matter of expulsion of the French ambassador in the parliament and take a decision. It never happened though. Critics believe the govt did a wrong thing by accepting this demand knowing very well that the demand was impractical. The matter further got aggravated when the French president issued a statement that hurt sentiments of the Muslim world and relations between Pakistan and France became further tense when Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi while speaking at a public rally in Multan used a language against the French president which was not taken well by the French authorities. At first, the French president could have exercised restraint given the fact that the situation had already caused dents and then FM Qureshi statement added further fire to the fuel. But things had started improving in the past few months and both Pakistan and France were about to normalize their relations with France set to announce a number of financial incentives for Pakistan including the rescheduling of debts under the DSSI program. Then France also tried to help Pakistan during FATF meetings with a view to helping Islamabad get out of the grey list. But then suddenly the TLP again resurfaced under the pretext of securing release of its leader. This move, from the face of it, seems to have pushed things back to square one. While there is no denying the fact that leaders such as Presidents and Prime Ministers, must think 10 times before issuing any statement relating to religious freedoms, it is also a fact that situations are blown out of proportion by the vested interests only to fulfill their ulterior political motives. As regards the Charlie Hebdo journal, it is a rag tag publication that is always in search of such controversies in order to make its both ends meet. Only a small portion of people read this journal. The financial position of it is so bad that it has not been able to pay salaries to the staff for so many months. Above all, this magazine is in the habit of doing it to all religions but other religions don't react because they don't care. When protests against this magazine were launched, its circulation jumped into millions from just a few hundred. Summing up, there is a dominant view in Pakistan that TLP issues can be resolved within no time provided the same method is applied which was applied during the Faizabad dharna. The govt has to move fast because the sufferings of the general public are multiplying with each passing day. People, who are already bearing the brunt of price hike; lawlessness; bad governance and tug-of-war among various power houses, cannot afford to have another crisis looming large on their heads. They need immediate relief and peace. When you have a toothless opposition; a dead civil society and a marooned justice system, then it becomes the duty of the sitting government to heal masses' wounds because people voted it to power for this. The govt should not leave everything to God!!

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Briefs

Covid-19: positivity ratio reports slight uptick

IBRAR KHAN

ISLAMABAD: The national tally of Covid-19 pandemic on Sunday was recorded declining with one of the lowest positivity ratio during past 24 hours amid reduced per day positive cases, disease trend and death rate. The National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in a tweet on its official handle shared the latest disease statistics. The nerve centre of the country in its fight against the pandemic wrote that some 48,192 tests were conducted across the country with 733 more people tested positive for the contagious disease. There were 1,402 Covid infected patients under treatment in critical condition in various Covid dedicated healthcare facilities of the country. The National Covid positivity ratio during past 24 hours was recorded 1.52%. The Covid positivity ratio is the percentage of actual positive cases appearing in every 100 tests performed to identify infected individuals. During the past 24 hours, some 11 infected patients died due to the deadly virus including those under treatment in the hospitals and in their respective quarantines or homes.

Pakistan hands over 3 aid trucks to Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has handed over three more trucks loaded with relief goods to Afghanistan. The trucks carrying 28 tons of essential commodities were handed over to Afghan authorities at Torkham crossing. The aid was sent by Pak-Afghan Cooperation Forum and Save the Children. Meanwhile, Pakistan's Ambassador to Kabul, Mansoor Ahmed Khan called on interim Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and discussed strengthening of bilateral engagement including humanitarian field, trade and movement of people. — APP

UN chief calls for legitimacy in Sudan

AGENCIES

NEW YORK: UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Sunday called for restoring the "legitimate constitutional arrangements" in Sudan.



In a statement, Guterres hailed the Sudanese people who "peacefully protested military rule" on Saturday against the measures taken by the Sudanese army to dissolve the civilian government. "The [Sudanese] military should take heed. Time to go back to the legitimate constitutional arrangements," Guterres said. He warned against targeting civilians and using violence against them, stressing that "perpetrators must be brought to justice."

Three protesters were killed and dozens injured on Saturday during mass protests against the military takeover in Sudan. On Oct. 25, Sudan's ruling military council announced a state of emergency and dissolved the transitional sovereign council and government, hours after detaining Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and ministers in his civilian government. It also suspended some provisions of the constitutional document outlining the political transition in Sudan. The move came amid escalating tensions between the military and the civilian administration following a failed military coup last month. Before the military takeover, Sudan was administered by a sovereign council of military and civilian officials, which oversaw the transition period until elections slated for 2023.

No one allowed to harm Turkish interests: Erdogan

The Turkish President says, we have also foiled the attempts to exclude our country and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the hydrocarbon resources in the Eastern Mediterranean

DNA

ISLAMABAD: President of Turkey Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said despite the difficult epidemic conditions, successes we have achieved in economy, domestic politics and foreign policy are important signs that show the effectiveness of the Presidential Government System, as well as the strong infrastructure of our country. As the 100th anniversary of our Republic now clearly appears in the horizon, we will not allow any power, dirty scenario, insidious attack aiming to stumble Turkey, to deter us from our path. The Turkish President expressed these views in his message issued on the occasion of national day of Turkey. Ambassador of Turkey to Pakistan Ihsan Mustafa Yurdakul read out the message of the Turkish President during the reception he hosted to celebrate the Day. The Turkish President further said in his message, "I extend my congratulations to our citizens living in Turkey and abroad, and

to all our friends who share this proud day with us, which is one of the golden rings of our glorious history, on the occasion of the 29 October Republic Day. I commemorate Ghazi Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, the founder of our Republic, and his heroic comrades-in-arms with gratitude on the 98th anniversary of its proclamation. I wish the mercy of Allah the Almighty upon our holy martyrs who entrusted this homeland to us at the cost of their lives. I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of myself, my country and my nation to our veterans who were honoured with the title of war veterans while fighting for the same blessed cause. I would like to thank all our deputies who have served our country under the roof of The Grand National Assembly of Turkey, from the First Assembly until today, as distinguished representatives of the national will and who have paid the price when necessary. I implore Allah the Almighty to grant success to our security forces, who selflessly perform their duties



at our frontiers and within our borders for the perpetuity of Turkey, and the serenity, security and well-being of our esteemed nation. I would like to congratulate wholeheartedly our businesspeople, non-governmental organizations and civil servants who proudly wave our glorious flag in all corners of the world. With the strength we get from our deep-rooted history and long-established values, we, as 84 million

people, being one and together, continue our efforts to aggrandize Turkey and steer it towards reaching its goals. Thanks to the strength and capacity of our health infrastructure, we have successfully managed and left behind the most severe phase of the coronavirus pandemic that has deeply shaken the whole world. Likewise, in 2020, when the global economy experienced a contraction of more than 3 percent, we ended the year with a growth rate of 1.8 percent. We have not allowed any weakness to occur in any matter, ranging from the fight against terrorism to public security, from investments to the operations we have carried out beyond our borders. In this process, our strong support to our Libyan brothers who are facing attacks from coup plotters, and to the Azerbaijani Turks who were fighting against the occupation in Karabakh has, thanks be to Allah, changed the fate of both countries. While the coup plotters were defeated in Libya, our Azerbaijani

brothers also regained their own territories after nearly 30 years of occupation. We have also foiled the attempts to exclude our country and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus from the hydrocarbon resources in the Eastern Mediterranean. We have been carrying on this momentum we have gained last year, also in 2021, by further strengthening it, thanks be to Allah, in all areas, starting with the economy, production and exports. As a nation, we will fight for the realization of our cause for a great and strong Turkey, by clinging on to our unity, togetherness and brotherhood, which are our greatest assurances. In this holy struggle we carry on, the will of steel, which led the national struggle to victory and gave life to our Republic, will continue to be our guide today, as it has been for the last 98 years. With these thoughts, I would like to congratulate our 29 October Republic Day once again and wish our nation health, serenity and well-being".



DERA GHAZI KHAN: Pakistan Democratic Movement's Chief Moulana Fazl ur Rehman and PML-N President Shahbaz Sharif sit on the stage during PDM gathering. — DNA

Lebanon minister rules out resignation

Kordahi's comments were irresponsible and called on the Lebanese government to rebuild bridges with the "brotherly nations"

NEWS DESK

BEIRUT: Lebanese Information Minister George Kordahi on Sunday ruled out resignation amid a diplomatic crisis with Saudi Arabia over his criticism of the Saudi-led campaign in Yemen. Speaking to the Lebanese private Al-Jadeed television, Kordahi said resigning from the government was "out of question." Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Kuwait, and Bahrain recalled their ambassadors from Lebanon in protest of Kordahi's critical comments of the Saudi military campaign in Yemen in a televised interview said to be recorded before he took his post in the new Cabinet

headed by Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati. Asked if he "thinks that the Houthis, like Hezbollah, are defending their land as an armed organization," Kordahi responded: "Of course they are defending themselves... My personal opinion is that this war in Yemen needs to end. Houses, buildings, villages, and cities are being attacked by fighter jets." Qatar, meanwhile, said Kordahi's comments were irresponsible and called on the Lebanese government to rebuild bridges with the "brotherly nations." The Lebanese government, for its part, affirmed that it is keen to maintain good relations with the Gulf states, especially Saudi Arabia.

Blinken raises human rights concerns with China

Tensions are high between the world's two biggest economies on a plethora of fronts, including trade, human rights, Taiwan and the Covid-19 pandemic

NEWS DESK

ROME: US Secretary of State Antony Blinken met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Sunday in Rome and raised concerns over human rights, in only their second face-to-face session as tensions between the two superpowers run high. Blinken expressed opposition to actions by China "that run counter to our values and interests... including actions related to human rights, Xinjiang, Tibet, Hong Kong, the East and South China Seas, and Taiwan," State Department spokesperson Ned Price said in a statement. Blinken also noted areas where he said the US and China's interests intersect



and they can work together, including "the DPRK, Burma, Iran, Afghanistan, and the climate crisis." The meeting in Rome, where both diplomats were attending the G20 summit, is the first between Blinken and Wang since a stormy session in Alaska in March

during which the Chinese delegation berated the American side as TV cameras rolled. Tensions are high between the world's two biggest economies on a plethora of fronts, including trade, human rights, Taiwan and the Covid-19 pandemic. "Secretary Blinken underscored the importance of maintaining open lines of communication to responsibly manage the competition between the United States and the People's Republic of China," the statement said. Earlier this week, Washington ordered China Telecom Americas to discontinue its services within 60 days — ending nearly two decades of operations in the country and piling further strain on relations between the two countries. US President Joe Biden has pressed ahead with a hardline trade policy against Beijing broadly in line with that of his predecessor Donald Trump, whose bombastic approach sent tensions soaring.

NA-133 by-elections must go on: PML-N

STAFF REPORT

LAHORE: Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) has demanded the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) to hold a free, fair and transparent by-election in Lahore's NA-133 constituency. Addressing a press conference in PML-N Model town Central Secretariat Lahore on Sunday Khawaja Saad Rafique and other leaders said that the letter of PML-N government to the ECP was a political ploy because the ruling party wanted to escape away from the election due to the fear of defeat. PML-N leaders declared that they would challenge the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Amendment Ordinance issued by the President because it has no moral status. Khawaja Saad Rafique said the Lahore by-elections should not be postponed. Ali Pervez Malik said Lahore was the stronghold of Nawaz Sharif and they would win the elections with a big lead.

Sudanese protesters barricade streets

WEB DESK

KHARTOUM: Sudanese anti-coup protesters on Sunday manned barricades in Khartoum a day after a deadly crackdown on mass rallies, as a defiant civil disobedience campaign against the military takeover entered its seventh day. Tens of thousands turned out across the country for Saturday's demonstrations, marching against the army's October 25 power grab, when top General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan dissolved the government, declared a state of emergency and detained Sudan's civilian leadership. The move sparked a chorus of international condemnation and punitive aid cuts, with world powers demanding a swift return to civilian rule and calls for the military to show "restraint" against protesters. Volker Perthes, UN Special Representative to Sudan, said Sunday he had met with detained Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok, who is under armed guard by the ruling military junta. "He (Hamdok) remains well but under house arrest," Perthes said. "We discussed options for mediation and the way forward for Sudan. I will continue these efforts with other Sudanese stakeholders." The independent Central Committee of Sudan's Doctors said Sunday that militia shot dead a protester on the day of the coup, pushing its overall toll to 12 dead. A senior US official had estimated at least 20 to 30 people had been killed before Saturday's protests.

Exit polls show Japan ruling coalition to retain power

TOKYO: Japan's ruling coalition is on track to retain power but lose seats in parliament, media predictions said after polls closed in Sunday's general election, the first major test for Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. The 64-year-old, who took office a month ago, said the forecasts based on exit polls showed the public has "trust" in his long-ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its junior coalition partner Komeito. But as the votes were counted, analysts warned that a poor showing could raise questions within the LDP over the prime minister's popularity and leadership ability. Public broadcaster NHK predicted the coalition would win 239-288 of the 465 seats in parliament's lower house. TV Asahi said the coalition was expected to win 280 seats, down from its previous total of 305 — weakening the dominance of the LDP, which has held power almost continuously since the 1950s. — APP

COP26: Taliban urge donors for support

"Some climate change projects which have already been approved and were funded by Green Climate Fund, UNDP, Afghan Aid, should fully resume work"

FOREIGN DESK

KABUL: Afghanistan's new Taliban regime urged international donors to resume full support for green projects in the country on Sunday, marking the start of the COP26 summit. The movement seized power in Afghanistan in August after overthrowing the former US-backed regime, but has not yet been recognised by the international community. As such, the new Islamic Emirate will not be represented in Glasgow when world leaders gather on Sunday to renew plans to tackle the global climate crisis. But senior Taliban leader Suhail Shaheen said that climate programmes in Afghanistan that

had already been approved for UN support should continue. "Afghanistan has a fragile climate. There is a need for tremendous work," he said on Twitter. "Some climate change projects which have already been approved and were funded by Green Climate Fund, UNDP, Afghan Aid, should fully resume work." Relief agencies have warned that a drought in Afghanistan, which UN scientists say has been worsened by climate change, could force 22 million into "acute food insecurity". But the work of international agencies has been disrupted by the change in regime, and international donors are reluctant to work with the group.

KABUL: The Taliban government on Sunday said that the seat of Afghanistan at the United Nations (UN) is the right of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan as per the rules of the global body itself. "The permanent representative [at UN] should be a person accredited by government actually in power," Taliban spokesperson Suhail Shaheen wrote on his Twitter handle who is also the nominee of the new interim setup as UN ambassador for Afghanistan.



Shaheen stressed, however, that the Taliban would be able to ensure the security of teams working in the projects.

"The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is committed to providing security and a safe environment for the work of NGOs and charity organisations," he tweeted.

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