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#### Queen Elizabeth **'deeply** saddened'

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has claimed more than 1,000 lives in Pakistan this summer. Pakistan has seen exceptionally heavy monsoon rains which have triggered flash floods, affecting 33 million people and damaging near ly one million homes. The death toll is reported to be at least 1,061 people. In a message to President Arif Alvi, Queen Elizabeth said: "I am deeply saddened to hear of the tragic loss of life and destruction caused by the floods across Pakistan.

#### Japan to send emergency relief goods

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: In light of the humanitarian

close relations kistan, the Government of Japan has decided to provide emergency relief goods (Tents and Plastic Sheets) through Japan Cooper-International ation Agency (JICA) to Pakistan in response to the damages caused by the flood disaster. The emergency relief goods, which will be delivered in two times, are expected to first arrive on August 30th at Jinnah International Airport Karachi.

#### Floods not due to 'lack of planning'

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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Climate Change Sherry



in Pakistan has more to

do with poor planning and

corruption, instead of man-

made climate change.

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## Pak values ties with **ASEAN**

Ambassador Phong welcomes FM Bilawal's participation in the Asean Regional Forum

tries, dialogue and sectoral **Another picture on Page 2** new dimensions. Chair-

Ansar M Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: State Minister for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar has said Pakistan greatly values its relations with the ASEAN countries adding efforts shall be made to further cement and deepen these relations. The Minister made these remarks while speaking as chief guest on the occasion of 55th Anniversary of the ASEAN Day, celebrated at the Islamabad Serena Hotel. Members of the ASEAN coun-

partners also attended the reception. Newly-arrived ambassador of the United States of America Donald Blome also attended the event. She said we can use ASE-AN example as a beacon of light that how a region can come together with a view to getting goals of peace and prosperity. Over the last 55 years ASEAN has transformed itself into a vibrant and integrated economic platform, she added. Pakistan, she said, shares the ASEAN vision of amity and cooperation endeavored to develop and lasting and durable partnership with the member states. We believe that an integrated Asia can ensure a prosperous future for all.

Hina Khar further said Pakistan's relations with the ASEAN are time-tested and old. Pakistan became the sectoral partner of ASEAN in 1993 and since then bilateral relations are constantly on the move. In the same spirit Pakistan acceded to the Treaty of Amity during a conference held in Jakarta in 2004 and in the same year Pakistan also became part of ASEAN Regional Forum. She added, ASEAN offered huge business opportunities and it was in the interest of both partners that bilateral and multilater-

al cooperation is given

man ASEAN Committee Islamabad (ACI) and Ambassador of Vietnam Nguyen Tien Phong in his address said the 55th anniversary is celebrated with the determination that ASEAN will play its full role for economic prosperity, trade integration to promote peace and harmony with the other regions of the world.

He further said, The ASEAN underscored the importance of maintaining ASEAN's unity and Centrality in its community-building efforts and engagement with external partners, in promoting peace, security and stability as well as in enhancing

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## IMF okays release of \$1.7 bn to Pak

"We should now be getting the seventh and eighth tranche of \$1.17 billion", says Miftah

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: months-long hectic efforts, the International

Monetary Fund (IMF) exenth and eighth tranche of \$1.17 billion."

Minister Shehbaz Sharif "for taking so many son for withdrawing from the deal. tough decisions and saving Pakistan from The KP government - which is comdefault". "I congratulate the nation," said pletely under PTI's control - has althe finance minister. A few minutes be- ready written the letter, but Punjab fore the finance minister's tweet, Planning - which PTI rules in coalition with Minister Ahsan Iqbal also announced the PML-Q-is yet to write it. In a press development on his Twitter handle. Islam- conference after the leaked audio abad reached the staff-level agreement with surfaced, Mifath said at this time,

#### Miftah slams PTI

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: Finance Minister Miftah Ismail castigated the PTI leadership ecutive board Monday approved the seventh after Shaukat Tarin allegedly asked and eighth review of the stalled \$6 billion Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to Pakistan programme, announced Finance withdraw from the International Mone-Minister Miftah Ismail. Finance Minister tary Fund's (IMF) deal. The revelations Miftah Ismail announced the development on came to the fore in an audio leak Monhis Twitter handle saying: "Alhamdolillah the day where the ex-finance minister could IMF board has approved the revival of our EFF be heard directing Punjab Finance Minprogramme. We should now be getting the sevister Mohsin Leghari and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Minister Taimur Khan The finance minister also thanked Prime Jhagra to cite recent floods as a core rea-

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#### ISLAMABAD: Hina Rabbani Khar, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassadors and High Commissioners of the ASEAN member states posing for a picture on the occasion of 55th ASEAN Day celebrations. - DNA Indian PM PM for making extends condolences all-out efforts to

help flood victims

PM Shehbaz reviews rescue activities

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NEW DELHI: India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday offered heartfelt condolences to the families suffering from the extreme rain-induced flooding in Pakistan, hoping for the situation to get back to normal. Taking to Twitter, the Indian prime minister wrote: "Saddened to see the devastation caused by the floods in Pakistan." "We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims, the injured and all those affected by this natural calamity and hope for an early restoration of normalcy," said Modi. So far, about 1,061 people have died while millions have been directly affected by the abnormally heavy rains in the country.

#### IHC suspends ban on Khan's speeches

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ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) suspended the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority's (PEMRA) recent notification which prohibited television channels from airing PTI Chairman Imran

Khan's live speeches. IHC Chief Justice Athar Minallah suspended the notification till September 5 and observed that the regulatory authority "does not have the authority" to issue such orders. Barristers Ali Zafar represented Khan at the hearing, which was headed by the IHC CJ. In it, the PTI lawyer argued that Khan wanted to do a live telethon later today to raise funds for flood affectees. After hearing the arguments, the IHC chief justice suspended the notification and

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#### in the flood-ravaged areas of KP Death toll reaches 1,136

News Desk

DERA GHAZI KHAN: The overall death toll from floods across the country reached 1,136 on Monday as the threat of more flooding lingered in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Radio Pakistan reported that according to a situation report of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), 1,634 individuals were injured in various rain and flood-related incidents and over 735.375 livestock animals were lost. Additionally, over 3,451 kilometres of roads, 149 bridges, 170 shops, and 949,858 houses were damaged across the country. Meanwhile, the water level in Kabul River still ranged from medium to very high flow. Data available from the flood cell showed that a

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review the rescue and relief activities in

the flood-ravaged areas of Khyber Pakh-

tunkhwa, was briefed about the flood situ-

ation in Kabul River. Chief Secretary Khy-

ber Pakthunkhwa, Dr Shehzad Bangash,

Deputy Commissioner Nowshera, NDMA

and PDMA's authorities briefed the prime

minister about the ongoing rescue, relief

and rehabilitation operations in Nowshera

district following the devastated floods of

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NOWSHERA: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sha-

rif on Monday

directed the

authorities con-

cerned to utilize

all-out resources

location of the

flood-hit popula-

tion. The prime

arrived here to

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### Palestine starts aid campaign for Pakistan

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RAMALLAH: The Palestinian Presidency announced launching a popular donation campaign for the victims of Pakistan's floods, through the Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, in support of the Pakistani people in facing this great ordeal, which claimed the lives of large numbers of dead, injured and homeless in all Pakistani provinces.

The presidency indicated that President Mahmoud Abbas issued his instructions to send a Palestinian medical mission formed by the Ministry of Health, the Palestinian

Red Crescent and the Civil Defense, to provide all possible assistance to the wounded and affected, and to contribute to rescuing and providing the necessary treatment. The presidency affirms that President Mahmoud Abbas offers condolences to the Pakistani government and the brotherly Pakistani people for this great loss, wishing Pakistan and its people stability and prosperity in the face of this natural disaster. He praised the honorable and unwavering stances of Pakistan and its brotherly people in supporting the Palestinian people and their just cause in international forums at all levels in preserv-

ing the Palestinian land and sanctities.

## President for co-op to curb climate change effects

The President received credentials from the Ambassadors designate of Germany, Spain, Belgium, Libya, Kenya, and Ethiopia

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

ISLAMABAD: The Ambassadors designate of Germany, Spain, Belgium, Libya, Kenya, and Ethiopia presented their credentials to President Dr Arif Alvi during the Presentation of Credentials Ceremony, held at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Ambassador of the Republic of Germany, Mr Alfred Grannas, the Ambassador of Spain, Mr Jose Antonia de Ory Peral, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr Charles Delogne, Ambassador of Libya, Mr Moamer Z. O. Abdalmotlab, High Commissioner of Kenya, Ms Mary Nyambura Kamau, and the Ambassador of Ethiopia, Mr Jemal Beker Abdula, made separate calls on the President. Talking to the German Ambassador, the President said that Germany was one of the largest foreign direct investors in Pakistan. He said that German firms with expertise in wind and solar energy as well as in hydel power projects could take advantage of new sets of incentives offered by Pakistan in these sectors.



ISLAMABAD: Newly-arrived Ambassadors of Germany, Spain, Belgium, Libya, Kenya and Ethiopia presenting credentials to the President of Pakistan Dr. Arif Alvi. - DNA

The President encouraged German investors to invest in Pakistan's Special Economic Zones (SEZs) under China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He said that keeping in view the huge po-

tential of business, trade and investment between the two countries, the existing level of bilateral trade needed to be substantially improved. He stressed the need for bilateral cooperation between

the two countries to mitigate the negative fallout of climate change and global warming against the backdrop of devastating floods in Pakistan. While talking to the Ambassador of Spain, the President expressed the need to further expand bilateral relations in the economic, trade, investment and tourism sectors.

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#### **Briefs**

#### Civil society calls for speedy efforts for relief

KARACHI: Civil society activists, human rights defenders, journalists, and volunteers at a Webinar organised by The Knowledge Forum on the flood situation in Sindh spoke of extreme chaos as Sindh grapples with one of the worst floods in its history. Speakers were unanimous that current figures quoted in the official data do not represent the accurate picture of devastation on the ground. The activists were speaking at an online Zoom webinar "Assessing Provincial Picture of Flooding in Pakistan - Dispatches from Sindh" on Monday. Dr. Sono Khangharani, a development expert. Ms. Radha Bheel, a Member of Pakistan Dalit Solidarity Network, Mr. Akram Khaskheli, President of Hari Welfare Association, and Mr. Jan Odhano from Community Development Foundation were the speakers at the panel.

Other speakers included Dr. Riaz Shaikh, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST), Ms. Uzma Noorani of Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, senior journalist Shahzeb Jilani, Muhammad Yaqoob of Takhliq Foundation, Yasir Hussain from Darya Lab and others. "The situation in most of the areas is very serious as a large number of people have been affected due to prolonged rains and floods," said speakers. Due to the destruction of infrastructure and roads and railway networks access to many affected areas was difficult and a large portion of the affected population is devoid of relief, one of the

speakers said.
Dr. Somo Khangharani said that it is premature to determine the extent of the losses due to the flood. Even though in some districts there were fewer showers of rain as compared to rains in 2011, the damages were much more because there were continuous rains in those districts which damaged almost all katcha houses. – APP



ISLAMABAD: Ambassadors and High Commissioners , DHMs of Malaysia, Brunei, India, Myanmar, USA, Thailand, Korea, Indonesia, Mumtaz Zara Addl Secy MOFA, Ambassadors of Vietnam, Japan, Philippines, Norway, Switzerland and Australia posing for a picture on the occasion of 55th ASEAN Day celebrations in Islamabad. – DNA

# Ashrafi urges people to help flood victims without prejudice

tive of the Prime Minister for Interfaith Harmony and Middle East Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi on Monday urged the people to help the flood victims without any prejudice. Addressing the 'Paigham-e-Pakistan Ulema Conference' held at the Rawalpindi Arts Council and organized by the Punjab government in collaboration with International Islamic University Islamabad's Islamic Research Institute, he said people should set aside their religious and ethnic affiliation, and come forward for the assistance of the distressed people. Shedding light on the significance of Paigham-e-Pakistan, the chairman of Pakistan Ulema Council said it was a complete doctrine which taught respect of other's sect and faith, while remaining in one's own religious domain. It was signed by more than 15,000 Ulema, Mashaykh and religious scholars of all schools of thought in a bid to bring social, political and religious reforms in all segments of the society, he added. He said the Paigham-e-Pakistan also determined the rights of minorities as enshrined in the Constitution of Pakistan. "Our worship places should be used for mutual love and respect, and not for hatred or bigotry against each other," Ashrafi said.

He further said that in near future, another document titled 'Sahiban-e-Pakistan' would be launched on the rights of women in the light of the divine command and the constitution. He credited the Pakistan Army for rendering their matchless services to save the lives and properties of the flood-ravaged people across the country. Ashrafi said Pakistan's enemy wanted to destabilize the federation by creating division between the nation and the armed forces through fifth-generation warfare. "It is our national resolve to counter the propaganda being made against our security institutions through all possible means.

He also reminded the hoarders and the profiteers about the wrath of Allah Almighty had they not amended to take advantage of the people's miseries as they were already in financial crisis due to torrential rains and flash floods in the country. Responding to a question, he expressed dismay over former finance minister Shaukat Tarin's audio leaks, and said it was beyond comprehension that how a man who had been at a responsible position could direct the two federating units to write letters to the International Monetary Fund in a bid to sabotage the federal government's deal with it. He appreciated the Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Pervaiz Elahi who did not pay any heed towards such a move that could bring Pakistan's economy on the brink of destruction. The Paigham-e-Pakistan Conference was attended by a large number of renowned Ulema and Mashaykh renewing their pledge to defend the Paki stan Army from all propaganda, and help the flood-affected people with national and religious spirit. - APP

## 148 Pakistani students to leave for Hungary

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ISLAMABD: As many as 148 Pakistani students are set to leave for study in Hungarian universities as the Higher Education Commission (HEC) held a send-off ceremony to award certificates to the scholarship winners under the Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarship Programme. Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain attended the ceremony as chief guest through a video link. Chairman HEC, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Executive Director HEC Dr. Shaista So-

hail, and Charge d'Affaires Embassy of

ernment of Pakistan was fully supportive of the programmes like Stipendium Hungaricum Scholarships.

The chairman HEC appreciated the support of Hungarian Government for higher studies of the students. He said a large number of Nobel Laureates were the graduates of Hungarian institutions, and they provided guidance to Pakistan to continue journey of strengthening higher education institutions. He noted that the Hungarian universities welcomed Pakistani students as their education policy was very inclusive and open. He urged the Hungarian government to enhance

the number of scholarships for Pakistani



Hungary, Tivadar Takacs were present on the occasion. A large number of Vice Chancellors, faculty members, alumni, and scholarship awardees along with their parents attended the ceremony. Congratulating the scholarship awardees, the minister said that it was an excellent opportunity for the students to enhance their knowledge and skills and get international exposure. He advised the students to fully utilize their potential in their respective areas of study as well as under the cultural diversity to play a role in further improving harmony between Pakistan and Hungary. He maintained that the scholarship opportunity put responsibility upon the students to work hard and learn to better

students. He advised the students to utilize their energies for showing exemplary academic performance and character and play role of Pakistani ambassadors in Hungary. Shedding light on the background of the scholarship programme, Dr. Shaista Sohail said that these scholarships began in 2015 with award of 80 scholarships, which was increased to 200 every year in 2017. She highlighted that government of Hungary had shown interest in continuing the cooperation and renew MoU for 200 scholarships annually for the next three years from 2023-2025. She underlined that a total of 772 scholarships, including 565 Bachelors, 161 Masters, and 46 Ph.D scholarships, were awarded tho the students to study in Hungary from 2016 to 2021.

## HEC, universities to support relief activities

ISLAMABAD: The Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the universities have committed to further mobilize their resources for immediate, mid-term and long-term relief of the flood affected areas of the country. In this regard, an online meeting of the Vice Chancellors of public sector universities was held on Monday. Addressing the meeting, Chairman HEC Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed appreciated the universities who have already taken initiatives for immediate support of people in flood-affected areas.

He said that Pakistan's higher education sec-

tor has always responded to challenges of natural calamities, be it 2005 earthquake, 2010 floods, the issue of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) or other similar situations.

The Chairman urged the university leadership to categorize their efforts into immediate, mid-term and long-term plans. "I know many universities are doing this already but I would emphasize that provision of food, clothing and shelter to the affected people should be our top priority, with subsequent plans for medical camps by medical universities as well as respective services of agriculture, engineer-

ing and veterinary universities, etc." Dr. Mukhtar urged stronger collaboration amongst universities of similar disciplines for better identification of issues and their solution, and establish university clusters for food security, health and nutrition, livestock (including fisheries and poultry) and infrastructure. The Chairman said that HEC's IT division has been tasked to immediately create a web portal for mutual sharing of information among universities so that all activities of higher education sector for flood-affected areas are executed in a coordinated manner. – APP

## **Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust; leading from the front**



#### **S**HUJAAT **H**AMZA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan is going through a catastrophe in the form of unprecedented rains and floods. It is a scene of apocalypse; the plains of Balochistan, the fields of South Punjab, the gardens of Sindh and the hills of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa are flooded with heavy torrential rains. Houses, property and crops have been destroyed, and over 1100 people have been killed. There is a row of mourning in all the five provinces and Azad Kashmir. On occasions like this, the political leadership and the rulers are expected to put their hands on the heads of the victims, but the sad fact is that the political leadership is still engaged in politics. However, the armed forces and some welfare organizations are curbing the sufferings of the victims and putting ointment on the wounds in this hour of greatest need. A prominent name among the organizations

busy in facilitating flood victims is Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust, which is operating in this difficult time under the leadership and supervision of Chairman Abdul Razzaq Sajid. According to the information available, Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust has distributed dry ration to thousands of families in the affected districts of Balochistan and South Punjab. Meanwhile, the places which are under heavy floods, cooked food is being distributed on a daily basis. While in the vicinity of the destroyed settlements, temporary settlements of tents have been made on the railway lines or high places where the homeless families are being taken care of. According to Al-Mustafa Welfare Trust, this relief work will continue until the water recedes and the communication roads are restored. After that, the work of rehabilitation and resettlement of displaced families will be started. Which includes the construction of shelter homes and all possible compensation for the victims' losses. Chairman Abdul Razzaq Sajid appealed to philanthropists for their



support for this great work. Lessening the suffering of flood victims is the test of those who are safe from this calamity.

are safe from this calamity.

Therefore, it is the duty of overseas Pa-

kistanis to come forward and send their donations to the sincere workers of Al-Mustafa Welfare, to help end suffering of their brothers and sisters.

## Chief Secretary appeals for donations

PESHAWAR: Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shahzad Bangash on Monday appealed to people, philanthropists to give their donations to only reputed and registered organizations with previous experience of donation collection and distribution, and discouraged unregistered and individual efforts. He also urged the people and the volunteers to give their donations in kind and deposit cash donations to official relief funds only so that it could be distributed among genuine affectees.

The chief secretary, in a letter to the district administration, also directed the officials to check the credentials of unregistered organizations and individuals collecting the flood donations, and dismantle all such camps. He also directed to conduct need based assessment to determine the required goods and the quantity to avoid duplication of efforts, and also emphasized on collection of clothing, beddings, hygiene kits, mosquito repellants, general use medicines and dry ration for the flood victims. – APP

#### KP Health Deptt warns outbreak of dengue

PESHAWAR: The Health department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Monday warned of possible outbreak of dengue, Malaria, leishmaniasis, diarrhea and skin diseases in the flood affected areas and directed holding of medical camps there. In its Flood Emergency Surveillance and Response report released here, the health department said that so far screening of 100,000 flood affectees were conducted at different medical camps where 4,000 were given treatment of skin diseases and vaccines were administered to 21 persons bitten by snakes. – APP

#### **National** Days and Armed **Forces Days**

#### **AUGUST**

Aug 01/ CHINA Armed Forces Day

Aug 01/ SWITZERLAND

National Day Aug 01/ LEBANON

Armed Forces Day

Aug 01/ SYRIA Armed Forces Day

Aug 4/ BUKINO FASO

National Day Aug 09/ SINGAPORE

National Day Aug 15/ DPR KOREA

Aug 15/ INDIA

Independence Day

Independence Day

Aug 15/ POLAND Armed Forces Day

Aug 17/ INDONESIA Independence Day

Aug 24/ UKRAINE Independence Day

Aug 25/ URUGUAY Independence Day

Aug 30/ TURKEY

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Aug 31/ KYRGYZ Independence Day Aug 31/ MALAYSIA

National Day

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#### **Water Tank**

Islamabad.....0321-5744480



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Adviser on Gilgit Baltistan and Kashmir Affairs Qamar Zaman Kaira received relief goods

## IWMB: Action against tourists bathing in Margalla's springs

Hills National Park homes rich biodiversity and ecology spreading over an area of 17,000 hectares facing serious risks due to wild fires, arson, poaching, hunting and tree cutting

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Wildlife Management Board (IWMB) on Monday decided to launch strict action against the tourists and visitors for bathing in freshwater springs that got filled after massive monsoon rains and helped replenish the depleting ecology. The IWMB forest guards during their routine patrolling spotted many families including men, women and children bathing in springs of Trail-5 that had attained maximum water level in its dried and abandoned springs after a prolonged dry spell.

An IWMB official told APP that the tourists and seasonal trekkers were showing irresponsible and disrespectful attitude towards the mother nature and pristine ecology of the Margalla Hills National Park (MHNP) that was protected after many preservation efforts. The tourists believed to be at the trails to beat the heat by bathing in freshwater springs that were a source of pure water for humans

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ISLAMABAD: Benazir In-

come Support Programme

(BISP) in coordination with

banks and police officials

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ment campsites is fully mo-

bilized and ensuring speedy

disbursements of Rs. 25000

per family to the flood

affectees of Balochistan,

Sindh, Punjab and Khyber

As of Monday evening a

total of Rs. 8882068536

Pakhtunkhwa.

administration,

district

and wildlife alike and the practice of polluting it was equally detrimental for all. The recent abnormal torrential rains that had lashed out almost all of the country had also showered record rainfall in the national park that overflew its dry freshwater springs, he added.

Hills National Park homes rich biodiversity and ecology spreading over an area of 17,000 hectares facing serious risks due to wild fires, arson, poaching, hunting and tree cutting. The threat of deforestation, poaching, hunting have been controlled through the preservation and protection measures by the IWMB through public and community mobilisation and it also assisted in increasing green cover in the protected area. The official added that the conservation efforts had also improved vegetation on the hiking trails and across the national park that replenished the aquifer of the Margalla "Water level has improved spe-

ees in huge numbers are

visiting special payment

campsites which have been

established to ensure fair

and transparent payment of

financial assistance worth

Rs. 25000 per affected fami-

ly. The management of BISP

has deputed its staff at these

campsites so as to facilitate

On special Instructions of

Minister for Poverty Alle-

viation and Social Safety/

Chairperson BISP Ms.

Shazia Marri, Benazir In-

come Support Programme

has also launched emer-

the payment process.

cially at Trail-6 where all water springs are filled with water stretching over some three kilometers area. Trail-6 is also a leopard preserve zone which is not open for public and hence has unprecedented green cover and plants in the area.'

The IWMB official underlined that the IWMB staff patrolling was improved in the National Park to control tree cutting, pollution, littering in the protected area and bathing in the freshwater springs. "The water in springs to remain till the months of November and December this year as the experts claim. The aquifer of Margalla Hills National Park has also filled to its maximum which is almost 30 feet deep," she mentioned. According to Professor Dr. Zahid Baig Mirza, Senior Board Member IWMB, she said the overflowing water springs dicated replenished aquifer which had attained its maximum level after rains. Rina mentioned that the wildlife species had

dispersed in the National Park due to ample availability of water throughout the protected area and might not be spotted frequently inside the wild area of the trails. Margalla Hills National Park, she said, was

the most well staffed national park of the country with a regular strength of 70 personnel with efficient management. The Board was also waiting federal cabinet's approval for the Islamabad Wildlife Management Act which was pending at the forum as the new legislation would help IWMB to penalize violators, charge fee for entering the national park and generate revenue. He added that the details of a recent order of Islamabad High Court also needed implementation by the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Administration and Capital Development Authority (CDA). The Board also intended to create fence around the villages

to prevent further encroachment by villages

like Saidpur village. - APP

the deteriorating condition of the flood affected areas

has given instructions to enhance PAF efforts into an

aggressive flood relief campaign. CAS has also directed

all bases to generate intrinsic support to flood affectees

in coordination with local civil authorities for directed

efforts, Additionally, PAF Flood Relief Donation Account

Chief of the Air Staff's Humanitarian Assistance and Dis-

aster Relief campaign is aimed to be a targeted effort, in

order to make it more effective and efficient by reaching

out to affected people in far flung areas stranded due to

severed land routes. All branches of PAF have been direct-

ed to provide whole hearted efforts and support for this

campaign. A focal point has been established at Air Head-

quarters, Islamabad to monitor the efficiency of the relief

operations. For effective management, 03 relief zones

is being established to assist flood victims.

#### PTCL Group helps flood affected

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people

facilitation

centres in

7 merged districts

37 National Database and

Registration Authority (NADRA) registration and

citizen facilitation cen-

tres are operation in the newly merged districts

of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa

besides seven mobile reg-

istration vans each in all

seven districts. Sharing details of the said cen-

tres, official sources told

that these centres were working in Bajaur, Khy-

ber, Kurram, Mohmand,

Orakzai, North Waziristan and South Waziristan.

A total of 268 employees

were working in the said felicitation centres. Out

of total, 44 were female

employees to facilitate the

658,200

cusecs water

River System Authority

(IRSA) on Monday re-

leased 658,200 cusecs

water from various rim stations with inflow of

According to the data re-

leased by IRSA, Tarbela Dam has already attained

its maximum conversation

level of 1550 feet and was

152 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet.

Water inflow and outflow

in the dam was recorded

The water level in River

Jhelum at Mangla Dam

was 1184.30 feet, which

was 134.30 feet higher

than its dead level of 1,050

feet. The inflow and out-

flow of water was recorded

39,400 cusecs and 10,000

The release of water at

Kalabagh, Taunsa and Suk-

kur was recorded 406,600,

567,100 and 530,800

cusecs respectively. Sim-

ilarly, from River Kabul,

a total of 318,500 cusecs

of water released at Now-

shera and 37,600 cusecs

released from River Chen-

ab at Marala. - APP

cusecs respectively.

as 264,700 cusecs each.

women. - APP

ISLAMABAD:

687,600 cusecs.

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) Group has opened the doors of its medical centers for flood affected people in Swat, Dera Ismail Khan, Sukkur, Mirpur Khas, Larkana, Hyderabad, Malir-Karachi and Quetta. The centers will operate to facilitate and treat people injured in flood related accidents or fallen ill due to water-borne diseases.

Heavy rains and flooding have caused irreparable losses to life and property across the length and breadth of the country, laying waste to large swathes of settlements, bazaars, standing crops and urban centers in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and Sindh.

The government of Pakistan

has declared an emergency

across dozens of districts in all four provinces, prompting emergency response to the floods. Responding to the emergency, PTCL Group in an endeavor to support the disaster-stricken communities is extending its medical facilities to the communities affected. Speaking on the initiative, Shoaib Baig, Group Chief People Officer, PTCL & Ufone said: "Being Pakistani companies, PTCL and Ufone feel great responsibility to stand by our people during this hour of great anguish caused by the recent floods. We are taking all possible measures within our reach to bring some comfort and solace to our distressed brethren." Besides, working tirelessly to maintain uninterrupted connectivity

for continuation of rescue and relief activities, PTCL Group's decision to leverage its physical infrastructure will facilitate the people in the affected areas and share some burden of the stressed public health infrastructure of the country.

#### BISP launches Emergency **PAF Disaster Relief** Campaign ramped up Helpline numbers ISLAMABAD: As the flood calamity is affecting all across the country, Chief of the Air Staff while taking stock of

gency helpline numbers for the flood affectees of Balochistan, Sindh, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkh-Flood affectees may contact at 03011016168 in Balochistan, 03011016163 in Sindh, 03011016162 in Punjab and 03011016165 in

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Affected families can send their CNIC number to 8171 for registration in Flood Relief Cash Assistance program and upon receiving payment message they can visit their nearby campsite to receive their payment.

#### Zong gives free services in flood affected areas

ISLAMABAD: In the wake of the unprecedented floods which has affected millions of people across the country, Zong 4G has announced free of cost services for all impactof charges calls to any Zong Number in Pakistan for people in affected areas. – **DNA** 

#### have been established under Regional Air Commands whereas more than 25 helicopters and 08 C-130 aircraft of PAF Air Mobility Command are to be utilised for a swift reach out to inaccessible areas. - DNA PRCS, IFRC to Raise 35

ISLAMABAD: Chairman Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) Abrar ul Haq had a telephonic conversation with Secretary General International Federation of Red Cross (IFRC) Jagan Chapagain today and discussed need for immediate relief for flood-hit areas in the country. Both the partners agreed to launch appeal for funds worth CHF (Swiss Franc) 35 million.

million CHF (Swiss Franc)

to urge international bodies and humanitarian organizations to participate and join hands in the time of need to serve humanity and provide quick relief to rescue the flood affected people in Pakistan. During the conversation PRCS and IFRC reassured cooperation for relief and rehabilitation of the affected in coming weeks. - APP

#### In the telephonic accord, both representatives decided ed areas. Zong 4G is going above and beyond by providing free services to all impacted customers. This includes free

feeders/areas will be temporary suspended as per given schedule: On 30th August, From 07:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Mandi Bhalwal, Frash Town, I-14/3, Mushtaq Shaheed, Jalala, Nawababad, PMC Colony, Nadtopa, Visa, Shakrela, Samot, Kangar, Islampura, Union Council Road, Masrial Road, Ameer Hamza, Radio Pak, Milatabad, Peshawar Road, Range Road, Dharabi, Akwal, Bilalabad, Mugla Feeders, From 06:00 AM to 02:00 PM, Birut Gala, Darbar Mai Toti, Churahi, Dana Bhal, Charohi Dongi, Surrey, City, Kariala, Jandrot Dabsi, Ditot, Majajan Feeders, From 08:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, NDC. I & II, I-10/3, PHA-II, I-11/3, Metro, Islamic University, Bahria University, Dr. AQ Khan, I-10/2, Nust University, New Exchange, U Phone, PTCL, SES, Fazal Ghi, TB Hospital, Dhok Najo, Raja Sultan, Eid Gah, Bagh Sardaran, Mohammadi Chowk, Khayaban Sir Syed, Ali Market feeders and surroundings will be closed. IESCO management apologizes to its esteemed customers for the power outage. If the work is completed ahead of time, the power supply can be restored even before the scheduled time. - DNA

have been disbursed among

353119 flood affected fami-

lies all across Pakistan un-

der the Flood Relief Cash

Assistance program. So far,

42862 affected families of

Balochistan have received

Rs. 1,085,312,744; 211235

families have received Rs.

5,307,078,670 in Sindh;

35053 families of KP have

received Rs. 881,137,000

and 63,969 flood affected

families have received Rs.

The payment process is

likely to see a boom in the

coming days as flood affect-

IESCO issues power

suspension schedules

ISLAMABAD: According to Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO)'s spokesman, System

Maintenance/Development Work is in process. Therefore power supply of below mentioned

1,608,540,122 in Punjab.

each other's experiences. pensable for the promotion of world He expressed best wishes to the leadpeace. Developed countries can play ership and people of Canada. "Free an important role in ensuring respect



#### Palestine and Occupied Jammu and Kashmir", Sanjrani stressed. The Chairman Senate enlightened the visiting dignitary about the current for basic human rights in Occupied

flood situation in Pakistan and said that devastating flash flood in the country has left millions of people homeless, scores dead and many injured, adding that Natural disasters are a big challenge for any country or society. He stated that no one alone can face such emergencies and calamities.

Sanjrani urged developed countries to come forward and support Pakistan in this hour of need on humanitarian grounds. He also acknowledged the support and assistance provided by global community specially Canada. The meeting agreed to enhance bilateral cooperation in diverse fields and frame ways to enhance parliamentary cooperation, increase trade, visa issues and people-to-people contacts between the two sides.

#### Sanjrani urges developed countries to support Pakistan Pakistan and Canada can benefit from and equality-based attitudes are indis-

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Canadian High Commis-

sioner in Pakistan, Wendy Gilmour today

called on Chairman Senate Muhammad

Sadiq Sanjrani here at Parliament House

and discussed ways to explore new ave-

nues for further broadening the bilateral

ties between Pakistan and Canada. The

meeting discussed a host of issues, includ-

ing matters of Kashmir, Palestine and the

current devastating flash flood situation

in Pakistan. The two sides also discussed

ways for further cementing bilateral, trade

and social linkages. Pakistan seeks bilater-

al, long-term and multilateral sustainable

relations with Canada, the Chairman said,

They also examined the future roadmap for

bringing close together the people of the

two countries. Trade cooperation between

the two countries could improve the qual-

ity of life in the entire region, he added.

#### Tuesday, August 30, 2022

**President** 

**FPCCI** called on Federal

Minister

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ISLAMABAD: Irfan Iqbal

Sheikh, President FPCCI

apprised the problems of in-

dustrialists & SMEs to the Federal Minister for Indus-

tries and Production Syed

Murtaza Mahmud during a

meeting called upon by him

in his office. The President

FPCCI also discussed vari-

ous suggestions for revival

of economy, utility stores,

revival of sick industries and

President FPCCI has reiter-

ated his stance that policies

should not be announced in

a vacuum without consulting

the business, industry and

trade community - as they

are the real stakeholders in

the economy. He highlight-

ed the export potential in

sector like textile value ad-

dition, export in Information

Technology (IT), alternative

energy, housing, Halal food

market, tourism, agriculture,

gems and Jewelry. He said

that the IT sector has im-

mense potential of earning

He further said that at pres-

ent the country needs to pay

more attention to the agri-

culture sector, in which the

use of modern technology

and tools in the agricultural

sector that can increase our

He also highlighted the

export potential of abun-

dant precious gem stones

reserves in northern areas,

Balochistan and Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa that need the attention of the government

to establish laboratories

with modern machineries in

the concerned areas to ena-

ble the stake holders of this

sector to export finished

gems stones instead of raw

stone or semi finished.

foreign exchange.

yield per acre.

new industrialization.

#### Briefs

#### Nine held for possessing illegal arms

RAWALPINDI: Police have arrested nine illegal arm holders and recovered arm, ammunition and bullets from their possession during crackdown here on Monday, informed a police spokesman. During course of action, Pirwadhi police arrested Umar and recovered 01 pistol 30 bore from his possession.

Similarly, Sadiqabad police Muhammad Anwar and recovered 01 pistol 30 bore from his custody.

While, Taxila police nabbed 04 accused Sarosh Iftikhar, Hamza, Abdul Salam and Usman and recovered 03 pistols of 30 bore from their possession. Following the operation, Gujjar Khan police arrested Khuram Shehzad and recovered 01 pistol of 30 bore from his custody. Mandra police arrested 02 accused Gulfaraz and Ishtiag and recovered 01 pistol of 30 bore from their possession while 15 round were recovered from Gulfraz. Police have registered separate cases against all the accused and further investigation was in progress. SSP Operations said that Crackdown against those possessing illegal arms will be continued. - APP

#### Delays in Toshakhana case won't work

ISLAMABAD: Mohsin Shahnawaz Ranjha, a senior leader of Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N) on Monday said that Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chief Imran Khan would have to answer his misdeeds and brazen robberies in Toshakhana as he won't be allowed to escape under frequent adjournments.

Talking to journalists outside Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), he said a four member bench of ECP adjourned the hearing of Toshakhana Reference till September 7, on the request of Imran Khan's counsel, Gohar Ali Khan, who once again sought time for preparations and want of certain documents to be annexed with

the reply in the ECP. He said Imran Khan and his counsels managed to prolong prohibited funding case for eight years and they were using same tactics to prolong the Toshakhana case. On next hearing Imran's lawyers will definitely seek another adjournment pleading that their relevant record was destroyed in the recent floods. He said Imran Khan concealed gifts, in his tax returns, he received from Toshakhana and devoured all of them without having any qualms. Imran was in the habit of fleeing from the cases having potential of prosecuting and punishing him. - APP

#### ICBC, BOC collecting donations

**DNA** ISLAMABAD: The Industri-

al and Commercial Bank of

China (ICBC) and the Bank

of China (BOC) are listed among the thirty-three banks in Pakistan for collecting donations for 'Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund, 2022', Gwadar Pro reported it on Monday. Earlier, the Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong in a tweet stated that China will provide a batch of emergency humanitarian supplies, including 25,000 tents and other supplies in dire need, as well as USD 300,000 emergency cash assistance to the flood-affected Pakistan People in times

and flash floods in many parts of the country. As per the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, the Fund is administered by the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) while the Accountant General Pakistan will maintain accounts of the Fund.

of need. The Government

has established a flood re-

lief fund for providing relief

and rehabilitation to the

affectees of torrential rains

The State Bank of Pakistan has opened the "Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund Account, 2022" while all the commercial and microfinance banks have also opened the account of the Fund and are donations/conreceiving tributions in cash, through cheques, pay order and demand drafts, at all their branches across the country.

## Pakistan over-punished for climate change: Joudat Ayaz

"Climate is discussed in the world but it is not taken seriously," Joudat Ayaz told the reporter. Historical climate emissions should be paid attention to as climate change is "created by big polluting countries. Basically, their ancestors

ISLAMABAD: "Pakistan is among those countries, who are not very much responsible for climate change, but have to face its punishment," said Joudat Ayaz, a senior official, Ministry of Climate Change.

While Pakistan strives to reduce its GHG emissions, "the punishment is quite high as compared with our faults," he added in an interview with Gwadar Pro.

When it comes to 2022, millions of people have been severely affected by the intense heat that has swept across Pakistan since March. Across South Asia, sweltering temperatures have been linked to an increase in heat-related deaths, failed wheat harvests, power outages and fires, with poor and marginalized communities particularly affected. According to Global Climate Risk Index 2021 released by Germanwatch - a report that analyses and ranks to what extent countries and regions have been affected by impacts of climate related extreme weather events (storms, floods, heatwaves etc.) - developing countries are particularly affected

by the impacts of climate change.

Over the last few years, reads the report, "countries like Haiti, the Philippines and Pakistan that are recurrently affected by catastrophes continuously rank among the most affected countries both in the longterm index and in the index for the respective year." Joudat Ayaz stated, "Our fruits and crops cannot make full fruit or grains due to high temperatures this year. And if the temperature of the world increases from certain level then many coastal cities will get under the water and apparently Pakistan's coastline will be affected.'

As a result of global warming, rapidly melting glaciers have created over 3,044 glacial lakes in Gilgit-Baltistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Thirty-three of these could burst at any moment. "We were able to divert families and people, but this is showing us how real and dangerous climate stress is for Pakistan, it's quite literally here and now," Sherry Rehman, Federal Minister for Climate Change, once told the BBC World Service Newshour radio programme.

"The sad part of the story is that we are one of the lowest emitters in the world, and

yet we are experiencing the ravages of an almost existential shift in climate patterns and are a living example of all the crises that can erupt.'

"Climate is discussed in the world but it is not taken seriously," Joudat Ayaz told the reporter. Historical climate emissions should be paid attention to as climate change is "created by big polluting countries. Basicallv. their ancestors.

"World leaders were deciding by sitting in a room. The majority of them were more than sixty years old. Some were more than seventy. People sitting out there and protesting for green peace were mostly twenty to thirty-five years old.

They were saying that when the effect of global warming appeared all these old men of offices would have died. We have to live with the consequences of their decisions," Joudat Ayaz explained.

As per a report titled "Analysis: Which countries are historically responsible for climate change?" released by Carbon Brief, history matters because the cumulative amount of carbon dioxide (CO2) emitted since the start of the industrial revolution is closely

tied to the 1.2C of warming that has already occurred. In total, humans have pumped around 2,500bn tonnes of CO2 (GtCO2) into the atmosphere since 1850, leaving less than 500GtCO2 of remaining carbon budget to stay below 1.5C of warming. In first place on the rankings, the US has

released more than 509GtCO2 since 1850 and is responsible for the largest share of historical emissions, Carbon Brief analysis shows, with some 20% of the global total. Although big polluters have significantly reduced their emissions in recent decades, they remain among the most important contributors to historical warming today.

"I am not satisfied with the financial and technical assistance we got from these developed countries," Joudat Ayaz told Gwadar Pro, adding that developed countries from Western Europe and North America never fulfill their promise. "Unfortunately, if someone has promised one hundred rupees, only twenty-five rupees reach the destination eventually." "Unless we are given seats in the room, or we have the mike, we are not asked about the solution and nothing can be done," Joudat Ayaz added.

### motor cycles

During course of action, Police arrested three suspects involved in the motorcycle theft, who were identified as Bilal, Hayat and Fawad.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Pothohar appreciated performance of Cantt police teams adding that the arrested accused will be challaned with solid evidence, Other facilitators will also be arrested. - APP

## recovered

here on Monday, informed

**USA, China and UK** 

top 3 destinations

of Pakistani exports

ISLAMABAD: The United States of America (USA)

remained the top exports destination of the Pakistani

products during the first month of current fiscal year.

followed by China and United Kingdom (UK). Total ex-

ports to the US during July 2022 were recorded at US

\$499.686 million against the exports of US \$503.118 mil-

lion during July 2021, showing decline of 0.68 percent,

according to State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). This was fol-

lowed by China, wherein Pakistan exported goods worth

US \$174.076 million against the exports of US \$165.787

UK was the at third top export destination, where Pa-

kistan exported products worth US \$160.108 million

during the month under review against the exports

of US \$180.353 million, SBP data revealed. Among

other countries, Pakistani exports to Germany stood

at US \$139.056 million against US \$129.063 million

during last year, showing an increase of 7.74 per-

cent while the exports to UAE were recorded at US

\$110.646 million against US \$114.556 million last

year, the data said. During July 2022, the exports to Holland were recorded \$113.414 million against

\$98.822 million whereas the exports to Italy stood at

Pakistan's exports to Spain were recorded at \$92.327

million against the exports of US \$70.001 million while

the exports to Afghanistan were recorded \$31.757 mil-

The exports to Bangladesh stood at US \$71.507 mil-

lion against US \$51.135 million. Similarly, the exports

to France during the month under review were record-

ed at US \$43.074 million against US \$40.427 million

while the exports to Belgium stood at US \$65.549 mil-

lion against US \$58.173 million. Pakistan's exports to

Saudi Arabia were recorded at US \$29.666 million dur-

ing the current year compared to US \$28.254 million

last year whereas the exports to Canada stood at US

\$31.763 million against US \$31.818, to Malaysia US

\$24.459 million against US \$354.359 million. Overall

Pakistan's exports to all other countries witnessed

an increase of 2.68 percent during the month under

review, from US \$2235.039 million to US \$2295.027

\$105.300 million against \$89.971 million.

lion against \$ 38.613 million last year.

million, the SBP data revealed. - APP

million last year, showing an increase of 4.99 percent.

## Five stolen

RAWALPINDI: have arrested three accused involved in motorcycle theft and recovered five stolen motorcycles from their possession police spokesman.

Police have registered

separate cases against them and further investigation was in progress.

#### Rawalpindi's dengue tally reached 367

RAWALPINDI: **Epidemics** Coordinator Prevention and Control (DCEPC), Dr Sajjad Mehmood on Monday said that two dengue patients had died, while the total confirmed cases reached 367 in the Rawalpindi district.

The health officer informed tients arrived during the last hours, including 18 from Potohar town urban area, one from Chak Ialaldin, Rawalpindi Cantonment and Kahutta, while six cases were reported from outside districts in Rawalpindi counting four from Islamabad and one each from Multan and Jehlum.

During the last 24 hours, 213 dengue fever suspects had been brought to the district's health facilities, while the district administration had registered 38 FIRs, issued notices to 114, challan to 51, sealed four premises, and a fine of Rs 150,100 was imposed against the violations of dengue SOPs, he added.

Presently, he said that 15 patients having positive results were admitted to the Holy Family Hospital,13 to Benazir Bhutto Hospital and ten to the District Headquarters Hospital.

The health officer said all efforts were being made to control dengue cases in the district, adding, "Dengue fever situation is under control, and the threat of dengue fever spread will end soon as the weather changes." He said a full-scale fumigation drive was underway in different district localities. mainly where dengue larvae had been found. - APP

#### Police conducted search operation

RAWALPINDI: The police on special directives of City Police Officer (CPO) Syed Shehzad Nadeem Bukhari launched a search operation in Kohta Kalah in the jurisdiction of Morgah police station here on Monday.

A police spokesman said that heavy police contingent, Elite Force, Special Branch personnel and Ladies police along with officials of Morgah police conducted search operation.

A total of 28 houses, 15

tenants, 11 shopkeepers and 30 suspects were questioned during the operation. According to spokesman, the search operations to net criminals and proclaimed offenders were regularly being conducted under National Action Plan in different areas of the district particularly to ensure law and order. - APP

## APHC, leaders reiterate call for shutdown, march on Thursday

Hurrivat Conference.in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir have reiterated call for shutdown and a march towards the grave of veteran Kashmiri leader Sved Ali Gilani at Hyderpora, Srinagar, on his first martyrdom anniversary on Thursday. APHC General Secretary Molvi Bashir Ahmad Irfani, in a statement issued, urged the Kashmiris living across the Line of Control and abroad to hold protest demonstrations to expose Indian crimes in the occupied territory. He said that Sved Ali Gi-

lani was the leader of the

entire life and sacrificed everything for the sacred cause of freedom. His life struggle and sacrifice is the role model for the generation to come, he added.

Molvi Bashir Irfani said that India can kill Kashmiris but cannot defeat spirit of free-He appealed to the UN, OIC and international human rights organization to take cognizance of human rights violations by India in Kashmir and take immediate and concrete steps to stop Indian state terrorism.

Senior All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) leader

vi Al-Safvi in a statement issued in Srinagar said the best way to pay tribute to the martyred leader is to accomplish his missionó freedom from India and resolution of the Kashmir dispute as per aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

ISLAMABAD: Heavy machinery being used in construction work of 7th Avenue Flyover. - APP

He said that Syed Ali Gilani dedicated his whole life for the freedom cause and Indian authorities kept him under house detention till his death, received a press release here. In violation of basic human rights, Agha Moosvi said, Gilani was not even provided medical facili-

appealed to the Kashmiri people to arrange prayer sessions and Quran Khawanai in their houses and at mosques for the departed souls. Agha Moosiv said the time is ripe for the international community to come forward and facilitate a settlement of the Kashmir dispute to pave the way for durable peace in South Asia and to avert a nuclear catastrophe between nuclear-armed Pakistan and India. He said that peace in the region is linked to the settlement of the Kashmir dispute in its historical per-

#### Railways to get 50 new coaches from China in December

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways would receive first batch of as many as 50 new coaches from China to upgrade current rolling stock and provide modern facilities to the passengers in December. "Out of total 230 coaches around 50 will be provided as completely built units and the remaining 184 to be manufactured in the county by the department's engineers and technical staff under the supervision of the Chinese experts," an official told APP on Monday.

He said the coaches would have the capacity to run at the train's speed of 160 kilometers per hour and the teams of Pakistan Railways were in China for the inspection of the prototypes of the coaches as well as the modern high-capacity wagons. The official said the experts of China were also proving training to the

technical staff of Pakistan Railways on manufacturing of such rolling stock.

He said Pakistan Railway was planning to upgrade the dilapidated track as the Khanpur-Kotri section was not fit for high-speed train operation while most of the Main Line-I (ML-I) parts were fit for the 120km per hour train operation. "After the completion of the ML-I project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), the entire ML-1 track would have the capacity to bear the rolling stock

He said that under another similar nature contract, a Chinese company would manufacture 800 freight wagons and 20 brake wagons. The manufacturing of 184 coaches project. For the coaches planned to be manufactured in Pakistan - Pakistan Railways Carriage Factory, Islamabad - the Chinese firm would provide spare parts and raw materials. The official said the teams of Pakistan Railways had left for China mid of August consisting of 18 officials for design inspections, 20 for other inspections and the others for participating in the training related to

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operations at the speed of 160km per hour," he added.

in Pakistan would be under the 'Transfer of Technology' the transfer of technology. - APP

## PIAF sets up flood relief fund

The chairman said that the PIAF has always played its role at all testing times and credit goes to its members who gave maximum for the help of the deprived

DNA

ISLAMABAD: Initiating the support for flood affectees in the country, the Pakistan Industrial and Traders Associations Front (PIAF) on Monday established the 'Flood Relief Fund' with an initial amount of Rs12 million in this regard. PIAF Chairman Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol,

addressing the hurriedly-called meeting of the PIAF Executive Committee, said that the aim of establishing the fund was to extend support to the victims who were in dire need of help. He said the members initiated donating liberally and by the grace of God, an amount of Rs12 million is assembled in just a single day. He further said after negotiations with other members of PIAF the decision was took the noble initiative to help the poor in their testing times.

Faheem Ur Rehman Saigol said that the PIAF would continue to fulfill its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as it has the understanding that the government alone cannot cope with the mass devastation caused by the flood. The chairman said that the PIAF has always played its role at all testing times and credit goes to its members who gave maximum for the help of the deprived. He said that business community has to perform an extraordinary role as the situation has become too grave to be handled by the government alone. He appealed the whole business community to show generosity to-wards their flood-hit families. He said that the business community had to per-form an extraordinary role as the situation had become too grave to be handled by the govern-ment and other depart-ments alone. He said that in past, the PIAF had also given donations of million rupees for earthquake and flood victims. He said that the PIAF played a vital role at all testing times and credit goes to the members who gave maximum for the help of their deprived brothers and sisters. He asked the government to form a compre-

hensive strategic plan to tackle flood waves in future, as the floods would have severe consequences on the already fragile econo-

my of the country and inflation. He said that the businessmen are with the flood-affected people in their dire need for

rescue, relief and rehabilitation, appealing the entire nation, overseas Pakistanis, and the international community to come forward to aid those affected by the present floods in the country. He said that there will be shortages of farm

produce and their prices will sky-rocket. He said that the business community, who had already displayed remarkable philanthropic spirit in the past, should come forward once again and contribute generously in cash and kind to support the rescue and relief efforts of the government and other relevant organizations. He called upon all governments and institutions, NGOs and volunteers to offer their expertise and leadership to rescue, evacuate, and rehabilitate the affectees by providing them shelter, food and medical facilities.

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## Adventure in Taiwan strait

WO United States warships sailed through the Taiwan Strait on Sunday, the American navy said, the first such transit since China staged unprecedented military drills around the island. In a statement, the US Navy said the transit "demonstrates the United States' commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific." Tensions in the Taiwan Strait soared to their highest level in years this month after US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi visited Taipei. Beijing reacted furiously, staging days of air and sea exercises around Taiwan. Taipei condemned the drills and missile tests as preparation for an invasion. Taiwan lives under constant threat of an invasion by China, which claims the self-ruled, democratic island as part of its territory to be seized one day – by force if necessary.

Washington diplomatically recognizes Beijing over Taipei, but maintains de facto relations with Taiwan and supports the island's right to decide its own future. The US Seventh Fleet said the pair of Ticonderoga-class guided-missile cruisers — the USS Antietam and the USS Chancellors-ville — conducted the "routine" transit on Sunday "through waters where high seas freedoms of navigation and overflight apply in accordance with international law." Taiwan's defense ministry confirmed a pair of warships sailed from north to south through the channel.

The Seventh Fleet is based in Japan and is a core part of Washington's navy presence in the Pacific. The US and Western allies have increased "freedom of navigation" crossings by naval vessels of both the Taiwan Strait and South China Sea to reinforce the concept that those seas are international waterways, sparking anger from Beijing. Washington has said its position on Taiwan remains unchanged and has accused China of threatening peace in the Taiwan Strait and using the visit by Pelosi as a pretext for military exercises.

China's drills included firing multiple ballistic missiles into waters off Taiwan some of the world's busiest shipping routes – which was the first time Beijing has taken such a step since the mid-1990s. The Chinese military's Eastern Theater Command said it monitored the two ships, maintained a high alert and was "ready to thwart any provocation." Even the state-run Global Times tabloid, known for its often jingoistic and staunchly nationalist editorials, said the presence of the two cruisers brought "no actual threat to China's security." Past transits have elicited a stronger response. After the destroyer USS Benfold went through the strait in July, Col. Shi Yi, spokesman for the PLA's Eastern Theater Command, described the US as the "destroyer of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait." While earlier this month, the Chinese ambassador to Washington, Qin Gang, called on the US to halt naval transits, saying they intensify tensions and embolden "Taiwan independence separatist forces." "If there's any move damaging China's territorial integrity and sovereignty, China will respond," Qin told reporters in Washington in response to a question on possible upcoming transits.

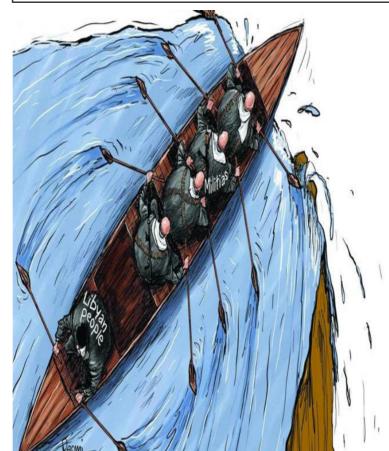
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## India's border provocations continue

NDIA and the United States have announced that they will stage a large military exercise lasting more than two weeks near the China-India border in October. Given that the special forces of the two countries just concluded a three-week joint military exercise over the weekend, also close to the border, the high frequency as well as the timing of the war games in the highly sensitive area cannot but prompt China to raise its eyebrows. Although thanks to diplomatic efforts and high-level military talks, disengagement has already been carried out in several areas, Chinese and Indian troops are still locked in a standoff in some of the disputed border areas that began in May 2020. Rather than treasuring the progress that has been made so far so as to create more favorable conditions to end the face-off in the remaining points of friction along the border, India risks jeopardizing it. By inviting external forces to conduct joint military drills in Auli, which is less than 100 kilometers from a disputed part of the Sino-Indian border, India is unwisely complicating the volatile situation, and unnecessarily making it more difficult to restore peace and tranquility along the border. A spokesman for China's Ministry of National Defense expressed firm opposition to "any third party meddling in the China-India border issue in any form" when commenting on the India-US joint military drills, as they are in gross violation of the relevant agreements signed by China and India in 1993 and 1996, according to which neither side is allowed to conduct a military exercise targeted against the other in areas near the Line of Actual Control. Such activities are provocative, and run counter to the common understanding reached by the two countries' top leaders that China and India should see each other as cooperation partners and development opportunities rather than threats.

The joint military drills, along with other dubious moves by India such as joining the Quad, a strategic security mechanism that groups India with the US, Japan and Australia, which was revamped in 2017 to target China, obviously do not serve that purpose. Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar was right when he said recently that an "Asian Century" cannot happen if India and China don't join hands, stressing that the two neighboring countries have "far more common interests than differences". Yet for that to happen, India must meet China halfway so the two countries can seek a mutually acceptable solution to the long-standing border issue through dialogue.

## Diversity for growth

Dr. Abdus Sattar Abbasi

This perception trickles down to their respective followers thus hinders their participation in the Islamic banking sector. On the other hand this perception of exclusion also results in strategic loss for the IBF that religious scholars of other schools of thoughts remain away from the conceptual and practical developments taking place in the sector thus impedes their learning to better understand IBF...

T is quite a natural phenomenon in human society that people venerategroup norms& values and remain committed & loyal to their respective cluster. People consider group norms and values as a protection because this relates them with an identity thus they abide with collective preferences. Group affiliations promote harmony among members sometimes at the cost of serious compromises and even sacrifices.Rob Wengrzyn argues, "Individuals being part of a group conform to the norms, or rules, specific to that group. In groups there are forces that shape how we behave while in that group.

These forces influence how we act as individuals without us knowing if there are 'things going on behind the curtain' that consciously or subconsciously impact how we act." Studies in organizational behaviour appreciate recognizing group dynamics yet advocate

inculcating culture of diversity while keeping group norms & values intact. Diversity and group identification collectively have the potential to bring value to organizational operations. People always try to guard group reputation while diversity brings strength, innovation, expansion and competitive advantage for the group, the organization and the society.

Today we can't deny the significance of diversity and inclusion for the success of any organization. Rose Velazquezfrom Louisiana State University suggests, "Diversity in the workplace means that anorganization should employ a diverse team of people that's reflective of the society in which it exists and operates. Inclusion is always an achievement of any work environment where all individuals are treated fairly and respectfully, have equal access to opportunities and resources, and can contribute fully to the organization's success. Inclusion is the practice of providing everyone with equal access to opportunities and resources. Workplaces that prioritize diversity and inclusion efforts have been statistically proven to be safer, happier and more productive work environments." In the context of diversity utilizing group dynamics wisely can certainly bring significant benefits for the organization. When it comes to religious orientations it is quite hard to imagine escape from given group, faction or sect. According to Barelvi school of thought, 25% Deobandi, 15% Shia and 5% Ahl-i Hadith school of thought.

When we look at the composition of Shariah boards of Islamic banks in Pakistan, it reflects dominance of one specific madrassa and its affiliates from a Deobandi school of thought, except a few exceptions, which results in several challenges for Islamic banking sector. Somemadaris within Deobandi school of thought, Barelvi school of thought and other religious factions feel excluded from the Islamic banking sector and opportunities it offers.

This perception trickles down to their respective followers thus hinders their participation in the Islamic banking sector. On the other hand this perception of exclusion also results in strategic loss for the Islamic Banking and finance (IBF) that religious scholars of other schools of thoughts remain away from the conceptual and practical developments taking place in the sector thus impedes their learning to better understand IBF and extending that knowledge to their followers. Equal opportunity is the hallmark of modern business environment. The regulator has to make sure that the perception of exclusion or discrimination in Shariah governance bodies of IBF sector is eliminated and inclusion of every religious school of thought is ensured. According toJawad Syed from University of Kent UK,

"Affirmative action (AA) is an effort to undo the unfair practices of the past in the organizations. AA is a means to level the playing field for females, excluded groups, individuals with disabilities, underprivileged classes and minorities as a logical step towards equal employment. Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) prohibits discrimination against anyone on any pretext. Pakistani law makes it obligatory for employers to follow EEO principles. Affirmative Action however is expected to be implemented as a voluntary component of EEO Policy. EEO does not, in any circumstance, mean that the managers should hire unqualified candidates in breach of merit.

This is only a mechanism to avoid unfair practices and biases during employment process."There might be several excuses such as religious scholars from other schools of thoughts are not developed enough is terms of relevant education and experience, in this case it is again the responsibility of the regulator to develop them, give them exposure to the banking operations, evolve policies for the diversity of Shariah boards ensuring representation of all schools of thoughts for the satisfaction of their respective religious segments that IBF maintains considerations of their sects.

There is another perception in the IBF sector that religious scholars from other schools of thoughts are not really interested to join IBF sector, which isn't accurate assessment. We executed a training program sponsored by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) specifically designed to ensure participation of religious scholars from all schools of thoughts of Islam. The program got overwhelming response from all schools of religious thoughts in terms of participation and interest in IBF. We were surprised by the depth of their awareness about IBF and the eagerness to join the sector. Most of the participants from excluded schools of thoughts were complaining of glass ceiling effect to limit their participation in the IBF sector.

Therefore SBP should ensure diversity and inclusion in the Shariah boards of IBF institutions in Pakistan for the expansion and swift growth of the sector. SBP can enact a regulation ensuring participation of all school of thoughts in the Shairah governing boards of IBF institutions. Financial burden of this inclusion can be addressed through different initiatives such as job-sharing or part-time arrangements. If we can overcome this challenge and transform Shariah boards of IBF institutions, I think, we can turnaround the whole IBF sector with exceptional growth and market share.

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## US, China and the Taiwan theatre: Will there be a winner?

Amin Bagheri

The US, in the framework of its policy towards China, especially since the Trump era, had put most of its efforts into the trade war and curbing China in the economic field

VV cy on Taiwan has often caused heartburn for Beijing. But in the great game in the Asia Pacific region, none would dare to go for a direct confrontation. China's angry response to US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent visit to Taiwan was on expected lines. And Washington's repeated attempts to pacify Beijing, saying that there has been no change in the US's stated "one-China policy", also followed the usual diplomatic sweet talk that follows every instance of friction between the two political and economic powerhouses. In 1949, when the communists led by Mao Zedong assumed power in mainland China-the People's Republic of China-the nationalists led by Chiang Kai-shek fled to Taiwan and formed a government-in-exile, the

breakaway region. China did not take it lightly. For years now, China has scoffed at any attempt by any country to officially engage with Taiwan, which Beijing claims is part of the

Republic of China, in the

communist nation. These developments coincided with the beginning of the Cold War between the former Soviet Union and the US. Ever since, the US has used Taiwan to exert pressure on the eastern or the communist world. Washington has also used Taiwan to

leverage its China policy. US position and policy: Although the US officially maintains a one-China policy, Washington's actions over the years have been contradictory and, at times, even provocative from China's point of view.

This means that when the Republican Party is in power, it often rattles the sabre of Taiwan's independence to exert pressure on China. This position is often adjusted during the rule of the Democrats. Regarding the US's dual policy towards Taiwan, it is worth noting that even the Democratic Party does not approve China's attempts to annex Taiwan, like Hong Kong.

Strategic ambiguity

The US's ambiguity
The US's ambiguous strategy can be seen as a sword constantly raised over China's head. Whenever China's policies are not in line with the US, it uses Taiwan as a pressure lever. Pelosi's recent trip to Taiwan is a clear example.

clear example. But Beijing, as usual, has

ASHINGTON'S ambiguous policy on Taiwan has often caused heartburn for Beijing. But in the great game in the Asia Pacific region, none would dare to go refused to cow down to Washington's arm-twisting methods. And it said so in a spectacular show of its naval might during a military exercise coinciding with Pelosi's Taiwan trip.

A group of US defence experts and the Center for Strategic and International Studies, who simulated a hypothetical Chinese attack, believe that though Taiwan will be able to repel the assault, Beijing's military will sink a huge part of the American and Japanese naval fleets.

US' goals from Pelosi's visit: But there could be more to Pelosi's recent visit than just the usual American great game of one-upmanship. With the Democrats predicted to lose control of the Senate in the US congressional elections in the coming fall, the Biden government is trying to showcase its foreign policy 'achievements' to its domestic audience. After all, China is seen as the US's biggest enemy by the American public and the US government just wanted to create social capital for itself in light of what Washington considers

Therefore, since the Biden era, the transfer of confrontation from the geo-economic field to the geo-political field has been on the agenda. And that's the reason for the creation of geo-political challenges for China, esspecially in Taiwan.

to be China's humiliation.

China's reaction: Although China has come out of the cocoon of conservatism during the Xi Jinping era and is using its power as a tool, it has still maintained a cautious approach to entering into conflicts.

Overall, the prestige war between the US and China in Taiwan has not had a winner so far. Although some believe that the US was able to humiliate China by realising Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, this is not the end of the story, and it is expected that the issue of Taiwan will be the main subject of confrontation between the US and China for many years

China for many years.
Testing China's tolerance point on the Taiwan issue is a dangerous game that may one day involve the US in unforeseen and costly consequences. On the flip side, any attempt to occupy Taiwan by China will likely be met with military, political and economic actions of the West, which will affect

the Chinese economy.

- Courtesy: TRT World

## I tracked down the house Israel stole from my grandfather

Jalal Abukhater

The population of the neighbourhood was mainly Muslim and Christian, along with a few foreign families who lived there during the time of the British Mandate. Growing up, Palestinian writer and doctor Ghada Karmi brought al-Qatamon alive for me through her 2002 memoir

AST month, and coinciding with United States President Joe Biden's visit to Jerusalem, the Haifa-based Adalah Legal Center released a report detailing how land designated for a planned US embassy was actually owned by Palestinians before it was stolen by Israel following the Nakba of 1948.

len by Israel following the Nakba of 1948. The descendants of the original owners include Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem, as well as Palestinian Americans. Adalah, along with these descendants, shared in their report original documents serving as proof of ownership of the property in Jerusalem. The parties have demanded that the Biden administration cancels the plan to build a diplomatic mission on stolen land. The revelations and the struggle of Palestinians to reclaim their land feel personal to me. They echo a similar battle for our past that my grandfather – and many others – waged. After 1948, Israel legalised the systematic theft of Palestin-

ian homes and properties in West Jerusalem, in particular through the Absentee Property Law. That 1950 legislation declared Nakba refugees "absentees" even if they were in the eastern part of Jerusalem and allowed the Israeli government's Custodian of Absentee Property to take over their property. Back then, the Americans themselves recognised this fact in a cable sent by the US consul general in Jerusalem in December 1948. The consul general wrote to the US secretary of state, stating that Israel was trying to "eliminate" the possibility of Palestinian refugees returning home, in defiance of a United Nations resolution passed earlier that month and supported by the US.

My family was one of the many Palestinian families that were denied the right to our homes in Jerusalem's west side. Before Israel, my grandfather owned a house in al-Qatamon, a modern and affluent neighbourhood of Jerusalem, located 2km (1.2 miles) south of the Old City. Established in 1860, Al-Qatamon included 204 Palestinian homes on land that spanned 20 hectares (49 acres). It was established to accommodate middle to upper-class Jerusalemite families who found life within the walls of the Old City too crowded.

The population of the neighbourhood was mainly Muslim and Christian, along with a few foreign families who lived there during the time of the British Mandate. Growing up, Palestinian writer and doctor Ghada Karmi brought al-Qatamon alive for me through her 2002 memoir, In Search of Fatima. In her book, Karmi described her family's stone house and its garden full of citrus and olive trees. Karmi and her family were forced out of the neighbourhood when she was eight years old, during the Nakba.

Later, I came to hold documents that my grandfather and father had carefully kept, proving the ownership of our house in al-Qatamon. The papers showed that my grandfather had registered the property on April 21, 1939. He had bought it from another Palestinian Jerusalemite family, the Zmourrods. Everything changed in 1948, following my family's expulsion to East Jerusalem. My grandfather, though just 1km (0.6 miles) away from al-Qatamon, was suddenly an "absentee" under Israeli law.

The land registry deeds in my hands showed how on July 28, 1957, the Custodian for Absentee Property sold my family's house to Israel's Development Authority, so it could be taken over by new Jewish tenants. The same land registry

deeds that listed my grandfather as the owner of this property now had another party selling it away.

In 1970, the Israeli Knesset passed the Legal and Administrative Matters Law, which effectively meant that Jewish owners who had to flee their property in East Jerusalem in 1948 would not be considered "absentees" in the then-newly occupied part of the city. They could return to claim their homes. That same law, however, did not extend similar benefits to East Jerusalem residents who once owned property in West Jerusalem. Those Palestinians, like my grandfather, remained "absentees".

Still, my grandfather decided he wanted to claim his home. On March 28, 1972, as a resident of a Jerusalem "unified" under Israeli authority, he wrote a letter to the Custodian of Absentee Property. He requested that his house be returned to him since he was now a resident of Jerusalem and no longer "absent". He finished his letter with these emphatic words: "This house is my private property and no one else has any connection with it." Nearly a month later, the Custodian of Absentee Property in Jerusalem wrote back, citing the Absentee Property

Law as cause to turn down my grandfather's plea.

With the documents in my hand, and relying on what my father knew, I pinpointed the exact location of the house and took my dad for a visit in the summer of 2021. We were not surprised to find it was still there, and that it was occupied by a Jewish Israeli family. The building had two extra stories added on top of the original one-storey house. Everywhere I looked in the neighbourhood, I saw evidence of our Palestinian existence, and I felt the heartache of our erasure. The 1970 law enabled Jewish groups to claim ownership of property in East Jerusalem, most prominently in the areas of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan. To date, Palestinians displaced by Israel do not enjoy that right in West Jerusalem.

As Palestinians in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan, and other neighbourhoods of East Jerusalem face eviction orders in favour of Jewish settlement, I cannot stop thinking about the sheer injustice of it all. They claim Jerusalem is an undivided city, yet there are two laws governing two peoples in the most unequal manner. They claim we have rights, yet I believe they merely tolerate our existence. We lack the right to vote, the right to housing, the right to property – and with

our ancestral homes stolen, the right to our history.

– Courtesy: Al Jazeera

## World / Sports



**President** 

for co-op to curb climate

change

effects

From Page 01

He appreciated the Spanish

support to Pakistan on GSP

Plus Scheme and hoped that

this support will continue in

future as well. He stressed

the need for the early finali-

zation of an agreement on

Defence Cooperation be-

Talking to the Belgian Am-

bassador, the President

stressed the need to sub-

stantially increase the vol-

ume of bilateral trade from

its exiting volume of US\$

1.35 billion by increasing

the pace of exchanges of

business delegations, par-

ticipating in trade fairs and

launching joint ventures as

well as forging meaningful

cooperation in agriculture,

port handling and dredging,

and science and technology.

Talking to the Ambassa-

dor of Libya, the President

stressed the need for ex-

panding the scope of trade

ties and exploring new

avenues of economic co-

operation between the two

countries. He expressed

the hope that the new Am-

bassador, appointed after a

gap of 11 years, would work

towards further deepening

the relationship between

the two brotherly nations.

Talking to the Kenyan en-

voy, the President said that

Pakistan accorded utmost

importance to the economic

and trade ties with Kenya, it being Pakistan's no. 1

export destination and no.

2 import destination in the

African continent. He also

expressed satisfaction over

the existing level of bilateral

cooperation and coordina-

tion in the areas of trade,

economy, defence and bor-

During his discussion with

the Ethiopian Ambassador,

the President appreciated

the decision of Ethiopian

leadership to open a diplo-

matic mission in Islamabad,

and expressed the hope that

it would improve bilateral

relations, enhance mutual

exchanges, and would open

a new era of friendship and

cooperation between the two

brotherly countries. He also

welcomed the increasing co-

operation between the two

countries in the aviation sec-

tor and the commencement

of 2 weekly direct flights

reconnecting Karachi with

Africa through Addis Ababa.

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#### **Briefs**

#### **Pak values** ties with **ASEAN**

From Page 01 regional resilience in response to common and emerging challenges, he said. The ASEAN countries also shown its shared commitment to maintaining and promoting peace, security and stability in the region, as well as to the peaceful resolution of disputes, including full respect for legal and diplomatic processes, without resorting to the threat or use of force, in accordance with the universally recognised principles of international law, including the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).

He also talked about participation of Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari in the Asean Regional Forum held in Cambodia where he met with the ASEAN leadership. His presence indeed contributed greatly towards further strengthening of ASEAN-Pakistan relations.

#### IMF okays release...

From Page 01 the Washington-based lender in July but the board meeting could not be held despite Pakistan's appeal to expedite the process.

#### Miftah slams PTI

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Pakistan is drowning and the only hope after God is the international money lender. "Shaukat Tarin is the architect behind PTI's move. Is Imran Khan so power-hungry that he will do anything to get back? Is Imran Khan bigger than Pakistan?" "Should we rename Pakistan to Bani Gala? Have they no shame? How can they stoop so low?" the finance minister questioned. Miftah said the KP finance minister had told him that he had not sent the letter in which he pulled out from the IMF deal - to the lender "Have some shame [ I verified it, the letter was sent to the IMF."

The finance minister said the coalition government took tough steps, but it was all to save the country from default. "Some PML-N leaders - including Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and Nawaz Sharif - were against coming into power." "You have crossed all lines this time," he told the PTI.

#### PM for making...

From Page 01 the August 27 that wreaked havoc to people's lives and properties besides infrastructure, standing crops, gardens and livestock. During the briefing at Mardan Bridge, the authorities concerned apprised him of the ongoing rescue and relief operation as well as other facilities being provided to the displaced people at the relief camps.

It was told that medical camps had also been established to provide required medical support to the flood victims staying at camps as well as at their own houses. He was informed that 70 relief and 11 medical camps were established for flood victims at Jhangira tehsils, Pabbi and Nowshera and assistance was being provided to the affect ees. The prime minister was informed that the stoppage of Tarbela Dam's water had helped passing of the flow of floods in River Kabul without causing further losses.

#### **IHC** suspends...

From Page 01 issued notices to the regauthority and Attorney-General of Pakistan Ashtar Ausaf Ali. The PEMRA ban came into place on August 21 after the PTI chairman threatened state institutions and government officials with serious consequences.

PEMRA's notification said that Khan's addresses are in open violation of the regulator's rules and Article 19 of the Constitution of Pakistan. According to the regulator, the ban has been put in place under Section 27 of the PEMRA Ordinance 2002. The PEMRA notification cited Khan's speech at the F9 Park, Islamabad as the reason behind the ban.

## Sadr quits politics as country's political stalemate worsens

"The security forces affirm their responsibility to protect government institutions, international missions, public and private properties," a military statement said

BAHGHDAD: Iraq's powerful Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr announced he is quitting political life for good and closing his political offices in a move that could further inflame tensions in the country. The statement, published on Twitter on Monday, comes amid months of protests by his supporters backing his call for the dissolution of the Iraqi parliament, which has seen 10 months of deadlock - representing the longest Iraq has gone without a government and for new elections to be held. "I hereby announce my final withdrawal," al-Sadr said. He added "all the institutions" linked to his Sadrist movement will be closed, except the mausoleum of his father, assassinated in 1999, and other heritage facilities.

The announcement was quickly met with escalation from al-Sadr's supporters, who stormed the Republican Palace, a ceremonial building inside Baghdad's fortified Green Zone of government buildings that houses the office of the prime minister.

Hundreds pulled down the cement barriers outside the Republican Palace with ropes and breached the palace gates. Many rushed into its lavish salons and marbled halls, a key meeting place for Iraqi heads of state and foreign dignitaries. Supporters, who have gathered at a sit-in since the end

**Anushka blamed for** 

cricketer's mental

health problem

KARACHI: Former Indian skipper and star batter Virat

Kohli admitted that a recent run drought had a negative

influence on his mental health and that he had been act-

ing to show that everything was alright. The prominent

batsman had previously admitted to having depression.

Meanwhile, Kamal Rashid Kumar, a self-described critic

from India, has blamed Anushka Sharma, Virat's wife, for

the deterioration of the latter's mental state. In a Twitter

post, KRK wrote: "Virat Kohli is the first cricketer in India

who is having a problem with depression. Ye hai result ek

heroine se shaadi karne ka (This is the result of marrying

an actress). She must have put in his head that he is hav-

ing a depression problem." KRK stated in another tweet

after deleting the one he had initially posted following criticising Anushka Sharma for Virat Kohli's mental state:

"Ek North Indian strong boy Virat Kohli Ko depression ki

beemari kaise ho gayee? (How could a strong North Indian

boy suffer from depression)?" In spite of his allegation, he

also questioned Kohli's inclusion in the squad. KRK faced

criticism for his unjustified statement. On the other side,

Kenyan cyclist dies

after high-speed crash

LONDON: Kenyan cyclist Suleiman Kangangi has died follow-

ing a high-speed crash in a race in the United States on Sat-

urday. The 33-year-old, who raced for the East African based

Team Amani, was taking part in the Overland gravel race in

Vermont - a 59-mile dirt-road contest including almost 7,000ft

of climbing. "Sule is our captain, friend, brother. He is also a

father, husband and son," the team said in a statement. "Gap-

"Instead of leading us at the front of the pack, he will

now lead us as our guiding pole star as we press for-

ward in the realisation of his dream." Kangangi finished

third in the Tour of Rwanda in 2017 while racing for the

German UCI Continental team, Bike Aid, before switch-

ing to gravel racing. His latest team, Amani, sets out to

"support the development of young East African cyclists"

primarily from Rwanda, Uganda and Kenya. - DNA

ing holes are left when giants fall. Sule was a giant.

Anushka has not reacted to KRK's remarks. - DNA

of July near the Iraqi parliament, also approached a counter-protest held by al-Sadr's Shia rivals, leading to fears of an outbreak of violence between the two groups. The army, meanwhile, announced a Bagh-

dad-wide curfew that went into effect at 3:30pm (12:30 GMT). "The security forces affirm their responsibility to protect government institutions, international missions, public and private properties," a military statement said. In his statement, al-Sadr attacked his political opponents and said they had not listened to his calls for reform. Al-Sadr has withdrawn from politics or gov-

fluence over state institutions and controls a paramilitary group with thousands of members. He has often returned to polit ical activity after similar announcements, though the current political deadlock in Iraq appears

ernment in the past and also disbanded militias loyal to him. But he retains widespread in-

harder to resolve than previous periods of dysfunction.

Hamzeh Hadad from the European Council on Foreign Relations questioned the motivation behind al-Sadr's move.

"It's not quite clear what is he resigning from. Is he asking the other members of his party that hold bureaucratic positions in the state to resign? That's to be seen. He has done this many times and usually when he does claim to be withdrawing or resigning from the political system, it's usually before

elections and he always ends up

backtracking. So, the question again here is will he backtrack as well?" Hadad told media. Monday's announcement came two days after al-Sadr said "all parties", including his own should, give up government positions in order to help resolve the months-long political crisis, while calling those "have part of the political pro-

States-led invasion of the country

"no longer participate". Al-Sadr's party, the Sadrist Bloc, won the most seats in an October 2021 election, but he ordered his legislators to resign en masse in June after he failed to form a government of his choosing, which would have excluded powerful Shia rivals close to Iran. Al-Sadr's supporters stormed the parliament building in late July and stopped his rivals from appointing a new president and prime minister. Mustafa al-Kadhimi, al-Sadr's ally, said he suspended cabinet meetings until further notice after Sadrist protesters stormed the government headquarters on Monday. Al-Kadhimi re-

mains Iraq's caretaker prime minister. Reporting from Baghdad, journalist Mahmoud Abdelwahed said more al-Sadr supporters joined those staging the sit-in at parliament. adding al-Sadr's statements appeared to seek to distance himself from any potential unrest. "This resignation comes at a time that the political crisis in Iraq has reached an elevated stage," said Abdelwahed. "It can be read in terms of disappointment, frustration by the Sadrist movements. But on the other hand it could be also read as an attempt to try to put more pressure on his rivals". He added the political deadlock has halted services that are "impacting the regular citizens". Protests last week spread to the country's Supreme Judicial Council, the country's top administrative judicial authority, as al-Sadr called on the judi-

## PSG perfect record ended by Monaco

PARIS: Neymar scored from the penalty spot but Paris Saint-Germain's perfect start to the French campaign was ended in a 1-1 draw with Monaco on Sunday, while Alexis Sanchez scored his first goals for Marseille in a 3-0 win at Nice. In Paris, Neymar rolled in his eighth goal in five matches this season from a penalty awarded when the VAR alerted the on-pitch referee to a foul on the Brazilian by Monaco defender Guillermo Maripan midway through the second half.

Monaco had taken the lead when Kevin Volland burst forward, holding off Presnel Kimpembe, before firing past Gianluigi Donnarumma 20 minutes in at the Parc des Princes. The principality side played well, yet PSG deserved at least the draw from a game in which they hit the woodwork three times. Nevertheless, the result does slightly puncture their momentum after a start to the season in which they had won their opening three league games, scoring 17 goals in the process. They also beat Nantes 4-0 in the season-opening Champions Trophy but Monaco were

easily the most accomplished PSG were denied an equalis-

side they had faced yet. "We had difficulties in the first half against a European-level opponent but we deserved to win the game based on our second-half showing," PSG coach Chris-

tophe Galtier told broadcaster Amazon Prime. PSG have 10 points from four games and are top of Ligue 1, but only on goal difference from Lens and Marseille. Volland silenced the home crowd when he ran through to fire Monaco in front, although that was to be his last involvement as he hurt himself while shooting.

er right on the stroke of halftime in remarkable fashion. as Lionel Messi smashed a long-range shot off the lefthand post, before Kylian Mbappe hit the opposite upright from the rebound. Monaco were also grateful to goalkeeper Alexander Nuebel for saving from Neymar from point-blank range after the restart, but PSG got their equaliser with 20 minutes to go, as Mbappe left the penalty duties to his Brazilian teammate.

"The order was Kylian number one and Nevmar number two but I saw they had an

Olympian Manzoor

Hussain Jr passes away

KARACHI: The shining star of Pakistan Hockey, the

legendary Olympian Manzoor Hussain Jr, has passed

Manzoor was undergoing treatment at a local hospital in

Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) President Brigadier

(Retd) Khalid Sajjad Khokhar and Secretary General

Haider Hussain have expressed deep sorrow over the

death of PHF Chairman Selection Committee and hockey

In the statement, the PHF said Manzoor Hussain Jr. was

the capital of Pakistan hockey and his services for Paki-

"His family, all of us, the hockey family, are in a very sad

state. We pray to Allah to give courage to the entire hockey

It is worth mentioning here that Manzoor captained the na-

tional team and won the goal medal at the 1984 Los Angeles

Olympics. He was also part of the winning national hockey

team of 1978 and 1982. He is still recognized by the hockey

fraternity and his family to bear the great tragedy.'

Lahore due to a heart attack which he could not survive.

away due to a heart attack on Sunday.

legend Olympian Manzoor Hussain Jr.

stan hockey will never be forgotten.

exchange and Nevmar spoke to Kylian before taking the penalty," said Galtier. PSG then had chances to win all three points, with Achraf

Hakimi's fierce shot hitting the post in the 74th minute, before Nuebel denied Mbappe late on. Sanchez netted a first-half brace as Marseille eased to victory in Nice to maintain their unbeaten start to the season. The Chilean former Arsenal star, who signed a one-year contract after leaving Inter Milan, opened the scoring in the 10th minute, firing into the roof of the net past goalkeeper Kasper Schmeichel.

#### Death toll reaches 1,136

From Page 01 decrease of 41,000 cusecs was recorded in the river's water level and 296,731 were through the river at Nowshera - which was still "very high" flow. However, that was lower than Sunday's flow of over 336,000 cusecs. The irrigation department also said that a "high" flow was reported in Kabul River at Warsak with 103,614 cusecs and "medium" flow at Adezai Bridge with 54,495 cusecs flowing. According to a statement from Nowshera's deputy commissioner office, the water level in the Kabul River was continuously decreasing and was likely to go down further in the next five to six hours.

Moreover, high water level was also observed in the Indus River at Chashma, with inflow and outflow levels recorded at 525,362 cusecs and 519,362, respectively. However, the flood cell data showed that the rest of the rivers in KP were flowing at low, normal, and medium levels.



COPENHAGEN: Pakistan ambassador to Denmark, Ahmad Farooq hosted a lunch for the Ambassador-designate to Pakistan Jakob Linulf. He also briefed him on the latest issues in Pak-Danish bilateral relations and discuss matters of mutual importance. - DNA

## **Harry Kane fires Spurs** to win over Forest

ham career and loan spells

at Millwall, Leicester and

Levton Orient.

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double earned a 2-0 win at Nottingham Forest that lifted Tottenham to third in the Premier League, while Aston Villa boss Steven Gerrard is under intense pressure after a 1-0 defeat against West Ham on Sunday. Antonio Conte's side have made an encouraging start to the campaign. Kane ensured they maintained that momentum at

the City Ground. The England captain put Tottenham ahead with a clinical finish after collecting Dejan Kulusevski's pass just outside the Forest area in the fifth minute. It was Kane's 200th league

goal, including his Totten-

LONDON: Harry Kane's

Kane wasted a chance to increase Tottenham's lead 11 minutes after half-time when Steve Cook handled Ivan Perisic's cross. Dean Henderson saved Kane's penalty as he missed from the spot in the league for the first time since 2018. Kane made amends with

his fourth goal this season in the 81st minute. Richarlison won the ball back and crossed for the striker to head into the empty net. With three wins from four games. Tottenham are level on points with second placed Manchester City and two points behind leaders Arsenal as the two north London rivals set the early

pace. "The game was re-

ally tough. To play in this stadium is not easy. There is a lot of noise around the pitch," Conte said. "Forest won many duels but in the second half I thought we did much better to control the game. "The players are improving in their resilience and learning to suffer together and be compact." West Ham arrived at Villa Park bottom of the table after losing their first three games without scoring. Pablo Fornals' goal late in the second half ended West

Ham's wait to get off the mark as they climbed out of the relegation zone. Fornals' shot deflected off Villa defender Ezri Konsa and looped over keeper Emiliano Martinez to

break the deadlock with 15

minutes left.

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**10 Yemen** 

**'dangerous** 

escalation'

DUBAI: Ten Yemeni soldiers were killed in an

overnight rebel attack near the blockaded city of Taez,

Yemen's government said

on Monday, calling it a "dan-

gerous escalation" after a

months-long ceasefire. The

assault, which also left sev-

eral soldiers wounded, was

aimed at cutting off a key

route to the southwestern

city of about two million,

The Iran-backed Huthi re-

bels have blocked main

roads into Taez since 2015,

the same year that a Sau-

di-led coalition intervened

in the conflict. Yemen's

warring parties have been

observing a ceasefire since

April, bringing a drastic

reduction in hostilities al-

though small-scale fighting

The Taez attack was a "bla-

tant challenge to all initi-

atives and efforts seeking

to end the war and achieve

peace", Yemen's interna-

tionally recognised govern-

ment said in a statement. It

was "an attempt to under-

mine efforts to expand and

extend the humanitarian

Military sources said the

rebels, who hold much of

Yemen including the capital

Sanaa, were trying to cut

off the road linking Taez

with government-controlled

Lahj. The rebels infiltrated

army sites and clashed with

government soldiers in a

battle fought on multiple fronts, they said. No detail

truce", it added.

has continued.

the government said.

#### **Briefs**

#### Russia isn't winning energy battle

**News Desk** 

STAVANGER: Russia is not winning the energy battle, and it has lost one of its strategic energy partners, said Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency (IEA). Birol, who spoke Monday during the ONS 2022 International Energy Conference held in Stavanger, Norway, said that Russia's goals of bringing 30 billion cubic meters (bcm) of LNG capacity by 2030 will have to go back to the drawing board. There is a misconception when it comes to incomes, said Birol, a Turkish economist and energy expert. "Russia is not winning the energy war," he said. "I think that's a myopic view of the situation. Russia has lost one of its strategic energy partners. Moscow has lost great trust among customers around the world.'

He also pointed out that many people complain that it is late to clean energy after the negative developments in the energy market. "There is a drought. Half of the nuclear power plants in France are not operational. This crisis has nothing to do with being late for clean energy options," Birol said.

#### NASA scrubs Artemis I lunar launch

MONITORING DESK

WASHINGTON: NASA scrubbed its new moon rocket launch Monday morning after fuel leaks were discovered just an hour before the scheduled launch of the Artemis I mission. The launch was frozen at T-40 minutes at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida as NASA officials discussed how to address leaks that were discovered during fueling. NASA said it cancelled the launch due to the "engine bleed" after the rocket was largely fueled. Engineers are now collecting data "about this particular engine and the bleed that didn't work out," NASA said on its official broadcast.

The rocket has vet to be drained of the hydrogen fuel to allow engineers to gather as much data as possible. The earliest date that the launch could proceed would be 12:48 pm local time (1648 GMT) on Sept. 2, but NASA first needs to develop a plan to address the "engine bleed." The planned launch was slated to include an uncrewed flight test ahead of human lunar exploration planned under the Artemis program. The launch is expected to send an uncrewed Orion crew capsule into orbit around the moon. The capsule is set to fly as close as 60 miles (97 kilometers) to the moon's surface before taking a wider orbit. Mannequins with high-tech monitors are riding in place of humans and will send critical data back to NASA, including on radiation levels, one of the most significant threats to astronauts in deep space. The SLS rocket is the most powerful developed by the US, and has been the cause of major cost overruns, upping the pressure on NASA to carry out a successful launch.

#### Britain's biggest warship halted after leaving port

#### Foreign Desk

LONDON: Britain's biggest warship, HMS Prince of Wales, has suffered a mechanical issue shortly after leaving southern England for what the Royal Navy described as a "landmark mission" off the coast of North America and in the Caribbean. "HMS Prince of Wales remains in the South Coast Exercise Area while conducting investigations into an emerging mechanical issue," a Royal Navy spokesperson said in a statement. The UK Defence Journal website reported the ship was anchored off the Isle of Wight and divers had been sent down to determine what was wrong, with concerns about damage to a propeller.

## Germany's Scholz eyes 'sovereign, enlarged EU'

The German leader also cracked open the door of Europe's borderless Schengen group to Croatia, Romania and Bulgaria, saying he will "work to see them become full members" - something welcomed immediately by Romanian President Klaus Iohannis

#### FOREIGN DESK

PRAGUE: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Monday pledged emphatic backing for Ukraine and other hopefuls to join the European Union, underlining however that enlarging the bloc to "30 or 36" would require reforms. In a speech laying out his vision for the EU during a visit to the Czech Republic, Scholz said Russia's invasion of Ukraine requires a "European answer to this watershed". The bloc needs to reduce its "one-sided dependencies", be it on the economic, energy or defence fronts, he urged, calling for a "geopolitical, sovereign and enlarged EU". The German leader also underlined that he was "committed to" having the six nations of the western Balkans, Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine accede to the bloc. "Their EU accession is in our interest," said Scholz.

But as the bloc widened, each member's veto right would have to go, he said, with a transition to a "majority voting" system so as not to slow EU decision-making down. The Ukraine war is already putting the system of unanimity to the test, at a time when swift action is all the more necessary, Scholz said. "Let's seek compromises together," he added, suggesting that majority voting could be applied to sanctions policy for a start. Member states are also not faced with only two options of voting 'yes' or 'no', but can adopt "constructive abstention", he said. The EU agreed candidacy status



for Ukraine and Moldova in June, while Albania and North Macedonia in July joined Balkan neighbours Serbia and Montenegro in formal negotiations for membership with Brussels. But the road to accession was expected to be long, and in the meantime, Scholz said the European hopefuls should be included in a new political forum, as suggested by French President Emmanuel Macron "to discuss key issues that affect our

continent as a whole". The grouping would not however take the place of EU accession, said Scholz, stressing that promises to candidates "must be followed by deeds". The German leader also cracked open the door of Europe's borderless Schengen group to Croatia, Romania and Bulgaria, saying he will "work to see them become full members" - something welcomed immediately by Romanian President Klaus Iohannis. Scholz noted that the Ukraine war had also exposed the "uncoordinated shrinkage of European armed forces and defence budgets" over the last years, which had to be rectified with "coordinated growth". This meant greater cooperation between European businesses on armaments projects, joint manufacturing and procurement, he said.

Germany, he said, will be ramping up "very significantly" on its air defence system, and will design it in a way that it could also be a shield for European neighbours from the Baltics to Scandinavia. Scholz did not give

details about the system but in March revealed plans to purchase an Israeli anti-missile shield system that could also offer protective cover for neighbouring EU states. Berlin is meanwhile already coordinating with the Netherlands on a "division of labour" on arming Ukraine, said the German chancellor, as he urged other allies to join in the coordination. "I can, for example, imagine that Germany will assume special responsibility in terms of building up Ukraine's artillery and air defence capacities," he said, vowing support for Kyiv for "as long as it takes".

Beyond defence, Scholz also eyed shedding "one-sided" reliance on energy imports but also that of other vital supplies like lithium or cobalt, for which demand from hightech industries has boomed. While the EU should not seek to shut others out, it should work towards greater internal coordination, be it on energy supplies or simply vehicle charging points. It should also hold fast to its founding principles for human rights and rule of law, he said. In reference to ongoing legal rows between the EU and Poland or Hungary over a slew of issues, Scholz said that in these countries, too, most people "want the EU to do more to stand up for freedom and democracy". For Scholz, the EU commission could be given a "new way to launch infringement proceedings" on issues that breach core values of freedom, democracy or human rights. "Especially at this time, with autocracy challenging our democracies, it is more important than

#### was available on rebel casualties. - Agencies Skeleton

LISBON: Palaeontologists sauropod, a herbivorous di-

specimens discovered in Europe, perhaps in the palaeontologist Elisabete Malafaia, from the Faculty of Sciences at Lisbon University, told AFP on Monday. The bones were uncovered by Portuguese and Spanish scientists in the garden of a house near Pombal in central Portugal at the beginning of August. Among the bones collected, they found the remains of a rib about three metres long, Malafaia said. Fossil fragments were first noticed at the site in 2017, when the owner was digging up his garden to make way for an extension. He contacted palaeontologists, who unearthed part of the dinosaur skeleton earlier this month and have been examining it ever since. Sauropods have characteristically long necks and tails and are among the largest animals to have ever lived. – **Agencies** 

#### of huge dinosaur unearthed

in Portugal have unearthed the fossilised skeleton of what could be the largest dinosaur ever found in Europe. The remains are thought to be those of a nosaur 12 metres (39 feet) tall and 25 metres long that roamed the Earth around 150 million years ago. "It's one of the biggest

#### Planet needs more oil and babies: Musk

OSLO: Billionaire tech entrepreneur Elon Musk, who has fathered 10 children. said on Monday the world needs to "make more babies" - and keep digging for oil. The richest man on the planet, who has repeatedly warned that low birth rates posed a "danger" to civilization, said ahead of an energy conference in Norway that the world is facing a "baby crisis". Asked about the greatest challenges facing the world, Musk cited the transition to renewable energies but also said the birth rate was "one of my favourite... things to be concerned about." "We don't want the population to drop so low that we'll just eventually die," Musk, founder of American electric car manufacturer Tesla and SpaceX, told reporters in Stavanger, southwest Norway.

"At least make enough babies to sustain the population," he added. Many Western societies and populated countries such as China are facing declining birth rates and ageing societies. "They say civilization might die with a bang or with a whimper," added Musk. "If we don't have enough kids, then we will die with a whimper in adult diapers. And that will be depressing." - Agencies

## EU plans to suspend deal easing Russian visa requests

PRAGUE: The European Union plans to make it harder for Russians to travel to the bloc by suspending a deal that eases their visa applications, an EU diplomat said Monday. "We cannot continue the visa policy as it has been up to now," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity ahead of a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Prague to discuss Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "Tourism is not a human right," he added, underlining the symbolic importance of the 2007 visa facilitation agreement, which marked an attempt to build more positive engagement with Moscow. The measure, which could come into force in October if approved by member states, does not amount to a formal ban on tourism visas demanded by some of Russia's EU neighbours. But it would complicate

the process of obtaining travel permis-

sion and could slow the flow of Russians travelling to Europe, increasing Moscow's international isolation.

The EU had already suspended visa facilitation for Russian official delegations and business leaders, but now plans to extend this to other short stay visits. Russian forces invaded Ukraine in February, launching the most intense war in Europe for decades and triggering waves of sanctions from Kyiv's Western allies. Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland have urged Brussels to ban Russian tourists from obtaining visas for the EU's

But some countries, notably Germany, oppose a complete ban. Flights to and from Russia are banned, so many Russian tourists who are issued Schengen visas by western European countries cross overland into the bloc via Finland and the Baltic states. Lithuania has warned that Russia's EU neighbours may close their borders to tourists if the other EU capitals do not agree to a visa ban. The issue will be debated at a two-day meeting of EU foreign ministers in Prague, starting Tuesday, but it is not expected to be resolved.

The diplomatic source said he expected a "robust debate" at the meeting, but a full visa ban would have to be part of a new sanctions package and receive the unanimous backing of member states. An eventual ban could have exemptions for humanitarian cases and for students and civil society. The 26 countries in the Schengen travel zone - 22 EU member states plus Norway, Iceland, Switzerland and Liechtenstein - handled 536,000 Russian short stay visa requests last year. -Agencies

## Irish public split on NATO membership

AGENCIES

DUBLIN: There is a 52-48 divide amongst the Irish public over whether the country should join NATO or an EU army if one was created, though most said they back upping military spending, a survey published this weekend revealed. Ireland is not currently a NATO member and has a long-standing policy of military neutrality. However, discussions about whether this approach should be maintained have increased since Russia invaded Ukraine. The survey, carried out by Irish consultancy Behaviour-Wise as part of a study of attitudes towards defence policy, was largely conducted before the government's announcement last month that it would enact a record increase in defence spending.

The researchers also tested the impact of presenting people with a narrative about military conflict in determining their support for certain policies.

### Sweden pledges more military aid to Ukraine

News Desk

STOCKHOLM: The Swedish premier promised a new support package to Kyiv after meeting the Ukrainian foreign minister in Stockholm on Monday. Magdalena Andersson addressed a press conference with Dmytro Kuleba, condemned Russia's war on Ukraine, and announced a further one billion Swedish krona (approximately \$100 million) in military support and recovery. "My government will go forward with a new support package for Ukraine ... new military support package of 500 million Swedish krona ... [and] to support Ukraine's economy, resilience and recovery with another 500 million Swedish krona," she said.

Andersson said "we cannot let Russia win this unjust war," adding that "it is our duty and honor" to support Ukraine. Kuleba thanked Sweden for the support, saying "when you fight a war what you need the most is weapons." He asked Stockholm for weapons such as self-propelled howitzers and shells. "As weird as it may sound, it is the best way to save human lives, including the lives of civilians." Foreign Minister Ann Linde, also present on the occasion, said Sweden will stand by Ukraine's side "as long as it takes." She stressed the importance of Ukraine joining the EU and that Sweden will continue to give "full support to this process.



JAKARTA: Pakistan ambassador to Indonesia, Muhammad Hassan visits 2022 Indonesia World Stamp Championship & met renowned Pakistani philatelist Arif Balgamwala. – DNA

## Israel failed to prevent its nuclear program

**News Desk** 

TEHRAN: Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi said Monday the country's nuclear program has become indigenous and arch-foe Israel has been unable to prevent its progress through sabotage, assassinations, and threats. Raisi was addressing a news conference in Tehran, attended by local and foreign media, and coinciding with the first anniversary of his government that took over in August last year. Referring to the assassination of Iranian nuclear scientists, which Tehran has blamed on Israel, the Iranian president said it was unsuccessfully aimed at impeding Iran's nuclear progress. He said nuclear activities and nuclear technology are Iran's "right" while stressing that nuclear weapons have no place in the country's "defense doctrine", invoking the decree of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Raisi stressed that "nobody could deprive" his country of what he termed its "inalienable right to peaceful nuclear technology." The remarks come as Tehran and Washington have entered the last stretch to salvage the 2015 nuclear deal, with both sides currently exchanging comments on a draft proposal tabled by the EU.

US comments on the EU draft by Friday, which could pave the way for the revival of the deal after marathon negotiations in Vienna. On a question of whether he would be willing to meet or shake hands with US President Joe Biden during the upcoming UN General Assembly summit in New York,

talks with his American counterpart "useless". Raisi said Iran seeks the removal and nullification of US sanctions, describing them as "illegal and brutal," adding that sanctions will not stop Iran's exports to other countries. On what Tehran is seeking

from the talks in Vienna, he said sanctions

issues related to the UN nuclear watchdog must be resolved.

He also spoke about his government's "neighbors-first" policy, reiterating that Tehran seeks "good-neighborly" ties with countries in the region, adding that the "presence of outsiders" foments insecuritv. Raisi also reiterated the importance of Iran's presence in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and its relations with China, expressing commitment to broaden that

cooperation in various fields. On relations with Russia, he said the two countries have exchanged documents and have started joint work in the development of energy fields, adding that his government is committed to implementing the longterm cooperation pact with Moscow in line with the agreement reached with China. On the ongoing tension-easing talks with Saudi Arabia mediated by Iraq, which have been put on hold due to a political crisis in Baghdad, Raisi said the negotiations depend on the other side fulfilling its obligations.

He also denounced Israel's violations in Palestine and said the oppression "won't last" and that the Palestinians will get justice in the end, "even if it takes time.







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#### **Briefs**

#### Russia putting world at risk of nuclear accident

News Desk

STOCKHOLM: Ukraine's foreign minister on Monday warned of a nuclear accident calling on the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conclude that Russia is violating nuclear protocols. "We expect from the mission a clear statement of facts of violation of nuclear safety protocols. We know that Russia is putting not only Ukraine but also [the] entire world at threat, at risk of nuclear accident," Dmytro Kuleba told a news conference in Stockholm.

He also added that the only way to ensure security is if Russia withdraws from the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine, which has been under Russian control since the start of the war.

"We should all be united in demanding one thing: the withdrawal of Russia from the power plant," said Kuleba. He said he spoke with the director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on Sunday regarding the nuclear watchdog's mission to Zaporizhzhia. Kuleba said Ukraine has been requesting IAEA access to the nuclear facility for some time and that "without exaggeration, this mission will be the hardest in the history of IAEA given the active combat activities undertaken by the Russian Federation.'

The UN nuclear watchdog confirmed Monday that the mission "is now on its way" to the Zaporizhzhia just as a Ukrainian official confirmed 10 casualties from Russian shelling near the plant.

## President Xi Jinping's leadership has transformed China: speakers

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan-China Institute organized a special event on the upcoming 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China under its flagship 'Friends of Silk Road' initiative. The dialogue featured speeches by the Chief Guest, Ms Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Committee on Defence & Pakistan-China Institute, Nong Rong, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, Senator Farhat Ullah Babar, Secretary General Pakistan People's Party (PPP), Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, Parliamentary Leader of Balochistan Awami Party, and Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, The dialogue was moderated by Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director Pakistan-China Institute.

The panelists discussed the prospects of the 20th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), which will be held later in 2022. This congress is held every five years, where China watchers look for clues to the country's future. President Xi Jinping is expected to be re-elected for his third term as Secretary General of CPC and President of China. Moreover, the Party Congress

will set key priorities for the next five years, in particular, as well as China's two-stage development plan for the middle of the twenty-first century. A special documentary titled 'China's Governance under President Xi Jinping in the New Era (2012-2022)' was also screened, depicting China's achievements under President Xi Jinping. The content of the documentary reflected the on-ground realities in China & aspirations of Chinese people who regard President Xi Jinping as the 'core leader' of the Communist Party of China, who, through his people-centered approach to governance and development has proven to be the worthy successor to Chairman Mao and Deng Xiaoping.

Mustafa Hyder Sayed, Executive Director Pakistan-China Institute, introduced the Friends of Silk Road Initiative which has become the premier platform to understand China, bridge people-to-people connectivity between Pakistan and China, serving as a platform to gather political leaders, students, media professionals, and think tanks to brainstorm new ideas of thought which both countries can further cement their relationship in various fields. In his opening remarks, Senator Mushahid Hussain

Sayed, Chairman of Senate Committee on Defence & Pakistan-China Institute, thanked China for donating 25000 tents and cash for flood victims. He said that the core message emanating from President Xi Jinping's leadership is people-centric development and human security. He said that the Global Development Initiative (GDI), introduced by Pres-



ident Xi Jinping on September 21, 2021, promotes inclusive and open collaboration & is a crucial platform for international cooperation and the public good that China offers. Similarly, this year, President Xi Jinping announced the Global Security Initiative (GSI), which, as President Xi Jinping, said is meant to 'uphold the principle of indivisible security, build a balanced, effective and sustainable security architecture, and oppose the building of national security based on insecurity in other countries'. Commenting on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) launched by President Xi Jinping in 2013, he termed it the most important developmental and diplomatic initiative of the 21st century, terming China as a leader in Climate Change and Globalization. He also dismissed the notion of a 'New Cold War, ' advocated implicitly by some hawkish quarters, and said the region could not afford another cold war since it would destabilize the whole region needlessly. He also lauded President Xi Jinping for achieving the goal of making China a moderately prosperous society by eradicating absolute poverty in China in 2021. Commenting on the 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China, he hoped this would be a landmark conference that would set policy directions for China, Asia, and the whole region. Lastly, he wished the 20th CPC Congress great success. Nong Rong, Ambassador of China to Pakistan, expressed China's sympathies to Pakistan in lieu of ongoing flooding in the country and said China wouldn't leave Pakistan in such testing times. Pa-

kistan, he said, has always supported China in such

situations. He recalled how Pakistan donated all the available stock of tents to China in the 2008 earthquake. Commenting on NPC, he said it is the most important political agenda of this year-end. CPEC, he said, has transformed Pakistan's socio-economic landscape by overhauling infrastructure and alleviating the energy crisis. Ambassador Nong Rong termed Pakistan-China relations as 'rock-solid'. Senator Farhat Ullah Babar, Secretary General Pakistan People's Party (PPP), said that the 20th

party Congress would be a game changer for China and the region since it will decide the future course of policy for China. It is also expected to provide an opportunity for President Xi Jinping to secure a third term as president of China. Moreover, he hoped to learn from China's experience fighting terrorism and alleviating poverty. He was also concerned about 'resurgence of militancy in Afghanistan and Pakistan' and expressed his fears that 'US may use these militants for terrorism against Pakistan and China'.

Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said that the whole process of people's democracy goes far beyond the rhetoric by political parties in the model of western democracy for getting votes and subsequently leaving their voters in a lurch in facing unresolved problems. The whole-process democracy, he said, entails incorporating crucial components of genuine inclusion and participation, such as elections, decision-making, management, and supervision, into a structure that truly empowers people and puts them in control. The success of this novel

kind of democratic system has been demonstrated by Chinese experience. Moreover, he said that the whole-process people's democracy in China serves the people and democracy can't be defined by geographical boundaries.

Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur talked about the dividends brought by the CPEC for Pakistan. She said that twenty-seven (27) CPEC projects totaling about \$19 billion in investment had been finished as of June 2022, and another twenty-seven (27) CPEC projects totaling about \$7.7 billion in investment are now in the construction phase. She said that CPEC contributed one to two percentage points to Pakistan's annual economic growth. CPEC projects, she said, have created over 80,000 job opportunities for Pakistanis plus Pakistani 28,000 students are studying in China.

In her closing remarks, Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, said that China is the country that unites Pakistan, 'that brings all of Pakistan together'. No government has ever tried to change China's position as the cornerstone of Pakistan's foreign policy. She said China is a pillar of peace and stability in the region and a preserver, promotor, and protector of principles of peaceful coexistence in the region. The initiatives launched by President Xi Jinping, whether it is Global Development Initiative or Global Security Initiative, are a testament to the fact that China prioritizes human security and stability over confrontation. Ms Khar termed China as 'pillar of peace and stability in the region, as promoter of peaceful coexistence'.

## Pakistan gravely concerned over India's manipulation of Twitter

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan expressed serious concern on Monday over reports on the Indian government's attempt to infiltrate the security system of the social media platform, Twitter, by forcing it to employ an Indian "agent/representative", a statement issued by the Foreign Office said Monday. On August 23, a former Twitter security chief alleged that the Indian government forced the social media firm to put a government agent on the payroll, according to a whistleblower disclosure with US regulators. Peiter 'Mudge' Zatko said the government agent would have had access to sensitive user data due to Twitter's weak security infrastructure.

According to the statement, reports revealed that the matter came up during Twitter's briefing to India's Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information and Technology where legal depositions made in the US by a former Twitter employee were also discussed.

of Twitter handles particularly those belonging to Kashmiri political leaders and media persons, continue to remain blocked due to India's frivolous legal objections. Last month, Pakistan also registered its strong protest with the Indian government over the blocking of access to the content of several Twitter handles of Pakistan's diplomatic missions as well as the national broadcaster Radio Pakistan.

"Pakistan deplores India's brazen abuse of state power and strong-arm tactics to manipulate and force-regulate the Internet sphere," said the statement, adding that "these actions are not only against international standards, obligations, norms, and framework of the flow of information but also reflect the alarming pace of shrinking space for pluralistic voices and curbing of fundamental freedoms in India." Pakistan called upon India to immediately reverse the blockage of Twitter accounts of Pakistan's diplomatic missions and Radio Pakistan.

## Flood-hit Sindh in dire need of assistance

#### Concerned MNA, MPA and newly elected chairman did not bother to visit or help flood & rain victims

KARACHI: Sindh is in a dire need of help, people are living under the open sky, as 90 percent houses are destroyed, with people seeking help in affected areas. It is surprising that on a 10-minute drive, the concerned MNA, MPA and the newly elected Chairman yet did not bother to look/visit various tribes, villages and areas alongside of Indus River, told the villagers on the occasion. Whereas, from Karachi MQM leader Farooq Sattar and PTI Karachi Leader Dr. Mas-

Sobhodero, Gambat, Kandiyro parts to help the victims. According to Farhad Liaqat Sial, a key member of youth team, JDC along with relief convoy came from Karachi.

He told 90 percent of the houses have been destroyed, while food and drink items including grain and livestock have been submerged in water. He further told that the people are starving and thirsty under the bare sky without help. Hundreds of families have been settled in the UN aided school and food and medicine camps are being organized for them, meanwhile, there

roor Sial reached Sami and other areas Khairpur, is also an appeal for more assistance. On the other hand, hundreds of villages in the constituencies of Pakistan People's Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto and Faryal Talpur have also been flooded, but people are helpless and waiting for assistance. According to Karachi senior journalist Nazir Siyal, PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto and Faryal Talpur, elected from the said constituencies, have not even paid a single visit. According to journalist, his own native Village Nihal Khan Siyal, voting for PPP from Zulfiqar Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto, however, not even a single scheme has been given in his native village.

## President Ilham, PM Ali Asadov offer condolences to Pak





BAKU: Pr esident of Azerbaijan IlhamAliyev has sent a letter of condolences to President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan ArifAlvi over the heavy casualties and large-scale destruction caused by heavy rains and floods in his country. "On the occasion of this tragedy, on my own behalf and on behalf of the people of Azerbaijan, I offer my profound condolences to you, families and loved ones of those who were killed, and the brotherly people of Pakistan, and wish speedy recovery to the injured and earliest elimination of the natural disaster's consequences. Azerbaijani Government to provide aid to Pakistan under President IlhamAliyev's instructions



In accordance with Azerbaijani Pres ident IlhamAliyev's instruction, the Azerbaijani Government will provide \$2 million in aid to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan aimed at eliminating the consequences of the heavy rains and floods that resulted in significant loss of life and large-scale destruction in the country. Meanwhile, Prime Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ali Asadov has sent a letter of condolences to Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif over significant loss of life and largescale destruction caused by heavy floods in the country. Azerbaijani Premier Asadov extended his deep condolences to his Pakistani counterpart, families and loved ones of those who were killed, as well as wished a speedy recovery to the injured.



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Current Progress: 22 to 29 Aug 2022 Total Donation Received: Rs. 23 Million Tents 650 (Donated) Rashan Bags 25 Kg 2450 (Donated) We are presently working in Khairpur, Kashmore, Fazilpur, Sukkur, Swat,

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