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**Country to face more inflation**

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman and former prime minister Imran Khan on Tuesday said that the inflation in the country will further increase after the catastrophic floods. Addressing a seminar in Islamabad, the PTI Chairman said that the inflation in the country continues to increase. Lashing out at the PML-N bigwigs, the former premier said that first PML-N supremo's son and then he himself after giving an affidavit escaped from the country.

**Shujaat wants ill-speakers punished**

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Muslim League-Q (PML-Q) president Chaudhry Shujaat Hussain said that those who speak or write against national interests should be severely punished. If there is any evidence against the national interest, even the highly influential man should not deserve concession, he added. Former prime minister and senior politician also appealed that activists of all parties should forget their differences and work together for the relief activities and rehabilitation of the flood victims. Rains and floods have affected the common man badly, he added.

**India's Adani third richest person**

NEWS DESK

NEW DELHI: Indian industrialist Gautam Adani became the world's third-richest person on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index on Tuesday, the first time an Asian has ranked in the top three. The self-made billionaire has seen his net worth more than double to \$137.4 billion in the last year, rising 20 spots on the index to now rank just behind Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, Bloomberg News reported. Adani, 60, made his fortune in ports and commodities trading.

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## Flood Response Plan launched

# UN issues \$160 million flash appeal

Int'l community urged to support flood devastated population

SHUJAAT HAMZA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and the United Nations on Tuesday jointly launched "2022 Pakistan Floods Response Plan (FRP)" simultaneously in Islamabad and Geneva, urging the international community to support the government of Pakistan in scaling up and expanding its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the areas, recently lashed by record torrential rains and battered by historic monsoon deluge.

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Addressing at the launch ceremony, Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said Pakistan needed international community's prompt and immediate support in stepping up and expanding its efforts to rebuild and reconstruct the devastated areas and other critical infrastructure. He stressed that the international community

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## PM lauds EU's relief efforts

MAHNOOR ANSAR

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif received a telephone call from H.E Charles Michel, President of the European Council. The President EU Council offered his condolences on the loss of precious lives and material damage as a result of devastating floods in Pakistan. The Prime Minister thanked the EU President for his expression of solidarity and appreciated the EU's support of 2.15 million Euros for flood affectees in Pakistan. Briefing the EU President on the widespread destruction caused across Pakistan due to unprecedented rainfall, the Prime Minister said that the floods have caused extensive

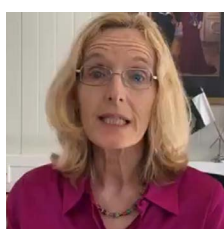
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# New Dutch envoy wishes to work closely with Pakistan

Offers condolences to the affected families

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ISLAMABAD: Ms. Henny FdeVries, Ambassador-designate of the Netherlands has said she is looking forward to a positive working relationship with the government of Pakistan. In her video message after arrival in Pakistan she said,



she was also looking forward to working closely with the civil society, media, business community, minorities and women. Ambassador Henny further said she plans to further strengthen trade and economic relations with Pakistan during her tenure. She said, she came to Pakistan at a very critical juncture when the country is hit by the worst-ever due to torrential rains and floods. In the Netherlands we stand by the people of Pakistan. 'I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the affected families and wish a speedy recovery to the injured', she added.

# Anti-Taliban forces mustering support to topple regime?

SHAMIM SHAHID

PESHAWAR: The US realization of its blunder regarding evacuation of troops from Afghanistan seems to be beneficial for those who want an end to Taliban regime. However, the internal rifts or race for top slots in the future set up of Afghanistan amongst its scattered leadership may help Taliban to continue in power. The US ex-Central Command chief Gen. Kenneth McKenzie in a latest press statement had termed, "evacuation of troops from Afghanistan a mistake. We were aware of collapse of Afghanistan regime (Dr. Ashram Ghana) along with evacuation of our troops." Though Gen. Kenneth McKenzie has realized the mistake but in fact, the US strategic purposes are always different from thinking of some of its high ranking military and intelligence officials. No one can deny the fact that till 2009-2010, the US led allies sincerely waged war on terror from the soil of Afghanistan. But it is also a fact that the US led NATO high ups have also been made fed up by Taliban's "hidden" and "mysterious" financiers, mentors and policy makers. During this period, not only in Afghanistan but terror reached to its peaks in the adjoining border regions of Pakistan, dominated or occupied by Pushtoons. It is no more secret that the Afghan Taliban calling them as Emirate Islami Afghanistan was availing "sanctuaries" in border areas whereas its major need of manpower was always timely addressed by "mysterious" mentors and financiers from neighbouring Pakistan. Couple of days ago, an announcement was

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ISLAMABAD: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Nadeem Raza, Leader of the Opposition in Senate, Senator Shahzad Waseem, Ambassador of Turkiye Mehmet Pacaci and others cutting cake to mark the Turkiye Victory Day. - DNA

# Turkiye Victory Day

# Pak reaffirms solidarity with government, people

Ambassador Mehmet Pacaci hosts reception to mark 100th Anniversary of the Victory Day of the Republic of Turkiye; CJCS General Nadeem Raza attends as chief guest

ANSAR M BHATTI

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, on Tuesday reaffirmed its solidarity and unflinching support for the brother people and government of Turkiye on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Victory Day of the Republic of Turkiye. On the special occasion of this Victory Day of the Republic of Turkiye (30 August Zafer Bayrami), the Government and the people of Pakistan reaffirm their abiding solidarity and unflinching support for the brotherly people and the government of Turkiye. This day, a hundred years ago, the great Turkish nation secured the ulti-

mate victory by defeating foreign occupation and imperialism. Unyielding determination, courage and unity exhibited by the Turkish nation laid the foundation of Turkiye's liberation, independence and national sovereignty. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement said that on this occasion, Pakistan pays special tribute to the great Mustafa Kemal Atatürk who inspired and led his compatriots to one of the most brilliant victories in the world history. In their heroic struggle against the foreign occupation through the war of Independence, the valiant Turkish nation was wholeheartedly supported by the Muslims of South Asia, the

MOFA further said. Meanwhile, Ambassador of Turkiye Mehmet Pacaci and Defence Attache Brig. Mehmet Suha Oztekin hosted a reception to mark the Victory Day. Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, Pakistan Army, General Nadeem Raza was the chief guest. Ambassador Pacaci in his speech welcomed the guests and talked about the history of the Victory Day. The ambassador read out the message of the President of Turkiye Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The Turkish President congratulated all Turkish citizens living across the world including the people of Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus on the Victory Day.

# UAE creates air bridge to transport relief aid

Bridge is established at the directives of UAE President

KHAYAM ABBASI

ISLAMABAD: The United Arab Emirates has established an air bridge of humanitarian assistance to transport relief aid and shelter materials for those affected by torrential rains and floods in Pakistan. UAE Ambassador Hamad Obaid Al Zaabi said the bridge was established at the directives of UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. This assistance includes tonnes of food and health packages, various shelter materials, as well as urgent relief materials, delivered to provide urgent necessities to the affected population, especially vulnerable groups of women and children. In a message on Twitter on Tuesday, the UAE embassy quoted the ambassador as saying his country is "committed" to stand by Pakistan and its "friendly people in the current situation of floods and torrential rains". In the post, the embassy put up four photographs as well. The first relief aid plane landed in Islamabad on Sunday, carrying various food items and shelter aid, to be followed by a number of

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## Briefs

## ECP seeks replies from Imran and others

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan on Tuesday granted one week time to Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan's counsel to submit reply in contempt case against them and adjourned the hearing till Sep 7.

A four-member bench headed by Sindh member Nisar Durrani heard the contempt case against Imran Khan, Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry on Tuesday. Khan's counsel sought more time for submitting reply as he had to go through copy of accusations. The ECP on Aug 20 issued contempt notices to PTI Chairman Imran Khan and two other central leaders Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry for using 'imperate' language against the chief election commissioner and the ECP. The PTI leaders were asked to appear before the commission in person or through their counsels on Aug 30.

Talking to media outside ECP, PTI lawyer Faisal Chaudhry said the contempt notice issued to Imran Khan would be challenged in Islamabad High Court (IHC) within next few days. The court had already restricted ECP from proceeding ahead in contempt cases against PTI leaders Asad Umar and Fawad Chaudhry. — APP

## Applications invited for Arabic courses

ISLAMABAD: The International Islamic University (IIU) has opened the application window for short Arabic language learning courses admissions. According to an official, the interested candidates can apply till September 09, 2022.

The 12-week long course having separate classes for both male and female students would begin from September 13, 2022. Each eligible student is required to pay Rs 15,000 fee for the entire course. The class timings of Arabic Short Course would be 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for female and 05:15 p.m. to 08:15 p.m. for male students on each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The courses would culminate in December this year. The admissions were continuing in three categories including certificate, diploma and advance diploma. Certificate in Arabic language is being offered to the students having no understanding of Arabic language.

While, Diploma in Arabic language is for those, who have obtained certificate in Arabic language and Advance Diploma course is being offered to the students who have completed diploma course from IIU or any other institute. Further details could be obtained by visiting website [www.iiu.edu.pk/?id](http://www.iiu.edu.pk/?id) or by calling 051-9019919; 0334-5085701. — APP

## ANF recovers 97 capsules of heroin

ISLAMABAD: Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) on Tuesday recovered about 97 capsules of heroin from the possession of a Sharjah bound passenger at Islamabad International Airport. According to the ANF spokesperson, 97 capsules full of heroin were recovered from the stomach of a passenger named Hamza, a resident of Peshawar. The total weight of recovered capsules was 760 grams. The accused was leaving for Sharjah by flight number PK-181. A case has been registered against the accused under the Anti-Narcotics Act. — APP

## Consumers of 3G/4G service increased

ISLAMABAD: The number of 3G and 4G service users in Pakistan has increased significantly and reached 119 million by the end of July 2022. According to the details available on PTA's official site, the number of active mobile SIMs reached 195 million during the same period. The number of broadband subscribers reached 122 million while broadband penetration was recorded at 55.17 per cent. — APP



ISLAMABAD: Artists from Indonesia perform during 55th Asean Day celebrations, at Islamabad Serena Hotel. — DNA

## AKDN's response to floods in Pakistan

Aga Khan Agency for Habitats working closely with communities, local authorities, and other institutions to manage situation on the ground. DC of Upper Chitral, Manzoor Ahmed Afridi, visited the flood affected areas with the CEO of AKAH, Pakistan, Nusrat Nasab

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ISLAMABAD: The Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) in Pakistan, immediately mobilised its agencies including Aga Khan Agency for Habitat (AKAH), Aga Khan Foundation (AKF), Aga Khan University (AKU) and Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS) to provide relief to those affected by the catastrophic floods in Pakistan. Initially AKAH's early warning system and team of trained Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers safely evacuated more than 8000 people. Since then, it has provided humanitarian assistance to 329 families in Gilgit-Baltistan and Chitral District in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Besides food and non-food items, 212 tents were distributed amongst the families whose houses were damaged.

AKDN helicopters carried out sorties to rescue stranded families in remote villages of YarkhunLushat, Power, Shost, Brep and Khuzin Upper Chitral and distribute thousands of kilograms of food and hundreds of kilograms of medicines. Similar sorties were conducted in collaboration with the Pakistan Army to provide relief to 120 families in Lower Chitral District.

Aga Khan Agency for Habitats working closely with communities, local authorities, and other institutions to manage the situation on the ground. Deputy Commissioner of Upper Chitral, Manzoor Ahmed Afridi, visited the flood affected areas with

the CEO of AKAH, Pakistan, Nusrat Nasab. The restoration of critical infrastructure remains a challenge and extensive resources will be needed for rehabilitation. AKAH has installed two cable cars in Yasin, District Ghizer and Lapsur Valley in Upper Chitral District connecting 640 people with the rest of the district to allow transportation of food and relief packages.

Aga Khan Health Services (AKHS) has provided emergency medical services to 300 people affected by floods in Gilgit-Baltistan. Emergency health camps have been set up in Bubur Village and Immit Valley in District Ghizer providing health services including psychosocial support and medicines to flood affectees. Awareness sessions on water-borne diseases and safe

use of water were also held to mitigate the aftereffects of the floods.

In Sindh, the Aga Khan University is focusing on provision of health care in the flood affected areas. AKU teams have completed training of health care personnel and developed a supply chain for providing medical supplies. AKU will setup mobile medical camps and provide support to government hospitals and dispensaries with human resources and training. It will leverage the secondary hospital in Hyderabad and rural field sites in partnership with district health officials and local police authorities. Three teams have been sent to different camps with the assistance of local government officials in Matiari. Coverage will soon expand to Thatta, Dadu, Badin and Lasbella.

## Tarin's audio leak exposes PTI's agenda

Palwasha said that PTI Chief Imran would fail in his abhorable intentions to bankrupt the economy of country

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Senator Palwasha Khan on Tuesday alleged that the leaked audio recording of telephonic conversation among provincial finance ministers of Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and former Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin has exposed the agenda of inimical forces being led by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI). Addressing a news conference along with Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Senator Dr Afnan Ullah, she said that PTI has played havoc with the economy of the country during its last four years rule as their bad governance has put the economy on the ventilator. Palwasha Khan said that PTI Chief Imran Khan would fail in his abhorable intentions to bankrupt the economy of the country, adding that the incumbent government was committed to push the economy back on the right track. She said that whole the nation was busy to help flood affectees of the country but unfortunately Imran Khan was busy in addressing public gatherings and spreading anarchy in the country. Palwasha Khan said that Imran Khan has issued statement that flood affectees can't use the helicopter and in what capacity he himself was using government helicopter as he does not have any government position. She said that the present government was utilizing all out resources for the restoration and rehabilitation of the flood affectees. Dr Afnan said that former Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin should be ashamed of himself for hatching conspiracies against IMF programme. Lambasting Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Chairman Imran Khan, he said the former prime minister has destroyed country's economy. Imran received money from foreign enemies of the country. It has become crystal clear that Imran Khan was a foreign agent. Collecting money has become business of Imran. — DNA



ISLAMABAD: US ambassador H.E Mr. Donald Blome is in a discussion with Zafar Bakhtawari Chairman Pakistan Cultural Forum at a dinner in Islamabad. — DNA

## 'Gone are the days of Northern Alliances'; say Experts

ISLAMABAD: Iran had re-modified its foreign policy from the celebrated slogan of 'neither east, nor west' to 'both east and the west', said Prof. Dr Lubna Asif, former Dean at National Defense University (NDU). She was addressing a roundtable conference, titled 'Indo-Iran Relations: A Reset?', organised by the Institute of Regional Studies (IRS), here on Tuesday. She said that Indo-Iran relations had been far from reset, due to the downward trajectory of their relations since 2017. Moreover, the relations

of both countries had been gleaned upon geoconomics, with hardly any geopolitical factors involved.

Ambassador Asif Durrani, Senior Research Fellow at Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI), examined the Indo-Iran relations from the prism of cultural exchange. He said that Iran and India had strong hold on their cultural footprints, which had been exchanged vastly, in the form of entertainment, art and craft and textile respectively. He remarked that India was a secular state and it had installed various Persian cultural centres across the country, hence India had been a hotspot for majority of Iranian secular inhabitants, yet in the political domain, Iran had to be vigilant of its competition with India in Afghanistan and Central Asian markets. Ambassador Durrani also envisaged that neither there would be any northern alliance, nor would India benefit from the Chabahar Port. — DNA

## Families of enforced disappearance victims await justice

At-least 8,000 innocent civilians vanished in the Indian military and police custody after they were picked up by Indian troops, police and paramilitary forces since 1989

ISLAMABAD: Thousands of Kashmiri youth, in Indian illegally occupied Kashmir (IIOJK) have been subjected to enforced disappearance during custody by Indian troops and police over the last thirty two years. According to Kashmir Media Service report on the occasion of the International Day of Disappeared, today, Jammu and Kashmir being the most militarized zone in the world has witnessed killings, enforced disappearances, torture, rape and other brutalities by the Indian forces over the last three decades. At-least 8,000 innocent civilians vanished in the Indian military and police custody after they were picked up by the Indian troops, police and paramilitary forces since 1989. The intensified Indian military

crackdown operations and the rising numbers of extra-judicial, custodial and fake encounter killings in IIOJK are part of the extremist anti-Muslim and anti-Kashmir designs of the "Hindutva" inspired BJP-RSS combine in India. Ironically, Kashmiri youth have been a specific target of the 110,000 strong Indian military and paramilitary occupation forces deployed in the occupied territory. The report revealed that the families and relatives of victims of the enforced disappearances have been working tirelessly to trace their missing ones.

Also the families of the disappeared people suffer economically because in most cases, the breadwinner of the family was targeted. The report maintained that disappearances not only silence oppo-

nents but also create uncertainty and fear in the wider community. This inhuman, savage and insensitive act has been committed by all the tributaries of so-called security apparatus comprising Indian army, paramilitary forces, and special task forces as well as counter insurgents working under the superintendence, control and direction of the security forces. The cruel practice of enforced disappearances has given rise to a new class of people called half-widows and half orphans, now common phrases used in Kashmir. The impunity provided to the troops through draconian laws like Armed Forces Special Powers Act, Disturbed Areas Act and Public Safety Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act gave them the

license to kill, terrorize, arrest, harass and silence the people and snatch, siege and ransack their property without being questioned. The family members of the disappeared persons talking to media persons said that their dear ones had been subjected to enforced disappearances by the Indian forces and their related agencies after picking them up from their homes, streets and even roads. Association of Parents of Disappeared Persons (APDP) leader, Parveena Ahangar, on the occasion demanded that India must fulfill its obligations under international human rights laws. Meanwhile, APHC spokesman and APHC leader, Zamrooda Habib, Yasmeen Raja, Fareeda Behanji, and several other organizations in their

statements in Srinagar expressed solidarity with the families of the enforced disappeared persons. They appealed to the world community to play its role in tracing the whereabouts of the thousands of enforced disappeared Kashmiris. They appealed to the United Nations Secretary General and the civilized members of the world community to take serious cognizance of genocide of the Kashmiri people at the hands of Indian occupation forces in Kashmir. They called upon the world to fulfill its commitment to the people of Jammu and Kashmir that they would be granted the right to decide their political future through a free and fair plebiscite in accordance with the United Nations Security Council resolutions. — APP

## COAS reaches Swat

ISLAMABAD: Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Tuesday reached Swat where he would meet stranded local residents and tourists who were struck in Kumrat and Kalam due to rains and flash floods. The Pakistan army aviation helicopters evacuated women, children and foreigners and other people to Kanju Cantt Swat during the rescue operations, the Inter Services Public Relations said. These people after provision of necessary administrative and medical care were being assisted to leave for their native areas. — APP

## Women, girls bearing brunt of floods

ISLAMABAD: Of the 6.4 million people in need of humanitarian assistance following the monsoon rains, floods, and landslides in Pakistan, more than 1.6 million are women of childbearing age. The government estimates that around 33 million people across the country are affected, including an estimated 8.2 million women of reproductive age, said a press release on Tuesday.

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) estimates that almost 650,000 pregnant women in the flood-affected areas require maternal health services to ensure a safe pregnancy and childbirth. Up to 73,000 women expected to deliver next month will need skilled birth attendants, newborn care, and support.

In addition, many women and girls are at an increased risk of gender-based violence (GBV) as almost 1 million houses have been damaged. "Pregnancies and childbirth can't wait for emergencies or natural disasters to be over. This is when a woman and baby are vulnerable and need the most care. The UNFPA is on the ground, working with partners, to ensure that pregnant women and new mothers continue receiving life-saving services even under the most challenging conditions," said UNFPA Pakistan Representative ai Dr Bakhtiar Kadrovi. — APP

## Marrimum grieved over demise of mother of Asad Malik

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marrimum Aurangzeb on Tuesday expressed deep grief and sorrow over the death of the mother of senior journalist Asad Malik.

In her condolence message, the minister said that she was deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of Asad Malik's mother. She said that the relationship of mother was embodiment of love, compassion and affection. The minister said that the death of the mother was an irreparable loss for Asad Malik and his family and she shared their grief. She prayed to Allah Almighty to rest the departed soul in eternal peace and grant courage to the bereaved family to bear this loss with fortitude. — APP

## Floods inflict Rs320.8 damages to agri sector

ISLAMABAD: The recent torrential rains and floods have wreaked havoc across the country, causing damages of Rs320.824 billion to agriculture and livestock alone. The floods damaged standing crops including cotton, maize, sugarcane, oil seeds and seasonal pulses spreading over millions of hectares of land whereas the livestock sector also faced huge losses, a senior official of the Ministry of National Food Security and Research told APP. According to the initial estimates over 800,000 big and small animals died due to floods in provinces of Punjab, Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, he said. The initial estimates showed that in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa major and minor crops including cotton, rice, maize, sugarcane and oil seeds standing over 14,397 acres were damaged. Recent floods also damaged vegetable farms, fruits orchards and potato crop, besides destroying oil seeds crops and over 328 big and small animals, he added. — APP

## Pakistan needs help

International aid is starting to flow into Pakistan after the country appealed for help from what officials say is a disaster fueled by climate change. Monsoon storms, heavier and earlier than usual, have hit Pakistan hard the past week – most recently with massive rains last week that effected nearly the entire country. Canada has also announced \$5 million in aid in an effort to help 'scale up' the humanitarian response to flooding in Pakistan. In a statement, the Canadian government said the country will provide emergency assistance including food and cash assistance for the most severely affected people, adding that the funding will support the work of trusted and experienced partners on the ground. Qatar provided urgent relief aid to the affected by the recent floods which swept through the sisterly Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The urgent aid is provided by the State of Qatar to support the Pakistani people and provide them with the urgent necessary needs in order to stand up again and rebuild their society after this disaster. This aid aims to benefit 35,000 individuals affected by the ongoing floods. Meanwhile, President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has instructed to provide US\$2 million in relief assistance to Pakistan after the devastating floods. Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Pakistan Khazar Farhadov said the Government of Azerbaijan will provide \$2 million in aid to the Pakistan to eliminate the consequences of heavy rains and floods that caused numerous casualties and large-scale destruction. The European Union, France, Turkey, US and United Kingdom have all pledged aid for the flood victims. On Tuesday, UN Chief Antonio Guterres urged the world to come to Pakistan's aid as he launched a \$160m appeal to help the tens of millions affected in the disaster. He blamed "the relentless impact of epochal levels of rain and flooding". At least 1,136 people have been killed since June and roads, crops, homes and bridges washed away across the country. This year's record monsoon is comparable to the devastating floods of 2010 - the deadliest in Pakistan's history - which left more than 2,000 people dead.

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## Climate chaos: adapt to survive

The harm and distress caused by floods in Pakistan are difficult – if not impossible – to quantify, as a crisis of vast proportions keeps unfolding. They have killed around 1,000 people so far this summer, with at least 119 losing their lives in one 24-hour period last week. The number of those who have lost their homes, or been evacuated, is in the millions, with 300,000 dwellings destroyed. More than 33 million people are affected – around one in seven of the population. The country's climate change minister, Sherry Rehman, says the floods – caused by torrential monsoon rains and melting glaciers – are the worst in living memory. Around a third of Pakistan is under water. Vitally important agricultural land will take months to drain. Hunger, homelessness and the spread of water-borne diseases are among the most immediate problems, and humanitarian aid must be urgently ramped up if further suffering is to be prevented. Supplies have begun to arrive from Turkey and the United Arab Emirates, but Pakistan's government is right to expect more – especially from the rich western nations that bear the greatest responsibility for global heating. Pakistan has more glaciers – 7,532 – than anywhere on Earth outside the polar regions, and is thus one of the countries most endangered by fossil fuel use and the temperature rises and other extreme weather that it causes. Earlier this year, scientists reported their finding that human-made climate change made the deadly heatwave then afflicting Pakistan and India 30 times more likely. (Another study found that the deadly heatwave in 2010 had been made 100 times more likely.) Studies seeking to establish and quantify the precise contribution of greenhouse gases to this catastrophic monsoon have yet to appear. The complexity of weather systems means it can never be stated categorically that global heating was the single cause of a given event. What is beyond question is that a human-made climate emergency is upon us. The floods in Pakistan, like recent heatwaves, droughts and fires, are but a glimpse of the destruction ahead. Pakistan's government knows this. Rehman described the floods as a "climate catastrophe". The foreign minister, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, said: "We are devastated by climate disasters such as these time and time again." Undoubtedly, the impact of the floods was made worse by a lack of preparedness. One man spoke of having built a house on the understanding that flood defences would soon be in place – only to see it washed away. In Pakistan, as elsewhere, people must adapt to survive. But far from being a get-out clause for western governments and institutions, the necessity of adaptation in these worst-hit parts of the world makes it all the more imperative that they are helped. Climate finance, as this form of support is known, was among the unfinished business of the Cop26 summit last year. The principle underlying it goes beyond disaster relief or aid. Instead, the transfer of wealth built up over centuries of fossil fuel extraction is meant to enable a global transition away from carbon and towards a sustainable way of life. Pakistan's devastation is a grim reminder of what is at stake.

## The UAE's humanitarian assistance for the flood affected people of Pakistan

Hamad Obaid Al Zaabi



First Emirati relief aid plane was landed in Islamabad on Sunday, carrying various food and shelter aid, to be followed by a number of other aid planes over the coming days to provide support to mitigate the repercussions caused by the recent floods and torrential rains in Pakistan

Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE, an air bridge of humanitarian aid has been established for Pakistan, to transport relief aid, shelter materials and humanitarian needs for those affected by torrential rains and floods in Pakistan. This assistance includes tons of food and health packages, various shelter materials, as well as urgent relief materials, with the aim of contributing in efforts to relieve the affected population and providing the necessary needs in such circumstances, especially for vulnerable groups of women and children. First Emirati relief aid plane was landed in Islamabad on Sunday, carrying various food and shelter aid, to be followed by a number of other aid planes over the coming days to provide support to mitigate the repercussions caused by the recent floods and torrential rains in Pakistan. These assistance programs confirm the depth and strength of the relations between our two brotherly countries, and that the UAE has contributed over the past decades in alleviating the many humanitarian crises that Pakistan witnessed,

First of all, I would like to extend my condolences to the Government and brotherly people of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on the victims of recent devastating floods across the country, and express my sympathy with the families of the victims wishing speedy recovery for the injured. In implementation of the directives of H.H. Sheikh

especially those related to natural disasters, the UAE humanitarian support extends a helping hand to all affected communities around the world, based on the global humanitarian role of the UAE, whose principles were established by its founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed, may Allah bless his soul. The importance of humanitarian support for the affected regions in Sindh,

Baluchistan, Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which was directed by the leadership of the UAE is based on a specific priority by providing relief to people and facilitating their lives, in accordance with the approach and principles of the UAE leadership in human development for needy peoples. Although, the constant downpour since 15 June is hampering relief efforts in flood hit areas, but our charitable organization such as UAE Red Crescent, Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan Foundation and other charitable organizations are working closely with the Pakistani relevant authorities to provide rescue and relief assistance aid to the victims of devastating floods and monsoon that caused the colossal loss, and successfully distributing vital food packages, shelter and medical supplies among the affected peoples in Sindh, Baluchistan, South Punjab and KPK provinces, a Mobile clinic is also treating people in flood hit areas of Sindh province.

A commitment to the humanitarian orientation by the UAE is considered an authentic and consistent approach of its foreign policy since the era of our founding father, the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, being strengthened and developed during the era of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed, and today, we are witnessing it as an rooted approach of the thought of the leader of our march, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE. Finally, I reiterate the UAE's firm commitment to support our brotherly people of Pakistan in the difficult times, and our readiness to provide every possible assistance in coordination and partnership of the Pakistani authorities.

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## Harmonious Xinjiang rejects US Act

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The recent so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" approved by United States have just exposed the double standards of American administration regarding the human rights situation across the globe. The so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" came into effect at a time when Shootings are happening frequently in the United States. The Gun Violence Archive database lists 320 mass shootings across the America since the beginning of this year, with roughly 22,500 deaths caused by gun violence. The large number of deaths in United States in the result of Gun Violence show that the American administration should focus on domestic human rights situation rather than to malign others just to gain the failed political benefits. Dong Yunhu, vice-president and secretary general of the China Society for the Study of Human Rights, noted that the United States always criticized other countries and regions, but turned a blind eye to its own human rights conditions.

"Such practice has even provoked questions from its own people," Dong said, quoting Robert A. Seiple, the first American ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom, by saying that the United States should include itself in the annual human rights report. If the United States could not write its own report it could invite other countries to do so. It has become the routine of every American presidents to malign China in various sectors just to get positive approval rating and to divert the attention of masses from the local failures either it is about gun violence, inflation, jobs market, human rights issues of black Americans and other ethnicities living in US. Such kind of so called 'evil acts' by American administration seems just an extension of its vicious plot against China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson have said that the issues related to Xinjiang are not about human rights, ethnicity or religion, but about fighting terrorism and separatism, and the Chinese government's counterterrorism and deradicalization measures have substantially turned the security situation around in Xinjiang.

Chinese President Xi Jinping in the recent visit to region stressed for the efforts to resolutely implement the CPC Central Committee's decisions, and fully and faithfully carry out the plans and the policies of the CPC for the governance of Xinjiang in the new era. Focusing on the overarching goal of ensuring lasting social stability, security and enduring prosperity, we should seek steady progress in our work, further extend reform and opening up in all respects, promote high-quality development, coordinate COVID-19 response with economic and social development, and balance development and security imperatives. On our journey in the new era, we will endeavor to build Xinjiang into a beautiful place that is united, harmonious, and prosperous, with an advanced culture, a happy life for all and sound ecological environment. China's governing policy in Xinjiang has been supported by more than 25 million people of all ethnic groups in the region. According to statistics, between 1525 and 1866, over 12.5 million Africans were shipped to the New World for forced labor. The website of the University of Denver disclosed that there are currently at least 500,000 people living under modern slavery and forced labor in the United States. Up to 100,000 people are trafficked into the United States for forced labor annually. There are approximately 500,000 child farmworkers in the world's most developed country. Xinjiang by respecting the human rights of its citizens is forwarding ahead by gaining peaceful development and prosperity that will be lasting forever.

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## Political temperature and flood

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The filing of terrorism charges against former Prime Minister Imran Khan has increased the political temperature in Pakistan more than ever. Khan's government was brought down by a no-confidence motion earlier this spring by a broad coalition of opposition parties. However, his ouster may also have been due to declining support from the establishment, including the other powerful circles of the country.

Nonetheless Khan has managed to weave a narrative around his political downfall, claiming that he was overthrown by a foreign conspiracy of ejection of a Pakistani prime minister who was disagreed on some international issues want to make free foreign policy from the influence of major powers. Khan has skillfully exploited years of anti-American sentiment built up within the country as a result of the US military presence in Afghanistan. Khan has cited remarks from a conversation between the outgoing Pakistani ambassador to the US and a senior State Department official as evidence of a foreign conspiracy against him. The latter said that in such circumstances it will be difficult for the US to rebuild relations with Pakistan under the leadership of Imran Khan. As Pakistan struggles to cope with an economic crisis that has seen inflation rises to unsustainable.

Current rulers are eager to secure international debt issuance to prevent economic collapse. Meanwhile, former Prime Minister Imran Khan has been holding mass rallies and rallies calling for early elections to capitalize on his regained popularity in an attempt to form a government for another term. Khan and his supporters have been using inflammatory rhetoric and harsh language, not only accusing political opponents of collusion with foreign powers. However, the establishment has also rejected these allegations. The Election Commission has declared Khan's party guilty of receiving illegal funding from foreign countries. Khan is contesting the decision in court, which could po-

tentially lead to a total ban on him and his political party. However, instead of retreating, Khan is moving forward. A senior political adviser to Khan was recently arrested on charges of treason for advising soldiers and officers on a television channel to disobey "illegal orders" from the military leadership. And allegedly, he was also subjected to torture. Khan gave another speech late last week in which he threatened the police and a female magistrate with arrest and torture of his political aide. The threat has led to fresh allegations against Khan.

This time a case has been registered under the country's strict anti-terrorism law. In which Khan has also received a three-day bail. Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf Party workers gather outside his residence to possibly prevent his arrest. The government of Pakistan has also banned the live broadcast of any speech of former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The current political situation has become quite dangerous and the country is suffering from political and economic instability. And on the other hand, the country is suffering from heavy rains and floods. In such a situation, the country is in dire need of unity and political stability in order to help the flood-affected persons and cope with the after-effects of this disaster. Because the rehabilitation of the flood victims after the flood will be a challenge, that requires more unity and endurance than chaos and instability. If the ruling coalition or the establishment decides to put Khan behind bars, it is likely that the former prime minister will resort to a call for public agitation, which could lead to greater disorder and violence in the country which already polarized. This situation can give more damage that the country cannot afford. Therefore, patience and tolerance must be shown on both sides so that the flood victim's wounds can be healed and made recoveries possible.





**Briefs**

**Pakistan envoy thanks Canada for \$5m aid**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan High Commissioner Zaheer Janjua on Tuesday thanked Canadian Minister for International Development Harjit Sajjan for announcing a \$5 million aid for the relief and rehabilitation of people affected by floods in Pakistan. "The people of Pakistan are grateful to the Canadian government and its people," the High Commissioner said during a meeting of the office bearers of local Pakistani Canadian organizations held at the Pakistan High Commission in Ottawa to coordinate the efforts of Canadians living in Pakistan and the Canadians of Pakistani origin for relief and rehabilitation of the people affected by floods in Pakistan. The High Commissioner while briefing the participants on the latest situation of the floods said that the unprecedented rains and floods had caused widespread destruction in a large part of Pakistan. The floods have so far affected 33 million people while more than 1100 human lives have been lost and more than 1600 people have been injured. The number of cattle killed due to floods and rains has also increased to more than 700,000, he added. High Commissioner Janjua further said that rains and floods had also caused severe damage to public buildings and infrastructure and so far more than one million houses had been partially or completely destroyed and 163 bridges and 170 shops had been destroyed in addition to 3400 kms of roads damaged. - APP

**Imran Khan challenges FIR against him**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI)'s Chairman Imran Khan Tuesday approached the Islamabad High Court (IHC) seeking termination of FIR against him on alleged threatening remarks about a woman judge. He prayed the court to issue directives for quashing the FIR against him registered under clauses of Anti Terrorism Act (ATA). The petitioner said that he won a cricket world cup for Pakistan and also had been doing welfare work including establishment of cancer hospital and university in the country. Imran Khan said he was one among a few statesmen of the country. The PTI chairman dealt COVID-19 spread effectively and also managed dialogue between Afghanistan and America during his tenure as prime minister, he added. The petitioner said the FIR was registered against Imran Khan illegally and prayed the court dismissed the same. He further said that he had also surrendered before the Anti Terrorism Court (ATC) which granted him an interim bail. Imran Khan also prayed the court to suspend the police investigation into the matter till the final judgment of the court. - APP

**COAS urges int'l community, friendly states to help Pak**

The women, children, and other people were rescued by army aviation helicopters today from Kalam to Kanju areas of Swat

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RAWALPINDI: Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Qamar Bajwa said that the scale of devastation from floods is 'massive' especially in Sindh and urged international aid to overcome challenges in an aftermath of floods. COAS Bajwa vowed to rebuild houses for the flood affectees as he and other army officials met with the flood survivors as he visited Swat in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP), said a statement issued by Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR). The women, children, and other people were rescued by the army aviation helicopters today from Kalam to Kanju areas of Swat. COAS spent time with evacuated people who thanked Pakistan Army for reaching out once they needed it the most and bringing comfort not only to them but their families back home who eagerly awaited their safe return. COAS also undertook aerial reconnaissance of the extent of damage caused by floods and relief efforts of Army troops at various locations including Kalam, Bahrain, Khwazakhe-la and Matta areas of Swat. COAS appreciated Peshawar Corps for effective and timely response during crisis and saving precious lives. Talking to the media, he



said that the National Flood Response Center would operate on the lines of NCOG. The center would compile data from across the

country and coordinate efforts for the rehabilitation of the affectees. He said that Sindh and Balochistan have been hit the hardest in

this year's floods and there was a dire need for tents there. The army chief said the evacuation efforts in Kalam are underway.

**IMF loan sees rupee gain Rs1.8 against US dollar**

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ISLAMABAD: After the IMF approved a \$1.1 billion loan to bail Pakistan out, the rupee surged Rs1.8 against the US dollar in the interbank trade. According to data released by the State Bank of Pakistan on Tuesday afternoon for interbank trading, the rupee closed out the day at Rs220.12. The data showed that the rupee, which had sunk to Rs221.92 on Monday, regained 0.82% ground against the greenback. Earlier during trading on Tuesday morning, the rupee gained as much as Rs1.42. The appreciation meant that a US dollar was being traded for Rs220.50. However, the value of rupee appreciated by 0.82% in the interbank by the end of the day. This is up from Rs221.92, at which the US dollar was traded at the close of the interbank market on Monday. The anticipation of the loan had earlier in the month seen the rupee appreciate by as much as Rs26. But the rupee then lost nearly Rs8.02 due to weak reserves and growing political uncertainty.



**KARACHI: Federal Minister for Power Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan receiving relief items from China Government for the flood affected people of Pakistan at Karachi Airport. - APP**

**Chinese President Xi, Premier show solidarity**

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ISLAMABAD: Chinese President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang have expressed their complete solidarity with the government and people of Pakistan over the human and financial losses in the recent floods that devastated huge parts of Pakistan. Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong conveyed these special messages to President Dr Arif Alvi and Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif from the Chinese leadership. The Chinese leadership expressed their grief over the losses. China had announced an assistance grant of RMB100 million (Yuan), besides the dispatch of 25,000 tents and other assistance items. The first batch of the relief aid containing 300 tents would be arriving Karachi today. The Chinese ambassador would hand over these articles to the Pakistani authorities. President Xi, in a message to

President Dr Arif Alvi, observed that severe floods had occurred recently in Pakistan, causing heavy casualties and serious property losses. President Xi, on behalf of the Chinese government and people, and in his own name, expressed deep condolences over the victims and sincere sympathy to the bereaved families, the injured and the people in the affected areas. The Chinese envoy had apprised the Government of Pakistan of the decision of the Chinese leadership about the relief support. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif expressed gratitude to the Chinese leadership and said that the Chinese leadership and the people of China had always supported the people of Pakistan with their generosity. "This flood is like no other in terms of its intensity & spread. China has been there for us at the most difficult times & we greatly value its support," the prime minister posted a tweet. He also conveyed his good wishes to the Chinese leadership.

**US provides \$30m in aid for flood victims**

ISLAMABAD: The United States, through the US Agency for International Development (USAID) Tuesday announced an additional \$30 million in life-saving humanitarian assistance to support people and communities affected by severe flooding in Pakistan. Pakistan's government has declared the floods a national emergency, with 66 districts declared to be "calamity hit." The United States is deeply saddened by the devastating loss of life, livelihoods, and homes throughout Pakistan, a US Embassy press statement said here Tuesday. In response to the Pakistani government's request for assistance, the United States will prioritize urgently needed food support, safe water, sanitation and hygiene improvements, financial help, and shelter assistance. This support will save lives and reduce suffering among the most vulnerable affected communities. The United States will continue to monitor the crisis in close coordination with local partners and Pakistani authorities. A USAID disaster management specialist arrived in Pakistan August 29 to assess the impact of the floods and intensify coordination with partners on response efforts. The United States remains steadfast in its support for affected communities throughout Pakistan. In addition to the \$30 million in urgently needed humanitarian assistance announced today, the United States also provided over \$1.1 million in grants and project support earlier this month to ensure direct assistance reaches those communities most impacted and to help mitigate and prevent the effects of future floods. - DNA

ISLAMABAD: The British Royals have extended condolences on losses caused by floods in Pakistan. Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Prince Charles has expressed deep grief and sorrow over the destruction and deaths caused by the recent floods across Pakistan. The British High Commission on behalf of message Prince of Wales to the Prime Minister of Pakistan said, "My wife and I are deeply saddened by the devastation caused by the recent floods in Pakistan. Our hearts go out to all the victims and their loved ones and to the millions of people who have lost property and their livelihoods. Your country is very spe-

**British Royals grieved over losses by flood**

cial to us, with deep and enduring bonds to the United Kingdom. He said, we would like to pay a particular tribute to the government of Pakistan, the military and emergency services, the countless volunteers and aid agencies who are working tirelessly to save lives and support those in need. Times like these remind us of the fragility of our planet and the urgent need for humanity to live in harmony with Nature. Our prayers

are with all our friends in Pakistan. The British High Commission avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan the assurances of its highest consideration. Meanwhile, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge on Tuesday expressed grief and sorrow on the devastation caused by floods across Pakistan. The British High Commission in a message, on behalf of the Royal

Highnesses the Duke and Duchess to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, expressed heartfelt condolences with the families who had lost their loved ones due to devastating floods as well as to the millions of people who had lost their property, livelihoods and so much more. "Words cannot express the pain they (People of Pakistan) must be going through", they said. They said, "Our thoughts are with the emergency services, government officials, military personnel and volunteers who are working tirelessly to support those in the desperate need." The Duke and Duchess said, "The people of Pakistan are in our thoughts at this difficult time". - DNA

**About Rs 7 billion loss of livestock in Sindh**

Over 4100 Animal yards/houses have been completely destroyed

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: Following the devastation of rain and flood the civil society and journalists community have revealed the sad and poor situation as well survival of men, women and children in open sky on the Highway. Senior TV Journalist Akhtiar Khokhar and civil society leader Khaleel A Chandio expressed their grief and uncontrolled sentiments, told that the Kaktcha houses, villages washed out in flood and poor men and women with children had no food for survival on roads.

They told after their visit that cities and villages of Sindh have become a story of complete destruction. Poverty and hunger have revealed many stories on the spots. According to reports, the destructions of Livestock among a biggest damage has been declared including the district Qamber Shahdadkot, where cattle worth 6 crores have died. In District Larkana 40 crores, District Dadu 42 crores, District Sanghar 38 crores, Mirpur Khas 17 Crores, UmarKot 18 crores, Hyderabad 23 crores, Thatta 12 crores, Sajawal 21 crores,

Tando Muhammad Khan 21 crores, Tharpakar 04 crores, Nawabshah 18 crores, Khairpur 35 crores, Ghotki also millions, Sukkur 22 crores, Jacobabad 21 crore. While in Karachi 08 crore cattle have died till now. Apart from this, the estimate of the destruction of the buildings in the different cattle farms/areas have been estimated at 6 billions they disclosed. According to Livestock Department Sindh around 9200 cows, buffaloes, sheep and goats only died in flood water since August 25, Khaleel told.



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