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New Dutch envoy wishes to work closely with Pakistan Offers condolences to the affected families

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.

who speak or write against national interests should be

India's Adani third richest person

News Desk

NEW DELHI: Indian indus-



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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the government of Pakistan. In her video

message after arrival in Pakistan she said,

ISLAMABAD:

FdeVries, Ambas-

sador-designate of

the Netherlands

has said she is

looking forward to

a positive working

relationship with

Henny

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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

made regarding a special "consultative session" at Vienna Switzerland on Septem-

ber 15-17. Besides others, Ahmad Masoud son of Ahmad Shah Masoud, ex-Foreign Minister Dr. Rangeen Dadpar Spanta and Rehmat Ullah Nabeel are considered the top hosts or organisors. But at the same time, all these three top figures are also representing three different groups. Ahmad Masoud is leading the Northern Alliance- the alliance established by his father Ahmad Shah Masoud in early 90's first against Engineer Gulbadin Hekmatyar and later against Pakistan backed Taliban. At the moment, the Northern Alliance is engaged in armed resistance against Taliban. Dr. Rangeen Dadpar Spanta is considered amongst very closed and confidential aides of ex-President Hamid Karzai whereas Rehmat Ullah Nabeel on the grounds of his occupation of key offices during Dr. Ghani regime is defineltly considered his (President Ghani) aides.

On the other hand, amidst growing rifts and divisions amongst the ranks of Taliban, the Afghan leaders who remained part of "democratic era of 2001-2021" are also coming close to one another. Both ex-President Hamid Karzai and Dr. Abdullah Abdullah are attracting not only elders and elites from all segments but also the foreign diplomats and visitors. Similarly, the Turkiye based Afghan leaders like Prof. Rasool Sayaf, Rashid Dostam and others are also holding frequent talks and consultations with one another. They are also in contacts with their countrymen stranded in Tajikistan, Russia and Uzbekistan. Likewise, the western world based

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CJCSC General Nadeem Raza attends as chief guest

MOFA further said. Meanwhile, Am-

bassador 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 Pacai in

his speech welcomed the guests and

talked about the history of the Victo-

ry Day. The ambassador read out the

message of the President of Turkiye

Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Anniversary of the Victory Day of the Republic of Turkiye;

mate victory by defeating foreign oc-

cupation and imperialism. Unyielding

determination, courage and unity ex-

hibited by the Turkish nation laid the

foundation of Turkiye's liberation, in-

dependence and national sovereign-

ty. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs

in a statement said that on this oc-

casion, Pakistan pays special tribute

to the great Mustafa Kemal Ataturk

who inspired and led his compatriots

to one of the most brilliant victories

in the world history.

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 Turkive.

This day, a hundred years ago, the great Turkish nation secured the ulti-

creates air bridge to transport relief aid Bridge is established at the directives of

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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In their heroic struggle against the The Turkish President congratulat ed all Turkish citizens living across foreign occupation through the war of Independence, the valiant Turkish the world including the people of nation was wholeheartedly support-Turkish Republic of Northern Cyed by the Muslims of South Asia, the prus on the Victory Day. AURREE SPARKLETTO® Bottled Drinking Water ISO/IEC 17025 | ISO 9001, 22000, 14001 45001 Certified Company We Only Offer



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FPCCI, Vietnam keen to promote bilateral trade

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ISLAMABAD: Federation Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) and Vietnam agreed for enhancing the bilateral trade and economic ties to further boost the trade and investment volume between both sides. Nguyen Tien Phong, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Pakistan called on President Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, Vice President FPCCI, Amin Ullah Baig, Chairman Coordination Mirza Abdul Rehman, Vice President SAARC CCI, Senator Haji Ghulam Ali, & others and visited the Federation of Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), Capital Office Islamabad. They emphasized increased interaction at the government and private sector levels to boost the trade between Pakistan and Vietnam as there is big untapped potential in many sectors. Qurban Ai, Sajjad Sarwar former Vice Presidents FPCCI, Awais Satti, EC Member, Abid Khan group Leader United Group Islamabad Chamber, Almas Akhtar, Shabana Ajmal, Sabooi Hussain, Rahat jabeen, EC members Rawalpindi Women Chamber were also present on this occasion.

Irfan Iqbal Sheikh President of FPC-CI has expressed his desire to elevate and expand bilateral trade relations between Pakistan and Vietnam; as there is untapped potential in a number of sectors and that can result in exponential growth in trade. Pakistani Black Papper, pharmaceutical products and lots of other Pakistani products have big market and demand as well in Vietnam. IT & Software, Agriculture, Education, Energy and Culture, are the sectors in which Pakistan and Vietnam

have great opportunity for exchange of the trade. Economic and trade relations between Pakistan and Vietnam can be further enhanced through market research, information sharing and highlighting opportunities in each other countries. Pakistan Vietnam is an important country for Pakistan in ASEAN. The Business Community of Pakistan gives great importance to its relation with Vietnam. Pakistan is a nation of great economic importance in South Asia. Vietnam Investors have to visit Pakistan and avail opportunity in CPEC project for long term trade relations between both the countries. He also emphasized that Vietnam should consider investing in smartphone and computer chips, parts and accessories in Pakistan as Vietnam is one of the most advanced large-scale producers in the sector.

Nguyen Tien Phong, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to Pakistan said that both countries enjoy excellent relations but bilateral trade and investment was much lower than the actual potential for which the government and private sector must play its role. He acknowledged the role of FPC-CI in promoting trade and industry and said that Pakistan is a huge consumer market and Vietnam's business community can benefit from this opportunity. Already Vietnam has signed Free Trade Agreement with 38 countries for promoting trade liberalization and enhance trade volume. He said that China Pakistan Economic Corridor is project of huge potential and there is huge opportunity for investors to investment in mega project. Vietnam has good expertise in producing hydropower and it could cooperate with Pakistan in this field. He said Pakistani pharmaceutical products, black pepper and many other products have good demand in Vietnamese market, He said Pakistani pharmaceutical products, black pepper and many other products have good demand in Vietnamese market.

Amin Ullah Baig, Vice President, Mirza Abdul Rehman Chairman Coordination FPCCI, Senator Haji Ghulam Ali, Vice President SAARC CCI mentioned meat and meat products, fruits and vegetables, workforce export, culture and tourism, business visits and exhibitions, investments and joint ventures as the potential areas of bilateral cooperation with Vietnam. He said that Vietnam should open its doors to the Pakistani business and trade community; and, they will create the bridges and linkages on their own with their fellow businessmen in Vietnam and counterpart chambers as well. He mentioned meat and meat products, fruits and vegetables, workforce export, culture and tourism, business visits and exhibitions, investments and joint ventures as the potential areas of bilateral cooperation with Vietnam.

He said Cotton fabrics; accessories for textile, garment & Footwear industries, cotton yarns, Pharmaceuticals products, surgical instruments are Pakistan major exports to Vietnam while we also trade in Tea, Synthetic & Cotton fibers, pepper, iron & steel, fish fillet, rubber Cashew nuts. Pakistan should be seen as an emerging center of trade for landlocked Central Asia, South Asia, fast-developing Western China and the Gulf - any trade among them has to take place through Pakistan. He said trade delegations between two countries should be exchanged frequently.





ISLAMABAD: FM Bilawal Bhutto shaking hands with UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Julien Harneis. - DNA

President urges business community to contribute in flood relief efforts

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ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has urged the business community, especially the small traders and industries, to contribute generously to the flood relief efforts and aid the flood affected countrymen. He further called upon the business community, to adopt the latest Information and Communication Technology (ICT) tools to expand their businesses, bring value addition to their products, and explore new markets so as to expand exports and to overcome the current economic difficulties being faced by the country. The President made these remarks while addressing the Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries (ICST&SI) Achievement Awards distribution ceremony, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today. President ICST&SI, Mr Muhammad Zahid, and members of the business community attended the event.

Addressing the ceremony, the President emphasised the need to invest in the human resources of the country, saying that upskilling our youth bulge and women population in different

fast-paced growth in the short term. merce and industry to further con-He said that Pakistan should focus on the development of a knowledge-based economy and equipping its enormous human resources with soft and latest technical skills to put the country on a path of progress. The President advised the business community to base their business and trade upon ethical values of honesty, integrity, responsibility, quality, trust and respect and customer satisfaction to consolidate their position in the market in a sustained manner. He added that new markets could be captured by maintaining the quality of goods and services to gain the trust, confidence and loyalty of customers and fulfilling their corporate social responsibilities. He called upon the chambers of commerce to motivate their members to organize trade fairs and exhibitions of their products and services in the country as well as abroad, besides using online marketing facilities to substantially increase their customer base and expand their businesses. Highlighting the importance of exports in improving the Current Account Deficit, he said that we needed to bring about a paradigm shift in the

solidate their efforts to increase their production without compromising the quality, promoting tax culture, and expanding their memberships to bring

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more businesses in their purview. The President highlighted that the decision-makers should take timely decisions through a consultative process to increase country's productivity and to remain competitive in the local and international markets. He called upon the members of the business community to market their products internationally while maintaining globally accepted ethical values, environmental, hygiene, health and safety standards. The President said that it was the duty of the Government to take stock of the proposals of the business community and through consultation and negotiations and providing due concessions to the business community to improve the ease of doing business. He added that it would not only improve their businesses but would also increase employment opportunities in the country. While highlighting the importance of trade, he said that trade was a noble profession and had been practised by the

FPCCI extends support to Prime Minister's Youth Programme

KARACHI: President, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FPCCI) Irfan Iqbal Sheikh, on behalf of this apex trade body of the country, has extended full support to Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) through joint initiatives- be it business or agricultural loans; skill development programmes and employment generation.

The youth is Pakistan's greatest asset and they account for 65 percent of the total population of the country, he said adding that young women, who are 52% of the total population, deserved more attention to educate, empower, employ and emancipate them, said statement issued by FPCCI here on Tuesday. During an interactive session with **FPCCI** representatives Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Shaza Fatima Khawaja said that youth programme was the soul of Prime Minister's vision to empower youth being the most precious asset of Pakistan. The journey started with the establishment of Youth Affairs Wing with an aim to empower young people with skills set, resources and self-reliance opportunities by initiating a grand youth development programme catering multiple domains, she said.

FPCCI'S Vice President Suleman Chawla said that FPCCI was the right platform on many counts to support PMYP. It could facilitate the load disbursements to youth diligently and in diverse sectors, FPCCI could provide the guidance to the youth to make their businesses viable and successful. FPCCI can jointly organize job fairs, skill development programmes and seminars, the apex body has the presence and linkages across Pakistan and across sectors to create an enabling environment in the length and breadth of the country, FPCCI can help bridge industry-academia disconnect.

FPCCI President Irfan Iqbal Sheikh also proposed to the government that FPC-CI and PMYP could bring international skills, social and business development institutions like GIZ, TVET, JICA, DFID, UNIDO, USAID on board to provide maximum support and assistance to the very motivated, talented and hard-working youth of the country. – APP

sectors of the economy, especially the IT sector, could help Pakistan achieve

Over 8.92m

people vaccinated

FAISALABAD: Over 8.92 million (8,920,925) people have so far been vaccinated

against COVID-19 in the district. District Health Officer Dr Ataul Mun'im said on Tuesday 4,776,161 citizens

were injected first dose

while 4,059,193 were ad-

ministered the second dose

of vaccine. He further said that 39,880 health workers

were also given first dose

while 45,691 received the

second dose of vaccine. He

said that sufficient stock of

coronavirus vaccine was

As of now 15,498 first

doses and 10,332 second

doses were in the stock

in Faisalabad. He said that

and 20 mobile vaccination

camps were operational

in Faisalabad where regis-

tered people were being

vaccinated. In order to fa-

cilitate people the centers

were set up in various ar-

eas of the city including

Allied Hospital. – APP

vaccination centers

available in the district.

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pace of our economic progress and messengers of Allah, including our Prophet Mohammad (PBUH).

CS Sindh highlights the need for skills development

NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: The Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research & Development Board (BBSHRRDB) conducted the 14th phase of the BBSHRRDB. It was organized in collaboration with the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Karachi. The BBSHRRDB, a four-month training program, was held from February to May 2022. The certificate distribution ceremony was held on August 30, 2022, at IoBM. Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput, Chief Secretary Sindh was the Chief Guest. Mr. Shariq Ahmed, Secretary BBSHRRDB and Ms. Uzma Ismail, Director BBSHRRDB were also present. Through the BBSHRRDB as many as 200 students were given training in graphic designing, e-commerce, social media marketing and information technology. Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput was hopeful that the youth of Pakistan will add value to the country's economy if they are provided with opportunities to learn and grow. He

said that the program can include courses related to blockchain and cyber security among others. He stressed the importance of investing in the youth's capacity-building initiatives. He appreciated IoBM's efforts in conducting this program.

President IoBM, Mr. Talib Karim said that we must focus on developing the youth for they are our future. BBSHRRDB is a welcome step in providing avenues for the youth to learn skills in their fields of interest. Director CIT, IoBM, Dr. Imran Batada emphasized the hard work of the faculty who imparted career-oriented, industry-centric training to the students through the BBSHRRDB. He advised the youth to invest in themselves by enhancing their learning. Mr. Shariq Ahmed, while sharing the philosophy of the program, said that it provides avenues for the youth to acquire skills and generate income so they may establish their start-ups. Ms. Uzma Ismail appreciated the efforts made by the training partners to make BBSHRRDB a success. She was hopeful that this program will continue to provide skills to the youth of Pakistan.

'PDMA continues relief activities in flood affected areas'

LAHORE: Punjab Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Director General Faisal Farid said on Tuesday that more than 802 families were residing at 167 relief camps set up by the PDMA for flood victims. In a statement issued here, he said that on the instructions of the Punjab government, PDMA and other provincial agencies were carrying out relief activities in the flood-affected areas. There are 15,592 flood victims being provided with three meals a day, medicines and other necessary facilities including clean water through a hand-operated ultra-filtration plant to protect people from diseases.

He said that so far, 108315 flood-affected people had been provided medical treatment and 12491 animals safely rescued from the flood areas by the rescue teams. The animals had also been vaccinated against diseases. He said the PDMA had distributed tents to 29,963 households with the help of district administration and bags of flour had also been distributed to 4400 households. Following to the instructions, ration has been distributed in 68,637 households. He said that in the light of orders of the Punjab government, all resources were being utilized to provide relief to the flood victims. Chief Secretary, Relief Commissioner Punjab and other officers were monitoring the relief activities in flood affected areas as the water level was continuously decreasing. Teams were working to assess the damages caused by floods, he added. - APP

PHF members extend relief to 0.5m people The UNOCHA latest statistics, a total of 33 million people were badly affected by the flash flood and unusual weather patterns

ISLAMABAD: The International non-governmental organisations and the members of Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (INGOs/ PHF) have extended immediate humanitarian response to 777,667 flood impacted people in the country. The PHF member organizations promptly mobilized resources of \$7.5 million to cater to the needs of flood affected people residing in disastrous areas as they were stranded and in dire need of help in many parts of the country.

The climate emergency in Pakistan is the point of main distress at all levels. According to the UNOCHA latest statistics, a total of 33 million people were badly affected by the flash flood and unusual weather patterns, a news release said. A total of 22 PHF member organizations (Action against Hunger -ACF, CARE International, HelpAge, HHRD, Helvetas, Human Appeal, IMC, International Rescue Committee, Islamic Relief, Muslim Aid, Muslim Hands, NCA, Qatar Charity, Relief International, Save the Children, Tearfund, SIF, WHH -Welthungerhilfe-, CBM, AKAH, WaterAid, Mercy Corps) were providing extensive response and reached out 153,898 beneficiaries by providing food assistance, 46,444 beneficiaries by providing WASH assistance, 488,146 beneficiaries by providing health services, 12,130 beneficiaries by providing NFIs, 61,675 beneficiaries provided with cash grants, 5,059 beneficiaries were facilitated with shelters, 10,315 beneficiaries were provided with education facilities. Country Coordinator Syed Shahid Kazmi expressed that this was a climate catastrophe and such unusual rainfall patterns were highly alarming. "Unfortunately, Pakistan is among the top list of those countries which are highly vulnerable to climate change.

He mentioned that the INGOs performed a very great role in 2005 earthquake and 2010 floods but this time the disaster was quite huge and unavailability of INGOs in the country also caused problems. While speaking to member organizations, Resident Coordinator of United Nations Julien Harneis mentioned that the current flood emergency was a climate crisis. "Such massive crisis requires national and international solidarity for collective, coordinated, and effective response." He also mentioned about the UN flash appeal that was launch at this day in Islamabad and Geneva. He said, this time the flash appeal was total of \$160 million to provide massive humanitarian response and its initial appeal. While sharing his remarks, PHF executive committee Chair, Farhan Ahmed Khan said, it was a huge disaster and to bring people back to normal life requires massive efforts at all levels. He shared that INGOs, and humanitarian agency's role was highly crucial, and these agencies should be facilitated by the government at all levels to provide effective and coordinated response.

Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF) is a representative body of 38 INGOs duly registered with Ministry of Interior, Government of Pakistan and working in Pakistan for various humanitarian and development initiatives. It may be mentioned that a total of 6.4 million people are in dire need of basic essentials that includes food, shelter, WASH, Non-food items. More than 1000 people were died and 1500 were badly injured. All the provinces of Pakistan were badly damaged as according to the latest figures, 37 districts in Balochistan were badly damaged, 33 districts in Sindh. 25 district in KP, 7 districts in Punjab, 4 districts in GB and 4 district in Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

In addition, more than 949,858 house were badly destroyed, 2 million acres of crops were badly impacted, and 719,558 livestock were lost. The destruction of the infrastructure is also very massive. By actively monitoring the severity of situation, PHF member organizations immediately started the relief and rescue operations and reached out 777,667 people in 32 districts (Noshki, Killa Abdullah, Killa Saifullah, Chagi, Chaman, Quetta, Pishin, Jhal Magsi, Naseerabad, Gawadar, Harnai, Quetta, Lasbela, Loralai, Rajanpur, Taunsa sharif, Dera Gazi Khan, Peshawar, Laki Marwat, Noshwera, Karak, Charsadda, Tank, D.I. Khan, Karachi, Hyderabad, Thatta, Badin, Mirpurkhas, Jamshoro, Khairpur, Dadu, Sajawal, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas, Chitral) of Pakistan. - 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

Independence Day Aug 15/ INDIA

Independence Day

Aug 15/ POLAND Armed Forces Day

Aug 17/ INDONESIA Independence Day

Aug 24/ UKRAINE Independence Day

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The Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry is a leading trade organization in Pakistan that represents and protects the interests of the exhibition and business events industry and the emerging business environment in Pakistan

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ISLAMABAD: The second Pakistan Exhibition will be held from November 18 to 20 under the auspices of The Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry. The three-day exhibition will be attended by a large number of renowned builders, developers, various communities business associated with allied construction industry from all over the country. This is

investment exhibitions that will boost Pakistan's economy, Khursheed Barlas said.

Water purification

medicines' required

ISLAMABAD: Director General & Focal Person of Na-

tional Health Emergency Preparedness Response Net-

work (NHEPRN) Dr Sabina Durrani on Tuesday stressed

for provision of clean drinking water in flood-hit areas

as stomach-related infections and skin diseases are dan-

gerously high. In an exclusive interview, DG urged that

people should donate 'aqua water purification medicines'

and dry food among flood affectees, adding, we had set

up teams to prepare a stock of medicines and materials

such as water purification powder and drinking water

It was because contaminated drinking water has been asso-

ciated with major outbreaks of waterborne diseases such as

chest infection, Hepatitis, Malaria, cholera, typhoid, diarrhea

and skin related diseases, she mentioned. Dr Sabina said

that ministry of health was working with the provincial gov-

ernments to ensure that basic water, sanitation and hygiene

services are repaired to prevent major disease outbreaks in

all affected areas of the country. She said that donors must

give priority to dry ration instead of distribution of cooked

food among affectees, adding, rehabilitation is a big challenge

DG NHEPRN also called for concerted efforts to control

the rising population growth by taking into account is-

sues related to family planning and reproductive health.

She said that awareness among people about population

was need of the hour, adding, all partners and stake-

holders including civil society organizations and NGOs

should come together and join hands with the govern-

next three months.

in the market.

ment to address the growing population issue. - APP

after providing temporary shelters, medicines and food.

containers that were required.

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one of the most important the Pakistan Association

In keeping with this trend,



of Exhibition Industry is going to organize the Second Pakistan International

Property Exhibition and Convention 2nd Pakistan International Property

starting last year, first Pakistan International Property Exhibition Islamabad then Peshawar International Property Exhibition then Quetta International Property Exhibition.

A large number of renowned builders, developers, allied construction industry, bank projects and various business community associated with the tourism industry will participate in the threeday exhibition to be held at Pak-China Friendship

Exhibition in this regard Center Islamabad from November 18 to 20. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Pakistan Association of Exhibition Industry Muhammad Khursheed Barlas said that this exhibition will play an important role in the development of the country and is one of the most important exhibitions in terms of investment, which will boost Pakistan's economy, which will create excellent opportunities to get invest-

ment from national level

to international level.

involved in ruined foreign relations and its leaders provoked people against the country's interest. Talking to a private news channel, he said the government should take a stern action against the audio tape case of Shoukat Tareen and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Finance Minister Taimoor Jagra in which they spoke clearly against the country interest. He said PML-N government

under the dynamic leadership, steer out the country from crisis and successfully completed IMF programme, and country direly need of person like Ishaq Dar, who was a experienced one in handling economy. He criticized PTI for their non serious attitude on 'charter of democracy' and was also against state interest and should be held accountable at any cost. – APP

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Muslim League Nawaz

(PML-N) Senator Afnan

Ullah Tuesday said that

Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) was

Pakistan

SLAMABAD:

NUST urges family, public to contribute in Relief Fund

ISLAMABAD: National University of Science and Technology (NUST) has requested its students, faculty and staff as well as general public to contribute in the Flood Relief Fund established by the university to support the flood affected people. According to the NUST news release issued on Tuesday, hundreds of people have been died and millions rendered homeless due to torrential rains and heavy floods in many parts of Pakistan while the government has declared a national emergency.

To support the national cause, NUST feels duty-bound to take an active part in relief and rehabilitation efforts and has launched a relief campaign through contribution in



ISLAMABAD: CEO Serena Hotels South and East Asia Aziz Boolani and US Ambassador Donald Blome shake hands during a reception at Islamabad Serena Hotel. - DNA



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ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Commerce Naveed Qamar Tuesday said that immediate steps would be taken to ensure the availability of tomatoes and onions to the consumer, while all possible efforts would be made to stabilize their prices. A meeting was held under

the chairmanship of Naveed Qamar to assess availability of tomatoes and onion in the country, said a press release issued here.

Food Security and Research During the meeting, it was discussed that the country and Federal Board of Revewill face a shortage of tonue (FBR) will work togethmatoes and onion in the er. Furthermore, they will

hard to restore

rail service

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways technical and non-technical

staff was working day and night while utilizing all available

resources to restore the rail service in flood affected Sindh

and Balochistan provinces."The train service between Quet-

ta and Karachi Divisions was suspended after railway bridges

collapsed and rail tracks became submerged in water due to

floods in the region," an official of the Ministry of Railways told

APP. He said that in the remaining divisions around seven to

eight bridges were damaged due to which the train operations

were suspended in the flood hit areas. The official said the

train service could not be restored until the bridges and tracks

were cleared of the floodwater. He said the floods and non-stop

rains in the country had caused a loss of more than Rs 11 bil-

lion to the Pakistan Railways, including infrastructure damages

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meeting that import from Iran and Afghanistan will have minimal impact on

the foreign exchange because of special arrangements on trade with these countries.

Ministry of Commerce through Commercial Counselors and Trade Attachés are in contact with the foreign governments abroad in order to make the arrangements in shortest time. Ministry of National Food Security and Research, in coordination with all stakeholders, will continue to monitor the food security situation in the country and will take steps to ensure food availability in the country. - APP

Samina Fazil hails UBG efforts for Women Chambers

heavy unprecedented rains

and flood. She said that the

business and economic ac-

tivities in Balochistan, KPK,

interior Sindh, South Pun-

jab and rural areas across

Pakistan are at halt as they

are not having any buy back

She also appreciated the

leadership of UBG for their

appeal to government to

facilitate Women and small

entrepreneurs and cottage

sector with deferred pay-

ments of their utility bills

She also made an appeal

to government to facilitate

women entrepreneurs with

grant of easy soft loans from

SME banks on the guaran-

tee of their Women CCI.

for three months.

orders of production.

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ISLAMABAD: Samina Fazil Founder President Of Islamabad Women Chamber Of Commerce and Industry and Chairperson UBG Women Wing Pakistan has appreciated the UBG package of incentives for the flood

affected trade bodies. In a statement she said that the package of incentives is a great sigh of relief to flood affected trade bodies particularly to the chambers of women and small Chambers which are striving hard to facilitate their members who are confronted with hard challenges due to

NA panel directs measures to control medicine prices

ISLAMABAD: National Assembly Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations & Coordination on Tuesday expressed concern over poor performance of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP) and directed stringent measures to control the prices and shortage of medicines frequently being used by the patients. The committee meeting held in Parliament House under the Chairmanship of Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla, MNA directed DRAP to develop proper liaison with all provinces to ensure the quality of drugs especially in rural & far flung areas as people of those areas were suffering badly due to unavailability of quality drugs especially lifesaving drugs. - APP

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> MOFA condoles demise of Manzoor Jr

pk and admdte@nust.

edu.pk. – APP

ISLAMABAD: The Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Monday condoled the death of the legendary right winger, hockey World Cup winner, and captain of Team Pakistan Manzoor Hussain Junior.

In a tweet he said, "Adieu #ManzoorHussain Junior legendary right winger, Olympian, World Cup winner & captain of Team Pakistan that won Hockey Gold at 1984 LA Olympics. We salute your services for Pakistan hockey and for keeping the national flag high. Rest In Peace." – APP

Traffic police reunites missing child with parents

RAWALPINDI: The City Traffic Police (CTP) Rawalpindi reunited a missing child with parents, informed CTP spokesman.

Traffic Warden Farrukh was performing patrolling duty when he found a child crying at Ayub Park, Jhelum Road who had forgotten the address of his home. After tireless work and search, the child was handed over to his parents. The parents thanked the traffic warden and expressed good wishes.

Chief Traffic Officer Rawalpindi Naveed Irshad appreciated the warden for his noble deed. CTO said that the hardworking and honest traffic wardens were the pride of the police department who always strive to protect the life and property of the citizens and maintain the flow of traffic. – **APP**

worth Rs 8 billion due to collapse of the bridges and tracks, Peshawar to Multan would remain operational. - APP **Acting HC launches Study in Malaysia Education Fair**

had deployed technical bridge

staff at various sections for the

repair of the damaged bridges and

the train operation would only be

restored after the completion of the

while ticket refunds, diesel and suspension of train operations

had cost the department Rs 3.5 billion. The official said that

the department had deployed technical bridge staff at various

sections for the repair of the damaged bridges and the train

operation would only be restored after the completion of the

reconstruction work on the bridges. It is pertinent to mention

here that Pakistan Railways had suspended its passenger oper-

ation at track ML-I from Khanpur to Hyderabad due to flood

near Nawabshah. The department's divisional and regional

headquarters had decided to close the passenger operation on

this particular track of ML-I, while the other track of ML-I from

reconstruction work on the bridges?

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ISLAMABAD: The Acting High Commissiner of Malavsia, Mr Deddy Faisal bin Ahmad Salleh on 30 August 2022 launched the Study In Malaysia Education Fair in Islamabad. In his remarks, Mr Deddy Faisal bin Ahmad Salleh stated that Malaysia has become one of the most preferable study destinations by the Pakistani students as it is house of the world's leading institutes. Offering a degree that is well-recognised globally, Malaysian universities rank in the world's top universi-

ties and a total of 13 in the

University Rankings by Subject 2022, 10 Malaysian programmes were placed among the top 50 universities for the study of their academic subject.

The envoy added that Malaysia also offers affordability in many areas, from food, travelling, transportation and the tuition fees. The average total tuition fees per annum are approximately at US\$ 4,400 for public universities & US\$ 4,970 for private universities.

Malaysia sits among one with the lowest cost, in which our Cost-of-Living



Index is only 42.47. Other consideration for choosing Malaysia as study destination is that Malaysia has safe, peaceful, and vibrant communities. Malaysia is currently ranked 20th in the world's most peaceful country based on the 2020 Global Security Index (GPI) report, providing you a safe and secure environment for your study journey.

The Education Fair is hosted by the Education Malaysia Global Services (EMGS), a company under the purview of the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia. It is also the principal body that manages the movement of international students in

Malaysia, including facilitating visa processing for the benefit of the students who are aspiring for higher studies in Malaysia. As many as 9 leading universities of Malaysia have been invited to participate in the expo including the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation (APU), Imperium International College, Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia, UNITAR International University, UCSI University, Open University Malaysia (OUM), SEGi University and Colleges.

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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-i-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 'intemperate' 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 Umer and Fawad Chaurdhy. – **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 tim ings 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 or by calling 051-9019919; 0334-5085701. – 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 Habitatis 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.

AKDNhelicopters carried out sorties to rescue stranded families in remote villages of YarkhunLusht, 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 Habitatis 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 beneeded for rehabilitation.AKAH has installed two cable cars in Yasin, District Ghizer and Lapsur Valley in Upper Chitral District connecting640 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 campshave been setup in Bubur Village and ImmitValley 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 togovernment hospitalsand dispensaries with human resources and training. It will leveragethe secondary hospital in Hyderabad andrural 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 toThatta, Dadu, Badin and Lasbella.

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.

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 "Pregnancies damaged. 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 Bakhtior Kadirov. – 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**

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 geoeconomics, 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

Marriyum grieved over demise of mother of Asad Malik

ISLAMABAD: Minister for Information and Broadcasting Marriyum 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 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

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

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 opponents but also create uncertainty and fear in the wider community. This inhuman, savage and insensate 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 Disap-

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 com-

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**

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 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

he 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 bevond 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 sus-

tainable 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.

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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

Harmonious Xinjiang rejects US Act

Muhammad Zamir Assadi

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

irst 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 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.

The writer si UAE Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

Political temperature and flood

Dr. Muhammad Akram Zaheer



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 govt for another term

he 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 potentially 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.

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he recent so-called "Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act" approved by Unites 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 Uygur 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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Briefs UN issues \$160 million flash appeal

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must share the responsibility of supporting those countries that had been facing the threats of global warm ing and climate change. These international efforts would complement government of Pakistan's efforts he said and urged the global community to fully back the flash appeal by contributing generously. The foreign minister while explaining the magnitude of the disaster caused by floods, said the damages during the recent calamity exceeded the damages caused during 2010 floods.

He said Pakistan had been a ground zero for the century's existential climate change and global warming threats as about 72 districts and 33 million population had been badly affected while more than 1000 lives were lost. hundreds of others were injured, besides millions of houses damaged, livestock and crops were wiped out. Pakistan had been facing the direct consequences of global warming and in the frontline of such devastation wrought by the climatic changes, he added.

He said the disaster was colossal and the flood hit areas were lacking critical basics. The current cycle of super flooding, the foreign minister said, they saw was a part of extreme weather patterns. Unprecedented levels of cloud bursts and torrential rains had triggered widespread devastation. urban flooding, river floods and landslides, resulting in the loss of human life, livelihoods and livestock.

Terming year's super floods as a climate calamity induced destruction, he said "what we are facing today has been no above average monsoon. It is an entirely new level of climate-led catastrophe." The foreign minister said the rainfall in Pakistan since mid-June had been equivalent to three times the 30-year national average and the southern, central and northern rezions of the country were

Kyiv claims breakthrough in new Kherson offensive

News Desk

KYIV: Ukrainian forces claimed to have 'broken through' Russian defences on Monday amid a new counter-offensive in the Kherson region. The operation, launched yesterday, is aimed at pushing Russian troops back across the Dnipro river and retaking the occupied city of Kherson. Intense battles are currently raging between Ukrainian and Russian forces across almost all of the southern region, according to the Ukrainian presidency. Ukrainian forces broke through Russia's first line of defence on the outskirts of Kherson, capturing an industrial site reportedly being used as an army base, Ukrainian local media reported on Monday. While independent verification of battlefield action has been difficult, the UK Defence Ministry said in an intelligence report that several Ukrainian brigades had stepped up their artillery fire in front-line sectors across the south of the country. Ukraine's presidential office reported that "powerful explosions continued during the day and night in the Kherson region. Tough battles are ongoing practically across all" of the area. Ukrainian forces, the office said, destroyed ammunition depots and all large bridges across the Dnipro river that are vital to bringing supplies to Russian troops. Speaking to CNN in the evening Monday, an anonymous source within the Ukrainian

military said its forces had also recaptured four villages in Kherson Oblast.

Russia's military claims that it successfully repelled an offensive by Ukrainian troops, who suffered "heavy losses" as a result. Euronews cannot independently verify any of these claims. Kyiv called on all civilians in the Kherson Oblast to evacuate the area, with its forces continuing to press into the area and harangue Russian positions on Tuesday. Kherson, with a pre-war population of 280,000, was the first major Ukrainian city to fall into Russian hands at the start of the invasion in February.

The wider region is strategically valuable. Alongside being a hub of Ukrainian agriculture, it borders the Russian-controlled Crimean peninsular, which Russia has used as a rear base for the invasion. The huge new offensive follows a series of disruptive Ukrainian attacks against Russian forces and supply lines in the south, especially in Crimea where Russia has lost warplanes and military stores in acts of sabotage. On Monday, Ukraine's forces were reportedly shelling ferries used by Russia to supply a pocket of territory it controls on the west bank of the Dnipro river in the Kherson region. In his nightly video address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urged Russian troops to flee, saying Ukraine's military would chase them back "to the border." "If they want to survive - it's time for the Russian military to run away. Go home," he said. "Ukraine is taking back its own." The Russian defence ministry claimed Ukrainian troops had tried to push into Kherson, but sustained significant casualties, the country's state-owned RIA news agency reported. The "enemy's offensive attempt failed miserably", it said. Earlier on Monday, a spokeswoman for Ukraine's Operational Command South, Natalia Humeniuk, announced that Kyiv had launched a counter-offensive in the south and its forces were attacking "in many directions."

The Ukrainian military grouping "Kakhovka" said on Facebook it had seen a unit of pro-Russian separatist fighters retreating from their positions in the region, with Oleksyy Arestovych a senior advisor to Zelenskyy saying Russian defences had been "broken through in a few hours." Again this is unverifiable by independent sources. A major counter-offensive to liberate the southern region of Ukraine under Russia's control has been anticipated since July, following remarks by Ukraine's top brass that they had ordered the area's liberation. "Today, there were powerful artillery attacks on enemy positions ... throughout the territory of the occupied Kherson region," Sergey Khlan, an advisor to the regional governor, told Ukrainian media outlets on Monday.

"This is the announcement of what we have been waiting for since spring: it is the beginning of the end of the occupation of the Kherson region," Khlan added. With the

war in Ukraine now in its sixth month, the coming weeks may prove decisive. Ukraine has vowed to drive Russians from the territory they have seized since the start of the invasion, including the southern region of Kherson, while Moscow has pledged to hold on to the occupied areas and take more ground around the country. The Ukrainians have used American-supplied rocket launchers such as HIMARS to strike bridges and military infrastructure in the south, forcing Russia to divert its forces from the Donbas in the east to counter the new threat.

A key bridge near Kherson was destroyed by the Ukrainian army in the lead-up to the counter-offensive, cutting traffic across it and raising potential supply problems for Russian forces in the area. Russia can still use a second crossing on the Dnipro to ferry supplies and reinforcements to its troops in Kherson, which lies just north of the Crimean Peninsula - annexed by Russia in 2014 - but Ukraine's strikes have shown Russia's vulnerability and weakened its hold on the region. While the bulk of Russian and Ukrainian military assets are con entrated in the Donbas, the industrial region of mines and factories, both sides hope to make gains elsewhere. Moscow-appointed occupation officials in Kherson have talked about holding a referendum on joining Russia as early as September. Those plans hinge on Russia's ability to win full control of those areas by then.

Williams

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US Open

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with a win

NEW YORK: Serena Wil-

liams extended her US Open

farewell with a gritty open-

ing win on an entertaining

night packed with hope and

celebration in New York.

Williams, who is set to retire

after the tournament, won

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A near-capacity 25,000

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typical determined style.

Williams, 40, will play Es-

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Kontaveit in the second

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23-time Grand Slam sin-

gles champion, who is one

short of Australian Marga-

ret Court's all-time record,

is also playing in the dou-

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nounced a new part with ex-interior minister Ali Ahmad Jalali as its chief. Scores of US and Europe based Afghans included high profiled technocrats, diplomats and politicians are part of new party. All of them are discussing ways and means not only for restoration of democratic process but also getting rid of Taliban. In the wake of all such happenings in Pakistan and Afghanistan and hobnobbing amongst the scattered Afghan leaders, it seems that "situation in Afghanistan in particular and rest of the region" was taking another turn in near future. Pakistan and Afghanistan in recent past suffered a lot and still suffering, therefore, its leaders must realise their responsibilities at this stage. Especially Afghan Taliban must address wishes and expectations of global community-which is ending era of terror, harassment and victimization on politico-religious grounds.

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loss of human lives, livelihoods, livestock, crops, property and infrastructure. The Prime Minister added that, most regrettably, the situation was likely to deteriorate further as rains were expected to continue over areas already submerged by more than two months of flooding. The Prime Minister also apprised the EU President of the efforts undertaken by the Government, which includelarge scale humanitarian response for people in the affected areas, by immediate dispatch and distribution of food, medicine and relief material to those affected by floods. The Government has also established a Relief Fund for people all over the country and made arrangements for people overseas to donate

to the flood relief efforts. The Prime Minister shared that a "UN Flash Appeal" would be launched and expressed the hope that the international community would contribute towards meeting the funding requirements endorsed by the UN.

UAE creates...

US Open: Ukraine's Daria Snigur stuns Simona Halep

SPORTS DESK

NEW YORK: Ukrainian qualifier Daria Snigur dedicated her shock US Open victory over seventh seed Simona Halep to the people of her war-torn nation. Making her Grand Slam maindraw debut, Snigur won 6-2 0-6 6-4 in New York to record the biggest win of her career. The 20-year-old prepared for the tournament in Riga after her training base in Kyiv was bombed by Russia. "This is a victory for Ukraine, for all Ukrainian people, for my family, for my team," the world number 124 said. "The situation is bad, of course. I try to do the best for Ukraine, I try to support my country.

"It's not so easy because the war is continuing. Sometimes it's impossible to play but I try to do my best because I want to live in Ukraine." Snigur could barely believe her achievement as Halen sent a backhand into the net

lost just six points as she claimed a one-sided second set to level the match. But, unfazed, a double break of serve in the third put Snigur on the verge of victory before she withstood a late fightback from her opponent and converted her third match point. It was not long before tears of joy followed as she came back from 0-30 behind in the final game, while her father watched on in disbelief, resting his hands on his head, as his daughter spoke to the crowd. "I'm very happy. It's impossible for me," said Snigur, whose mother remains at home in Kyiv. "I have to say thanks to Simona for this incredible match. I want to thank all the fans who watched our match today. "Of course this match is for Ukraine, for my family, for everyone who supported me. I want to say thank you to you all." She will face Rebecca Marino in round two after the Canadian beat Poland's Magdalena Frech 6-2 6-3 Andreescu beats Tan



which she later said was "bothering me on some forehands". "It's not my fault, it's Nike's fault, this dress is e told tl ire who

agreed not to dock her one of the

two bathroom breaks players are

allowed to take. She initially domi-

nated on her return, wrapping up a

26-minute opening set without los-

ing a game. Tan, who reached the

last 16 at Wimbledon, established

a 4-0 lead on her way to forcing a

decider, but the momentum swung firmly in Andreescu's direction once more as she dominated the third to win 6-0 3-6 6-1 Discus

with them for the rest of my life."

ing sponsor.

worst affected.

Bilawal said millions were displaced who had been now spending days and nights, in camps, in the open skies, adding they were in dire need of clean drinking water, food and shelters.

The roads infrastructure had been damaged impeding their efforts to relocate and provide support to the flood-trapped people, he said, adding it was a national emergency and life defining moment. The foreign minister said Pakistan required financial assistance besides, urgently needed shelters, food, non-food, and other basic items. Recounting his personal experiences, the foreign minister said that he had seen pains and agonies in the eyes of affectees who had lost everything they once owned, and were uncertain about their future. In addition to the human miseries, the natural catastrophe had also impacted the country's limited economic resources, he added. He also highlighted the government's relief measures including cash payment to each affected family and the compensation amount for the loss of lives and damaged homes. Foreign Minister Bilawal further said that the government had also established PM Relief Fund 2022 to receive donations.

to confirm a huge opening-day upset at Flushing Meadows. Having led the third set 5-1, Snigur held her nerve to beat two-time major winner Halep and earn a first Tour-level match win, in her first meeting with a top-10 ranked player. Halep, who reached the Wimbledon semi-finals in July,

Indonesia successful in overcoming

Canada's 2019 champion Bianca Andreescu prevailed in three sets against Harmony Tan after being forced into a last-minute outfit change. The 22-year-old asked to leave the court during the warm-up because of an issue with her dress,

after dress change

COVID-19 crisis

JAKARTA: Coordinating Minister for the Economy Airlangga Hartarto drew attention to Indonesia's success in overcoming the COVID-19 pandem-ic through policies that were implemented flexibly with maximum capacity. "To give the government a much greater maneuvering policy room in navigating health and economic challenges, we integrated health and economic policies under one coordination of the COVID-19 Handling Committee and Economic Recovery (PC-PEN) in July 2020," Minister Airlangga Hartarto noted in an official statement here on Tuesday. – ANTARA

US Open: Andy Murray wins, Dart shocks Daria wanted "to be better".

SPORTS DESK

NEW YORK: Britain's Andy Murray demonstrated his grit and guile to frustrate Argentine 24th seed Francisco Cerundolo and start the 10th anniversary of his US Open victory with a first-round win. Murray, 35, took a tight first set 7-5 and impressively won the next two 6-3 6-3 as Cerundolo became despondent. He is joined in the next round by Jack Draper, who beat Finland's Emil Ruusuvuori 6-4 6-3 6-3. Fellow Briton Harriet Dart ad-

vanced by overcoming 10th seed Daria Kasatkina. The 26-year-old world number 88 claimed her first main-draw win in New York as well as her first victory against a top-10 player as she beat the world number nine 7-6 (10-8) 1-6 6-3. But former British number one Kyle Edmund lost 6-3 7-5 6-2 against Norwegian



fifth seed Casper Ruud as he made his Grand Slam singles comeback after a serious knee injury.

Emma Raducanu starts her title defence on Tuesday, with seventh seed Cameron Norrie and Dan Evans also playing on day two. Murray rolls back years with convincing win Murray was one of seven British players competing in the



through to the second round after opening play on Louis Armstrong Stadium, which is the second show court at Flushing Meadows. Almost four years on from having major hip surgery, the former world number one has struggled to string wins together in a season he recently described as "OK" and

bles alongside older sister issue afterwards, Andreescu was far Venus, adding another exmore diplomatic towards her clothciting element to what she hopes will be a long good-"I could have definitely used a differbye this fortnight. Her ent choice of wording," she said. "So first assignment was beat-I apologise to anyone I disrespecting Kovinic, ranked 80th ed. I love Nike and I hope I can be in the world. – Agencies

Climbing the rankings sufficient-

ly to be seeded for the New York

major was the target after Wim-

bledon, where he lost to 20th seed

John Isner in the second round.

Inconsistent performances in

North America since did not en-

able him to achieve his goal and,

as a result, the world number 51

ended up being drawn against a

seeded player at Flushing Mead-

ows. While 24-year-old Cerundolo

has largely climbed the rankings

this year because of his results on

clay, it felt like his forehand could

cause problems for Murray on the

hard court and many predicted a

long slog between the pair. Howev-

er, that did not play out as Murray,

who earned the first of his three

major titles in New York ground

down his opponent to win his first

Grand Slam match in straight sets

since Wimbledon in 2017.

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other contingents over the coming days. The ambassador, while extending condolences to the Pakistan government, said that the assistance programs confirm the "depth and strength" of the relations between the two brotherly countries. He reiterated the UAE's firm commitment to support Pakistan in difficult times, and readiness to provide every possible assistance.

Evenepoel aces time-trial to extend Vuelta lead

VALENCIA: Remco Evenepoel won stage 10 of the Vuelta a Espana on Tuesday, extending his overall lead in the race by dominating a flat 30.9km individual time-trial from Elche to Alicante. The 22-year-old Belgian not only won his first stage on the race but also extended his overall lead on defending champion Primoz Roglic by 48 seconds. Last down the ramp at the Elche start line, Evenepoel was already in the race leader's red jersey ahead of a time-trial that suited his strengths. - Agencies

Soaring inflation fuels strikes in United Kingdom

AGENCIES

LONDON: Donning a red vest and flying a union flag, 24-year-old Caitlin is one of the thousands of British workers who have refused to work this summer. A spiralling cost of living forced the tug boat driver at Felixstowe - the UK's largest port - to join an eightday strike that is estimated to have disrupted £680million (795million) worth of trade. "All we're asking for is a small part of the port's profits to help us through some very tough and uncertain times ahead," says Caitlin. Inflation could hit 18 per cent in the UK by next year, according to Citibank, which will see soaring costs for energy bills and everyday goods. Dock workers like Caitlin, who are demanding a 12% pay rise, are not alone in calling for a better salary to keep up with inflation. Bins have overflowed, trains

ground to a halt - and criminal courts could sit empty in September as barristers plan to join Britain's wave of industrial action.

The press has dubbed it the "summer of discontent" - a nod to the so-called winter of discontent of 1978-79, which saw almost 30 million working days lost to strike action across public and private sectors. "We've not had anything like this since the late 1970s," says Professor Keith Laybourn, president of the Society for the Study of Labour History. "People are frustrated. Living standards are getting tested. If people are ten per cent worse off then they start asking how they'll pay their bills.

Strike action is not isolated to the UK as other European countries are also seeing growing disruption organised by trade unions. Railway workers in the Netherlands refused to work this week, bringing the country's trains to a near standstill, while a walkout by airport staff in Germany saw over 1,000 flights cancelled in July. Yet walkouts in the UK this summer come after a significant lull in industrial action.

In 2017, Britain saw its lowest level of strikes since the 1890s with just 33.000 workers involved in labour disputes. But by April this year strike activity was already bubbling with pay disputes hitting their highest level in half a decade. Come the summer and tens of thousands of train drivers, airport staff, barristers, refuse workers, post operatives, dockers and more have refused to work in a bid for better pay.

Success has been limited so far and some unions have rejected pay rise offers deemed to fall below the rate of inflation, such as the 7% offered to workers at Felixstowe port. The resurgence of strikes comes despite a period of "union busting" that followed the "winter of discontent" in the late 1970s.

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Drought declared across South **West England**

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LONDON: A drought has officially declared been across the whole of South West England on Tuesday following prolonged dry weather conditions not experienced in 90 years. The Environment Agency declared that Bristol, Somerset, Dorset, south Gloucestershire and parts of Wiltshire in the south west have all received drought status.

"Despite some heavy rain over the past 2 weeks, it has not been enough to refill our rivers and aquifers River levels across our Wessex area are exceptionally low - many showing the lowest flows on record," Chris Paul, an EA official, said. "This places incredible strain on local wildlife and this is why we are moving to drought status. We are prioritising our local operations to minimise impacts on the envi ronment." he added.

As a result of two successive heatwaves and minimal rainfall, some of the UK's major water systems have experienced low river flows. Water reservoirs have steadily been depleted and many villages across drought-hit areas were in need of water supplies. The EA uses a four-stage process to explain and manage drought conditions. These include prolonged dry weather, drought, severe drought and recovering drought.

This year the UK has experienced its hottest and driest summer with the months of July and August recording temperatures between 35-40 degrees Celsius (95-104 degrees Fahrenheit). Earlier this month, a drought was declared in England's South East as well as parts of southern Wales.

EU sends 5.5M iodide pills to Ukraine

BRUSSELS: The EU donated 5.5 million potassium iodide pills to Ukraine, the European Commission said on Tuesday, amid the threat of an explosion at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. With a total financial value of more than 500,000 (\$500,000), pills will be sent "as a preventative safety measure to increase the level of protection around the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant," the EU executive body said in a press statement. Five million pills are provided by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, while Austria contributes with an additional 500,000 drugs following the request of the Ukrainian government. "We will continue to be on the lookout and stand ready to act, because preparedness saves lives." said Janez Lenarcic, EU commissioner for crisis management. "No nuclear power plant should ever be used as a war theatre," he added, calling to cease immediately military action around the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant. Potassium iodide tablets offer protection in case of exposure to high radiation levels at a nuclear explosion. It prevents the inhaled or swallowed radioactive iodine from being absorbed by the thyroid. - APP

EU plans to 'intervene' in electricity market

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought the market design to its most extreme limits, fuelling calls for state intervention and meaningful reforms

News Desk

BRUSSELS: The worsening energy crisis besieging Europe has laid bare the "limitations" of the electricity market and requires an "emergency intervention" to bring down soaring prices, Ursula von der Leyen has said. "The skyrocketing electricity prices are now exposing, for different reasons, the limitations of our current electricity market design," the European Commission president said on Monday while addressing the Bled Strategic Forum in Slovenia.

"[The market] was developed under completely different circumstances and for completely different purposes. It is no longer fit for purpose. "That is why we, the Commission, are now working on an emergency intervention and a structural reform of the electricity market. We need a new market model for electricity that really functions and brings us back into balance."

Today, the EU's wholesale electricity market works on the basis of marginal pricing, also known as the "pay-as-clear market". Under this system, all electricity produc-

ers - from fossil fuels to wind and solar - bid into the market and offer power according to their production costs. The bidding starts from the cheapest resources - the renewables and finishes with the most expensive ones, usually gas. Since most EU countries still rely on fossil fuels to meet all their energy demands, the final price of electricity is often set by the price of gas. If gas becomes pensive, electricity more ex-

bills inevitably up, even i f clean, cheaper sources also contribute to the total energy

supply. The system was ini-

tially praised for boosting transparency and promoting the switch to green sources, but since late 2021, it has come under intense criticism. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has brought the market design to its most extreme limits, fuelling calls for state intervention and meaningful reforms. Spain, Portugal, Greece, France, Italy and Belgium are among those calling for a "decoupling" of gas and electricity prices to put an end to the contagion effect. The Czech presidency of the EU Council

> has already convened an extraordinary meeting energy ministers, scheduled to take place

on 9 September. President von der Leyen did not unveil further details in her speech, which touched upon a wider range of topics, including rule of law, climate change, the economic recovery and EU enlargement. Her comments come amid a record-breaking spike in gas prices, driven by speculation around Gazprom, Russia's state-controlled energy giant. The multinational has repeatedly limited and even shut down gas flows to several EU countries. Deliveries across the Nord Stream 1 pipeline are at 20% of its daily capacity.

On Friday, future gas prices at the Title Transfer Facility (TTF), the continent's leading trading hub, reached 339 per megawatt-hour, a stratospheric figure compared to the 27 mark set a year ago. The seemingly unstoppable upward trend is raising fears of bankruptcy for companies and energy poverty for households ahead of the winter season, when heating consumption is expected to increase drastically. In late July, the EU decided to establish a voluntary plan to reduce gas demand by 15% between now and next spring with the hopes of somehow cushioning the impact of the Kremlin's energy manipulation.

IRCO to send **100-tonne** emergency relief

Islamabad **POST**

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ISLAMABAD: The head of the Iranian Red Crescent Organization Mehdi Valipour on Tuesday said the organisation was ready to send 100 tonnes of emergency housing supplies to flood victims in Pakistan.

Talking to IRNA news agency, he said that this consignment including 1,000 tents, 2,000 carpets and 4,000 blankets and other emergency relief items would be provided to the flood victims. Valipour said the International Department of the Iranian Red Crescent was now in consultation with the Pakistani authorities to send the consignment of emergency shelter supplies and if necessary permits were obtained, it would be sent through the Chabahar Border.

He added that the relief and medical team of the Iranian Red Crescent was also ready to be sent to the flood-affected areas.

He said that according to Pakistani media, more than 1,000 people have died and 1,000 residential units have been destroyed in recent weeks due to heavy rains in various parts of the country, especially Balochistan and Sindh. Mehdi said that more than 30 million people in different parts of Pakistan was affected by floods and other natural calamities caused by abnormal rains. – APP

CCP Congress to open October 16

BEIJING: China's ruling Communist Party will begin its 20th Party Congress on October 16, state media reported Tuesday, a landmark meeting at which President Xi Jinping is expected to be anointed as the country's most powerful leader in decades. The meeting in the capital Beijing is widely expected to see Xi reinstated as president for an unprecedented third term.

It will also see the unveiling of a new top leadership line-up, as Xi consolidates his grip on the party and his position as the most powerful Chinese leader since the country's founder

China, Pakistan launches series of activities of vocational education

BEIJING: China-Pakistan TVET (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) Cooperation and Development seminar and the launching Ceremony of China-Pakistan TVET Exchange and Cooperation series activities were launched here at Pakistan Embassy.

According to China Economic Net (CEN), a series of future activities were launched including the China-Pakistan TVET Cooperation and Development Seminar, China-Pakistan "Internet +" International Education & Industry-Education Integration Seminar to be held during the 23rd China International Education Annual Conference, preparation of China-Pakistan International Industrial Academic Integration Alliance, online lecture series and exchange activities of China-Pakistan TVET College Principals, Interto be held jointly by the Pingdingshan Polytechnic Embassy of Pakistan togeth-College and TANG Internaer with Pakistan National tional Education Group. Tal-Skills University and Hebei ent on software engineering Province, China, visits and and mining will be cultivatinspections of leading exed respectively. According to the Embasperts from the Pakistani

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Embassy in Beijing to Chisy, the seminar and series nese vocational institutes, activities aim to improve and the establishment the standard of vocational of China-Pakistan TVET skills, socio-industrial ethics and e-commerce capability On the occasion, two Siof Pakistani youth, which constitutes about 70% of no-Pak dual diploma joint technical education pro-Pakistan's total population, grams under the "China enhance exports by culti-Cooperation + Commercial vating talent for the Special Culture + Technological Economic Zones, make Pa-Training + Education Emkistan a regional center of ployment" (CCTE) model excellence for vocational were signed. The first one training by collaborating is between Government with existing state-of-the-College of Technology for art vocational universities and colleges, and equip the P&GA, Shenzhen Institute of Information Technology, poor segment of society Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority eradicate poverty. Punjab, Zalmi Foundation,

with specialized training to The event was hosted by the Pakistani Embassy, organized by Tang Inter-

and co-organized by Beijing Global Talent Exchange Association. Moin ul Haque, Ambassador of Pakistan to China, as well

as representatives from National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), Pakistan, China Education Association for International Exchange, China Association of Higher Education, TANG International Education Group, and Beijing Global Talent Exchange Association addressed the ceremony.

In his speech, Moin ul Haque stressed the need to train talent in e-commerce to promote Pakistan's exports to China through online platforms.

He acknowledged the role of TVET cooperation in capacity building in Pakistani communities as CPEC construction will bring huge demand of skilled manpower in industries, ICT, and agriPak envoy appreciates **China's timely help**

highly appreciated China's timely assistance to flood control and disaster relief efforts being carried out by the Pakistani government in flood-hit areas in Pakistan. Pakistan is facing unprecedented floods in all the provinces and regions of Pakistan. Over 1000 deaths have been reported so far and a number of villages have been washed away while standing crops have been destroyed, he told CEN. "China has always been standing with Pakistan in these difficult times. The support which has been provided by China and its organisations is very timely and very valuable. "This time also China is stepping forward and this is just a first step", he added.

The ambassador hoped in addition to the announcement made by China more Chinese assistance will be coming in the future. He informed that thousands of livestock have been killed by the floods caused by heavy monsoon rains. The situation is quite serious in the country and as per the estimates of the NDMA more than 30 million people have been affected in Pakistan. "We are very grateful to the government of China and the very timely announcement of assistance to Pakistan in the shape of tents and shelters will be certainly dispatched to Pakistan shortly", the ambassador mentioned. He further said that the Chinese government Chinese institutions and other organisations are approaching the embassy for not only the expression of solidarity but also offering their help in terms of donations and any other assistance that they can provide like dry food and medicines. He said the situation is still evolving and the embassy is in touch with the Chinese government and all other institutions."We also have written letters to the major provinces of China and other key institutions for assistance because they are

BEIJING: Pakistan Ambassador to China Moin-ul-Haque has

79th Venice **Film Festival** opens

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ROME: Five Italian films compete at the 79th Venice Film Festival which opens Tuesday and runs until Sept. 10, with the participation of great international names and some interesting debuts. "Festivals are not a bubble closed off to contemporary reality," artistic director Alberto Barbera said last month unveiling the program of the new edition, which this year includes initiatives in support of Ukraine and filmmakers persecuted around the world.

The annual film festival the only major international event that did not cancel its physical edition due to the coronavirus pandemic - has also removed after two years the barriers it set up to shield its world-famous catwalk from the crowd of excited fans, ready to welcome again a flurry of celebrities.

Iraqi cleric Sadr calls for an end to protests

BAGHDAD: Iraqi cleric Mogtada al-Sadr called on his followers to stop protesting Tuesday after violent clashes between rival Shiite Muslim groups continued for a second day following his announcement that he was withdrawing from politics. The violence prompted Iran to close its air and land borders with Iraq just as millions of Iranians were preparing for an annual pilgrimage to Shiite sites.

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"This is not a revolution (anymore) because it has lost its peaceful character," Sadr said in a televised address. "The spilling of Iraqi blood is forbidden," he added. In a televised address delivered at 1pm local time (1000 GMT), Sadr set a onehour deadline for his supporters to leave their protests in the fortified Green Zone in central Baghdad,

where they have occupied parliament for weeks. "Within 60 minutes, if the withdraw, including from the sit-in at parliament, then even I will leave the movement," Sadr said. Moments after Sadr's speech, his supporters

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were seen beginning to leave the Green Zone, and minutes after that, the army lifted a nation-wide curfew imposed since violence erupted on Monday. Tensions have soared in Iraq amid a political crisis that has left the country without a new government, prime minister or president for months, and escalated sharply after Sadr's supporters on Monday stormed the government palace following the Shiite cleric's

announcement that he was quitting politics. The violence pitched Sadr's supporters against rival Shiite factions backed by neighbouring Iran. Overnight, shelling targeted the high-security Green Zone that houses government buildings and diplomatic missions amid angry protests after Sadr's surprise

Sadrist movement does not announcement.



MANILA: Federal Minister for Defence Production Muhammad Israr Tareen called on Deputy Defence Minister kingdom of Thailand General Chaichan Changmongkol on side-line of Defense and Security 2022 Exhibition being held from 29 August 2022 to 01 September 2022 in Thailand. - DNA

Eldest son of Che Guevara dies in Venezuela

HAVANA: Camilo Guevara March, the eldest son of communist revolutionary icon Ernesto "Che" Guevara, died in Caracas aged 60, Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel said on Tuesday. According to Prensa Latina, Guevara March was visiting Venezuela when he died on Monday due to a blood clot that led to a heart attack. "It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Camilo, son of Che and promoter of his ideas," said Diaz-Canel on Twitter. He was the eldest of four children that Argentine Guevara had with Cuban Aleida March. Guevara also had a daughter, Hilda, from a previous marriage to Peruvian Hilda Gadea.

A graduate in labor law, Guevara March was the director of the Center for Che Guevara Studies in Havana, an institution dedicated to promoting the work and ideology of his father, who remains a hugely influential figure in Cuba.

Born in Argentina, Guevara studied medicine before traveling through Latin America, when he met Cuban revolutionaries Fidel and Raul Castro in Mexico. Guevara joined their army and helped overthrow USbacked Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, before later unsuccessfully attempting to spark similar Marxist revolutions in Congo and then Bolivia, where he was shot dead by a soldier in 1967 at age 39. - APP

Mao Zedong. The congress - held every five years - will be an "extremely important conference", according to a report by state broadcaster CCTV on a Monday meeting of the country's 25-member Politburo.

Preparatory work for the conference is "progressing smoothly", the report added. The event will see about 2.300 Communist Party delegates from across the country descend on Beijing in a highly choreographed exercise to pick members of the party's Central Committee of around 200 members. The final meeting of the current Central Committee will take place in Beijing from October 9, the report said. The Central Committee will then vote for the 25-person Politburo and its all-powerful Standing Committee - China's highest leadership body and apex of power, currently comprised of seven people. Voting is mostly a formality - the pecking order of the Politburo and its Standing Committee is likely to have been decided well in advance. - APP

Slovenia backs Croatia's entry into Schengen

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very much in favour of Cro-**US leaders voice solidarity with flood-victims** atia's entry into the Schen-

WASHINGTON: American officials and lawmakers have expressed solidarity with Pakistan where the worst-ever floods have killed more than 1,000 people and displaced some 33 million.

Through its National Disaster Management Authority, the Pakistani Government - which has declared a national emergency - is leading the response in coordinating assessments and directing humanitarian relief to affected people. State Department's Counselor Derek Chollet, a senior policy advisor to the Secretary of State Antony Blinken, has said that the United States was standing by Pakistan at this difficult hour. In a tweet after his telephonic call with Pakistan's Ambassador to US, Masood Khan, Chollet said that he was deeply saddened by lives lost and severe humanitarian impacts in Pakistan due to recent flood. We stand with Pakistan,ť

Masood Khan thanked Derek

Chollet for expressing solidarity with the flood victims. Matters related to Pak-US bilater-

al relations with special focus on promoting trade and investment ties and people to people exchanges came under discussion during the conversation, according to a press release of the Pakistani embassy on Monday.

Ranking Member of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator, Jim Risch, also expressed his sympathies with the flood victims. In his tweet, Senator Risch said, My thoughts are with Pakistan as it contends with deadly and devastating flooding. Vicki and I are praving for the victims. their families, and all those affected by this disaster.ť

Other US leaders, including Senator Ted Cruz and Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, have also made similar statements.

Congresswoman Lee also wrote to President Joe Biden requesting immediate provision of assistance including material, equipment and technical assistance to support efforts to bring relief to the hardest hit areas of the country.

The Pakistani envoy is visiting Michigan and Chicago where he is meeting US leadership, businessmen and Pak-American community to solicit their help for the flood victims in Pakistan. He has already visited New York.

The Ambassador has also written letters to US Senators and Congressmen briefing them about the widespread devastation caused by the floods and seeking their support for relief, rescue and recovery operations, according to the press release.

In New York, the Ambassador participated in a fundraiser organized by Association of Physicians of Pakistani Descent of North America (APPNA) and called upon them not only to donate generously but also to use their influence and

reach out to the US leadership and Pak-American community in securing support for the victims of unprecedented flood.

Masood Khan also participated in Pakistan Independence day Parade held in New York where he made an impassioned appeal to Pakistani-American community for helping their flood-hit compatriots Mayor New York Eric Adams, speaking at Sunday's event, expressed his deep sympathies with the flood victims. "We should keep in mind those families in Pakistan right now who are experiencing devastation of the flooding"ť, he said.

In Chicago, the Ambassador met Jack Lavin, President and CEO of Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, one of U.S.' largest trade bodies, and apprised him of the flood situation in Pakistan.

The Ambassador highlighted education, agriculture, health and most importantly tech sector, as game changer, where there existed huge opportunities the business community of the two countries to forge win-win partnership, the press release said.

Ambassador Masood Khan also met members of Pak-American community in Chicago and urged them to step forward and help their suffering brothers and sisters and needed immediate attention in meeting their basic needs including food, shelter and medical care. During his meeting with Mayor Glendale Heights and the local leadership, the Ambassador called upon them to mobilize Pakistani-American community for helping the flood victims.

"Pak-American community has not only been making huge contributions towards strengthening Pak-US ties but has always been at the forefront in responding to any call for help from Pakistan," Masood Khan said during his meeting with the members of Pak-American community in Chicago. - APP

gen zone, said Interior Minister Tatjana Bobnar, who met her Croatian counterpart Davor Božinović. The ministers discussed preparations for an agree-

ment on cooperation between the two countries' police forces, which Bobnar said was "crucial and very important" for when Croatia becomes a member of the Schengen zone.

Talks had been at a standstill for years, though a big step towards agreement had now been taken, said Bobnar.

"Of course, we expect our Croatian counterparts to conduct full checks on the external border and fulfil all other tasks as provided by the Schengen legal order," she added.

Both Bobnar and Božinović agreed that Croatia joining the Schengen zone is in the best interests of both countries.







Briefs Pakistan envoy thanks **Canada** for \$5mln 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 partici-

pants 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 Ianiua

further said that rains and floods had also caused severe damage to public build ings 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

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, Khwazakhela 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 NCOC. 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.

Chinese President Xi, Premier show solidarity President Dr Arif Alvi, observed that se-DNA vere floods had occurred recently in Pakistan, causing heavy casualties and serious ISLAMABAD: Chinese President Xi Jinping property losses. President Xi, on behalf of and Premier Li Keqiang have expressed the Chinese government and people, and in their complete solidarity with the governhis own name, expressed deep condolences ment and people of Pakistan over the human over the victims and sincere sympathy to the and financial losses in the recent floods that bereaved families, the injured and the peodevastated huge parts of Pakistan. ple in the affected areas. Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong The Chinese envoy had apprised the Gov-

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

ernment 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



Tehreek e Insaf (PTI)'s Khan Chairman Imran 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. petitioner said The 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

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

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 speauthorities. President Xi, in a message to

hand over these articles to the Pakistani posted a tweet. He also conveyed his good wishes to the Chinese leadership.

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 par-

ticular 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 Tando Muhammad Khan that cities and villages of 21 crores, 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, 25, Khaleel told.

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

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