

### **Briefs Army highly** condemns the incident

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prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General Lieutenant General Babar Iftikhar said. In a statement issued by the media wing of the military, it extended sincere prayers for precious life lost and speedy recovery and wellbeing of Chairman PTI Imran Khan and all those injured in this unfortunate incident.Earlier today, former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, other party leaders.

### Democracy under threat in elections

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and his supporters of undermining democracy, ahead of next week's midterm elections. "Make no mistake, democracy is on the ballot for all of us," Mr Biden, a Democrat, said, referring to threats by some Republicans candidates to refuse to accept the outcome should they lose. Republicans hit back, saying Mr Biden was seeking to "divide and deflect". Control of both chambers of Congress is at stake in the

# One dead, 10 injured, US slams attack Imran survives murder attempt

Imran's container came under attack as it moved through Punjab's Wazirabad town, a bullet hit Khan's shin, alleged attacker arrested, 'Long march will reach Islamabad at all cost'

### YOUSAF BHUTTA

WAZIRABAD: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, other party leaders including Senator Faisal Javed were wounded and one died after gunshots fired at the long march container.

According to the details, the firing incident happened during the long march reception camp at Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad.

Imran's container came under attack as it moved through Punjab's Wazirabad town. He sustained a bullet wound to the leg while other party leaders and supporters were also injured in the attack - reportedly carried out by a lone gunman.

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### 'Thank God he's okay'

8 November vote.

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LONDON: Jemima Goldsmith, former wife of PTI chairman Imran Khan, on



the former prime minister expressed gratitude to almighty God that he is safe. In her latest Tweet, she said, "The news we dread ... Thank God he's okay. And thank you from his sons to the heroic man in the crowd who tackled the gunman." She also tweeted the picture of the PTI worker Ibtisam.

### **EU envoy** shocked

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ISLAMABAD: Ambassador Of European Union Riina Kionka has said political violence in any form, in any country undermines democracy and decency.In her Twitter message she said she was shocked by the attack on Imran Khan, Chairman PTI and his companions. Violence in any form is wrong and unacceptable, horrifying in a country with this sad history. We wish full recovery for all injured, her Tweet further read.

talking to the media, said medical examination has revealed bullet fragments and a slight chip in the tibia due to the bullet injury. He added Imran was coherent and was given pain medication during the emergency examination. District police officer Ghazanfar Ali said one person was killed and ten others were wounded in the attack. A bullet hit his shin, the PTI spokesperson Fawad Chaudhry said.

"Imran Khan and (party colleague) Faisal Javed received bullet wounds. A bullet hit IK's shin. Both have been taken to hospital for treatment," Chaudhry told Reuters. Fawad further said that three people were

Faisal Javed and Ahmad Chattha.

Imran Khan with later seen with a bandage on his right leg, just above the foot, according to reports and a blurry image. He was moved to another vehicle from his container truck from where announcements were being made that he was safe.Imran Khan has said that he is not the one who would frightened with such incidents. The former PM was wounded

on Thursday when his convoy was shot at at

injured in the attack, including Senator WAZIRABAD: PTI Chairman Imran Khan being shifted to armored car after he got injuries in firing incident (left). Senator Faisal Javed got bullet injuries (top right). Alleged shooter records his confessional statement before the police (bottom right).-DNA

Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad. "A man opened fire with an automatic weapon. Several people are wounded. Imran Khan is also injured," Asad Umar said. Khan was taken to hospital. Former cricketer Khan, 70, was leading a protest march on Islamabad to demand snap elections. There were hundreds of people in the convoy. In his message after being injured in attack.

Imran Khan said that the long march will reach Islamabad at all cost."I said that I will not bow down," Imran Khan sand adding that he will continue to fight.

Following the firing incident, the PTI chairman ordered to end today's long march and said that the convoy will start its journey tomorrow at 11:00 am. Target was only Imran Khan: alleged attacker The alleged attacker who spraved bullet with his automatic weapon at Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan's container said that his only target was the former prime minister. In his initial statement, the alleged attacker said that he suddenly decided to assassinate Imran Khan because he was misleading people.

Blame game is regretful; Punjab Govt must resign Sanaullah says govt will ask Punjab govt to form joint probe team



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### STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: The federal government has decided to ask Punjab government to form a joint investigation team comprising senior officers to investigate the attack on Imran Khan, according to Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, Sanaullah, in a press conference alongside Information Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb in Islamabad, said the entire government condemned the firing incident. He said the federal government has assured the Puniab government of "as-

It should not be politicised sistance of any kind" durand speculations must be He said that putting blame on avoided," she said while adfederal government and instidressing a press conference tutions is regretful, instead in the capital.Marriyum said Puniab government and CM the Punjab Police as well as Pervaiz Elahi must resign. the administration and other The minister also lambasted relevant departments should bring forth the facts after PTI leaders for blaming and naming state institutions and investigating the incident giving irresponsible statewhich occurred within the jurisdiction of the Punjab Minister for Information government. She said Prime and Broadcasting Marriyum Minister Shehbaz Sharif had Aurangzeb condemned the sought a preliminary report on the matter, while Interior attack on Khan in Gujranwala, demanding a thorough in-Minister Rana Sanaullah was in constant contact with the vestigation into the incident. "The incident is very unfor-Inspector-General and Chief

Secretary Punjab.

# Political leaders strongly condemn firing i<u>nciden</u>t

#### Shujaat Hamza

ISLAMABAD: Following the assassination attempt on PTI Chairman Imran Khan, which left him with a bullet injury to his right leg, PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif, PPP Co-chairman Asif Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, among other leaders, condemned the incident in "strongest words." "I condemn the firing on Imran Khan and his associates and pray for the recovery of the injured." tweeted Nawaz.Taking to his Twitter account, PM Shehbaz stated: "I condemn the incident of firing on PTI Chairman Imran Khan in the strongest words. I have directed Interior Minister for an immediate report on the incident. I pray for the recovery and health of PTI chairman & other injured people." He further said that the federal government will extend all support necessary to the Punjab government in terms of security and investigation.

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### Imran Khan blames Shehbaz, Rana, army officer

If these officials are not removed from their officers, then the party would hold countrywide protests

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LAHORE: PTI Secretary-General Asad Umar claimed Thursday that party chairman Imran Khan suspects three people - Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, and a senior military officer – are behind the assassination attempt on him.

The former prime minister was injured in an assassination attack on him earlier today when a man opened fire at him.

"Imran Khan has said that he had the information beforehand that these people might be involved in the assassination attempt on him," Umar said during a video statement alongside party leader Mian Aslam Iqbal. Umar, quoting the PTI chairman, demanded that all three people – the premier, the interior minister, and the senior military officer -- "be removed from their offices." The PTI leader added that Khan has warned that if these officials are not removed from their officers, then the party would hold countrywide protests as Pakistan cannot run in this manner anymore.

"If the demands are not met, then all the party's workers are awaiting Khan's call, and when he does give that call, then protests will take place across the country."

Umar said that he spoke to the doctors including Dr Faisal Sultan - about Khan's situation and they have informed him that his condition is stable and out of danger. "The doctors said that bullets hit him and at this time, it is unclear as to how many they

were. Three or two pellets are still lodged in his leg. The bullet also chipped his bone. The CT scan is also clear.'

"Khan is ready to sacrifice his life for the nation. There should be no doubt about it now. He is fine, but he says that we should always believe in Allah," Umar said.

PTI Senior Vice President Fawad Chaudhry, speaking to Reuters, said: "It was a clear assassination attempt. Khan was hit but he's stable. There was a lot of bleeding."

"If the shooter had not been stopped by people there, the entire PTI leadership would have been wiped out."

PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi condemned the attack on Khan and said the former prime minister would now have to move towards his destination with "more force".

Following the attack on the former prime minister during his long march, which left him with a bullet injury on his right foot, the Pakistan Army "highly condemned" the incident.

## NATIONAL

### Experts urge women to take care against breast cancer

#### KHAYAM ABBASI

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ISLAMABAD: The month of October is an opportunity to elevate awareness about the impact of breast cancer. In this regard, an awareness session was organized at Higher Education Commission (HEC) Secretariat to educate women employees about the importance of self-care, early detection and regular screening about this disease

Executive Director HEC Dr. Shaista Sohail was chief guest on the occasion. Dr. Kiran Riaz, Specialist Pa-thology, PIMS Hospital Islamabad, Director General (Scholarships) HEC Ms. Aayesha Ikram and female staff of HEC attended the session. In her remarks, Dr.

Shaista Sohail termed the session as a significant step to spread the awareness because health and well-being of employees, their families and community are of paramount importance when it comes to HEC's social responsibilities. She reminded the participants that we can take preventive measures by following the guiding principles from the Holy Quran as it gives us most viable solutions to our daily life. She emphasized that adopting a healthy lifestyle and cleanliness is key to prevention from many diseases. Dr. Kiran Riaz apprised the audience that one out of eight women is di-

agnosed with breast cancer

and mortality rate is high

in South Asian countries as

compared to the western

countries. She said that preventing cancer is kind of a big deal because no fear and no apprehension could change the test results. She highlighted the importance of self-screening and regular clinical check-ups after every three years from age of 20 to 40 and annual screening for

the woman age above 40. She described myth breaking facts regarding breast cancer i.e., it can erupt at very early age of 20, radiotherapy does not spread the cancer and patients can survive even at stage-3. She insisted to choose healthy diets enriched with protein and food containing antioxidants. She expanded the horizon of session by presenting demo for self-screening at home by inviting a volunteer from the participants.

She also informed the audience that at PIMS hospital. a toll-free number 0213-873-7373 for Breast cancer related issues is active where women and men can seek help regarding multifarious challenges regarding breast cancer. The helpline provides a secure and credible gateway for women to ask questions and access information related to diagnosis and treatments related challenges. "At PIMS, more advanced diagnostic and cancer treatment facilities are available where mammography and other initial screening tests done free of cost." Ms. Aayesha Ikram emphasized that despite having busy schedule at jobs, all women must take out time for self-care and taking preventive measures. She stressed the need for making right choices for a healthy life.



KARACHI: Ambassador of Belgium in a meeting with Sindh Governor Kamran Tesori.-DNA

Pak needs 'whole of nation' approach

### Telenor Pakistan partners with UNICEF

ISLAMABAD: Telenor Pakistan and United Nations Children's International Emergency Fund (UNICEF) have partnered to scale up the Child Online Protection agenda in Pakistan through their joint digital initiative, Onlir Protection for Children and Young People in Pakistan'. The program promoted safe and responsible internet usage among children, caregivers and educators through awareness.-APP

ISLAMABAD: The experts vulnerability and possible at a seminar on Thursday solutions. said the country needed a holistic and all-inclusive Nigar in her opening remarks said Pakistan has

'whole of nation' approach with a focus on self-reliance to developing its indigenous capacities for coping with the natural disasters of biblical magnitude. The Centre for Strategic Perspectives (CSP) at the Institute of Strategic Islamahad (ISSI)

hazards, water crisis and other pressing issues. "Cli-Director CSP Dr Neelum mate change has become an existential threat to Pakistan. Keeping in view faced natural hazards that its relevance, one of the escalated into humanitarifive segments of Islamabad Conclave, the flagship an disasters over the past many years whereas the event of ISSI to be held prevailing massive torrennext month, were dedicattial rain flood resulting ed to climate change.' crisis had caused massive

"Pakistan made an appeal damage to life, property, for funds and international



LAHORE: RCCI President Saqib Rafiq along with group leader Sohail Altaf poses for a group photo with Governor Punjab, Muhammad Balighur Rehman after meeting at Governor House.-DNA

# Poland-Pakistan trade improved to US\$722million, says envoy

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KARACHI: The Ambassador of Republic of Poland Maciej Pisarski has said that trade between Pakistan and Poland has improved little bit to US\$722 million and it was largely in favor of Pakistan by US\$600 million mainly due to intensification of Pakistani exports of textiles, leather and sports goods to Poland within the framework of GSP Plus. "It is a challenge for me to deal with Poland's trade deficit with Pakistan hence, I'll be exploring ways and means of how to reduce this deficit by improving Polish exports to this country.

As potential is there so we need to do more to improve the existing trade and investment ties which is very important", he added while speaking at a meeting during his visit to the Karachi Chamber of Commerce Industry. Honorary Consul General of Poland Mirza Omair Baig, President KCCI Mohammed Tariq Yousuf, Senior Vice President Touseef Ahmed,

Vice President Muhammad

Haris Agar and KCCI Man-

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The governor said it was

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their mettle. He said promo-

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the country is vital to boost

The governor said the wom-

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to thousands of women, add-

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here on Thursday.

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Polish Ambassador, while appreciating KCCI's suggestions to improve trade and investment ties, advised the business community of Karachi to look forward to Poland for investment as it was a place where foreign investors can set up their business operations and operate throughout the entire Europe. He informed that a Polish Oil & Gas Exploration Company, which has been successfully operating in Pakistan since last 25 years, has been able to extract tight gas from the rock formations by applying latest technologies. "This company is interested in doing more hence, they are applying for additional concessions so that they could expand their operations to extract indigenous Pakistani gas which is sold to the domestic market only and is four times cheaper than the imported LNG." He was of the opinion that

the agriculture, textile, leather, pharmaceutical and dairy sectors were very important where the business communities of the two countries can collaborate while Poland can also offer interesting technologies in the banking sector, fintech,

things which were related to the new era of digitalization. Referring to the climate change and the recent flashfloods suffered by Pakistan, the Envoy said that Poland can offer cutting edge technologies for water management and renewable energy. "We have great potential but we need to sit together to identify those sectors where opportunities are the greatest", he added and appreciated the idea of setting up a joint business forum. He also assured Polish Em-

bassy's complete support and cooperation for connecting Karachi Chamber with its peer Chambers of Commerce in Poland by facilitating seminars and workshops to bring together business people, to know each other and identify priorities.

Earlier, President KCCI Mohammed Tariq Yousuf, while welcoming the Ambassador, pointed out that the existing trade volume between Pakistan and Poland was still very low which needs to be expanded through collective efforts from both sides. While seeking Polish Embassy's support and cooperation, he suggested to establish a joint business forum to not only promote actions but also explore possibilities of undertaking ioint ventures in areas of interest including agriculture, textile, leather, food and pharmaceutical sector in addition to the energy sector. "Pakistan despite being one of the largest producers of milk and its by-products has not been able to add value to its dairy products therefore, keeping in view the Polish expertise in the dairy sector, you can help us in value addition of our dairy products", he added and invited the Polish business community to set up businesses in Special Economic Zones being established under CPEC.

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Islamabad **POST** 

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"Pakistan and Poland must also collaborate in Education & Research, Home Textiles and Gas Exploration whereas Pakistan's skilled and semi-skilled labor force can also be provided to Poland", he suggested, adding that there was a need to develop linkages between universities of both countries which would result in improving the quality of education and research work whereas commencement of direct flights between the two countries would also pave way for improved business ties.

and Islamabad Security Dialogue (ISD) jointly organised a panel discussion on "Managing Natural Disasters in Pakistan", here, to initiate discourse on the country's growing climate

rity of 220 million. Director General ISSI Ambassador Aizaz Chaudhry in his welcome remarks said the seminar was part of the series of events on climate change, natural

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funds to support relief and rehabilitation efforts. However, ten years down the lane, we saw more disastrous floods and we are still looking for funds by the world."-APP

# NCSW, UN Women and INL host IPMG meeting

ISLAMABAD: The National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) with the support of the U.S. Embassy's International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) and UN Women, and the , hosted the 19th Inter-Provincial Ministerial Group (IPMG) Meeting in Islamabad. Representatives from each province signed a resolution to provide quarterly data on gender-based violence and equality to enhance the public-facing National Gender Data Portal. The focus of the meeting was to understand the data archi-

tecture at the national and provincial levels and finalize the data collection mechanisms for the NGDP.

While welcoming the participants Chairperson, NCSW Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar said, "The Global Gender Gap Report states Pakistan has closed the gender gap by 56.4 % but still ranks us at second lowest from the bottom. It is important to know our ground reality to form law, legislation, and quotas to bring change."

The NGDP was developed in 2021 to is one such example of such solutions. collect high-quality data and evidence on gender statistics from across Pakistan. The Country Representative, UN Women Pakistan Country Office, Sharmeela Rassool emphasized the importance of credible data for the development of the country and for gender equality and said, "IPMG is an innovative platform for identifying solutions that are tailormade for Pakistan. The National Gender Data Portal

Data is important as it helps in identifying gap in policy along with helping officials to make informed decisions.' While addressing the meeting, INL Director Lori Antolinez said, "Gender inclusivity is a top priority for the U.S. Embassy. INL's support and partnership with the Pakistani government, Pakistani citizens, UN Women and the NCSW re-affirms its commitment to gender equity.



### Peace accord in Ethiopia to usher in new era

ISLAMABAD:Ethiopian Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Jemal Beker Abdula, here on Thursday, said the permanent end to two-year conflict in Tigray region under the peace accord, signed between the Government of Ethiopian and Tigray Peoples Liberation Front (TPLF) 2 November, 2022, would usher in a new era of development and prosperity by ensuring lasting peace in his country.

He told the media that it was a victory for the people of Ethiopia as the two-year conflict in Tigray region had finally come to an end. We are committed to peace and our government will play its part in implementing the agreement

The envoy said all the stakeholders were required to show collective resolve to implement the landmark agreement as it was high time to keep this tragic period behind us for future of Ethiopia which had vast potential to emerge as a modern prosperous nation.

He believed that a political solution

was an only way forward to keep Ethiopia harmonious and unified in diversity, adding his government takes pride in making it possible under the leadership of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed. Jemal Beker extended gratitude to African Union Commission and the AU High Representative for the Horn of Africa Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria and his team members for achieving the feat. He also



thanked the Government of South Africa and its nation for hosting the peace talks and commitment to achieve this ground breaking success. He expressed gratitude for the brave members of the Ethiopian National Defense Force and the people for their resilience and courage during the trying times. Highlighting the objectives of the agreements, the envoy said the parties to the accord had agreed to a "permanent cessation of hostilities" to ensure a conducive environment for laying the founda-

tion of sustainable peace. He said the accord's salient features also included restoration of the Constitutional order across the country, implementation of political solutions for the political problems, provision of a framework to address matters arising out of the conflict and their accountability, reconciliation and rehabilitation of social bonds, commitment to address the underlying political differences and formulation of a framework for monitoring and verification of its (accord) implementation.

He said the parties to the accord would be bound to respect territorial integrity, sovereignty, human rights, democratic and constitutional norms and above all the unity of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. Jemal Beker said unhindered access to the all-in need of humanitarian assistance, the use of humanitarian aid for humanitarian purposes, and respect for the African Charter of Democracy, elections and governance were also among the other provisions of agreement.

He said under the agreement, the permanent cessation of hostilities would not only be limited to ending the armed aggression but also required cessation of all forms of hostile propaganda, rhetoric and hate speech. Jemal also expressed gratitude for the people of friendly countries who stood by the Ethiopian nation and extended unwavering support for ensuring peace, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ethiopia which opened a new chapter in ensuring Ethiopia's stability and prosperity.-DNA

aging Committee Members were also present at the

digital security, drones, smart cities and all other

### **UN Resident Coordinator lauds** post floods role of PDMA

PESHAWAR :The United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Pakistan Julien Harneis on Thursday visited the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial LAHORE :The Faisalabad Disaster Management Au-Women Chamber of Comthority (PDMA) Headquarmerce and Industry (FWCters on Thursday and held a CI) delegation, led by Pres-

meeting with PDMA KP and

other stakeholders to discuss the post floods situation in KP and impact on lives and livelihoods of communities and ongoing response. Representatives from UN Agencies, Handicap International, Khwendo Kor, SRSP, Al-Khedmat, Akhuwat, Qatar Charity, WHH and other

partners participated in this meeting. Director (Rehabilitation) PDMA, Sajid Imran, presented the overall flood situation, response and support needed from UN and humanitarian partners in rehabilitation and reconstruction of the flood affected districts.

#### **GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN** PAKISTAN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PLOT NO. 42, STREET NO. 6, SECTOR H-8/2 ISLAMABAD

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) REPORT FOR GRADE SEPARATED ARRANGEMENT AT INTERSECTION OF 11<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE WITH KHAYABAN-E-IQBAL (E-11 CHOWK AND SHAHEEN CHOWK), ISLAMABAD

All stakeholders interested/affected persons and the general public is informed by this notice that the Federal Agency (Pak-EPA) has admitted application of Mr. Shams-ul Haq, Deputy Director (Roads-II), Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad for accord of Environmental Approval. All stakeholders, interested / affected persons and the general public are invited to submit their comments for / or against the grant of Environmental Approval. The comments should be submitted to Director (EIA/Monitoring) within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance of this notice.

The detailed documents of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report submitted by Mr. Shamsul Haq, Deputy Director (Roads-II), Capital Development Authority (CDA), Islamabad are available at the following locations for general public review during the office hours.

1. Green library **Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA)** Plot # 42, Street # 06, Sector H-8/2 Islamabad

2. Mr. Shams-ul Haq **Deputy Director Roads-II** Capital Development Authority (CDA) Islamabad

A public hearing will be conducted at 11:00 am on 7th December 2022 at Convention Center Islamabad (Committee Room # 101, 1st Floor). All stakeholders interested /affected persons and the general public are invited to attend the public hearing or send their comments.

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

### November

Nov 01 / Algeria National Day

Nov 04 / Italy Armed Forces Day

Nov 07 / Russian Federation Socialist Revolution

Nov 09 / Cambodia National Day

Nov 11 / Poland Independence Day

Nov 14 / Jordan Birthday of King Hussein

Nov 15 / Belgium

Kings Day Nov 15 / Brazil

Republic Day

Nov 15 / Northen Cyprus National Day

Nov 18 / Morocco Independence Day

Nov 21 / Bangladesh Armed Forces Day

Nov 22 / Lebanon

Independence Day Nov 25 / Suriname

National Day Nov 28 / Mauritania

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Nov 28 / Albania Flags Day

### Hotels & Restaurants

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## **The Pakistan-Palestinian** forum visit Palestine embassy

The stance of the Pakistani nation will remain same about the political, constitutional ans legal rights of the Palestinian nation and these values of Pakistani people transferred to the palestinian people



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ISLAMABAD: The Chargé d'Affairs of the Embassy of the State of Palestine to Pakistan, Counselor/ Nader Khamis Al-Turk, and the Embassy staff received at the Embassy headquarters a delegation of leaders and cadres of the Pakistan-Palestinian Forum headed by Maulana Fatihullah Osmani, who organized a solidarity visit with our Palestinian people on the 105th anniversary of the Balfour Declaration The fateful, in the name of the Forum, presented a document of censure and condemnation for the issuance of the Balfour Declaration emphasizing the position of the founder of that the hearts of the Pakistani Pakistan, Qaid Azam Muhammad people beat with the Palestinian

Ali Jinnah, that "the policy of the brothers and that they are proud British government towards Palestine is based on injustice, oppression and cruelty, and that if the Palestinian issue is not resolved in a just manner, this will be the beginning of a point Turn to the British Empire, and if Britain decides to crush the public opinion of the Palestinian Arabs through force and coercion, we Muslims of the Indian subcontinent support the Arab position at this stage and stand by them in their just struggle . "And we are fully confident to Palestine. in the success of Arab Muslims in their struggle for their legitimate rights." The Pakistan-Palestinian Forum affirmed in its document

of their excellence in their affection for Palestine and its people, in purity like dew and strength like Iron steel. The stance of the Pakistani nation will remain same about the political, constitutional ans legal rights of the Palestinian nation and these values of pakistani people transfered to the palestinian people. The Palestinian people, emphasizing the integration of the two brotherly people, renewing the covenant of the founders of Pakistan The Chargé d'Affairs provided a

brief and simplified explanation of the history and development of the Palestinian cause since the Sykes-Picot Agreement until today, emphasizing the depth and strength

of the Palestinian-Pakistani brotherly relations and the appreciation of the Palestinian people and their leadership, headed by His Excellency President Mahmoud Abbas, for the continuous support of the Pakistani people, president, government and political parties to the Palestinian cause internationally and regionally. Charge d' Affairs emphasise on the necessity of cooperation between the Forum and the Embassy of the State of Palestine in Pakistan to educate the young Pakistani generations about the Palestinian cause to ensure their firm commitment to the principles of the founder of Pakistan, Leader Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, may God have mercy on him, in support of the Palestinian people's rights to freedom and independence, which formed and still form the foundations and constitution of Pakistan's official and popular support for the Palestinian cause, And work together to deepen and develop bilateral relations between the two brotherly

countries. The Chargé d'Affairs presented a symbolic gift in the name of the embassy, which consisted of the Holy Quran and Palestinian folk embroidery, stressing that this embroidery, whose threads and colors overlap to form beautiful decorations that express the unity of the two brotherly Palestinian and Pakistani peoples, and the depth and strength of the historical and continuous relations between them so that God inherits the earth and what is on it.

### NPO to organize webinar on isk Planning & Mitigation

ISLAMABAD: The National Productivity Organization (NPO) will conduct a webinar on "Risk Planning and Mitigation" on November 09 (Wednesday).

"Risk Planning and Mitigation is the process of identifying, assessing and mitigating risks to scope, schedule, cost, and quality," according to an NPO document shared.

Although the principle of risk mitigation is to prepare a business for all potential risks, a proper risk mitigation plan will weigh the impact of each risk and prioritize planning around that impact.

The workshop will also provide information related to risk management including risk planning and mitigation, identification of risks, risk analysis, response planning/strategies, implementing risk, response planning, risk monitoring, and best practices and lessons learned from risk planning and mitigation.-APP

Int'l military delegation meets children at PSH

ISLAMABAD: An international delegation of National Defence University, comprising 42 military officers from 23 countries, visited the Pakistan Sweet Home here on Wednesday and appreciated the authority for providing facilities to the orphan children. On this occasion, children narrated their stories before the visitors and said their lives would have shattered without Pakistan Sweet Home. They were getting education in top institutions and cadet colleges which had become possible due to Pakistan Sweet Home, the children said. Appreciating the Patron in Chief of Paki stan Sweet Home Zamarud Khan, the children declared him as their hero because he dedicated his life for orphans. The delegation briefed by authorities about the work, history, goals and a blood bank established by Pakistan Sweet Home that helped in saving 27000 precious human lives. Besides that, a short documentary was screened that depicted life at Pakistan Sweet Home. – APP

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President Alvi urges varsities to

DNA ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has called upon universities and educational institutions of the country to conduct market-oriented research to provide indigenous solutions to indigenous problems being faced by the different sectors of the economy. He added that research and development would

due to the permeation of the internet, knowledge, help in bringing innovation information training modto the local industry and ules and research materienhancing the quality and al were abundantly available to students, however, standards of our products and services, which would the importance of teachhelp in capturing the local er-student interaction and international markets. remained paramount for The President made these imparting knowledge. He remarks while addressing further said that students should respect their the 17th Convocation of the COMSATS University teachers for equipping Islamabad. The ceremony them with knowledge & was attended by the facskills, and their parents ulty, graduating students, for their upbringing and their parents and others. for providing them with The President urged the quality and expensive eduniversities and educaucation.

tional institutes to intro-The President appreciatduce new courses, modify ed that a large number existing ones and divert of female students were their academic and materigraduating, and added al resources toward those that the Government, sosubjects, disciplines and ciety, and families should

occupations which were ensure their active parrequired by the market. ticipation in the econom-This, he added, would proic mainstream. He added vide the graduates with that the state and society had made great investlucrative jobs, besides providing the industry with ments in female graduates and they should pertinent, productive and quality Human Resources give back to society by to improve the quality of sharing their knowledge and wisdom and serving their products and servictheir country. He urged The President said that all the stakeholders to ensure the provision of a harassment-free work

environment, safe and secure movement in public spaces, enabling working conditions and respect to provide women security and peace of mind to their family members. The President said the country had suffered

dearly in the past due to brain drain and was also suffering now as our highly trained human resources migrated to other countries. He said that the nation had produced these quality human resources despite scarce resources and while they contributed to the progress and development of their host countries, the homeland was deprived

of the expertise of these skilled human resources. He urged the need to take all steps to stop the brain drain by providing opportunities and enabling environment so as to enable them to contribute to the progress and development of their country.

The President also advised the students to continuously pray to Allah Almighty for opening their hearts to knowledge and making them more receptive to wisdom, adding that students should improve their communication skills which would generally help them in life, besides helping in their careers. During the ceremony, the Rector of CUI, Prof Muhammad Tabassum Afzal, presented the report of the University. He said that the university was offering 100-degree programs presently and it was ranked amongst the top universities in the specialized subjects of engineering, technology, computer science and economics. Later, the President also conferred medals upon the top position holders of various disciplines.

more passenger trains

Railways restored

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Railways has restored more passenger trains after repair and maintenance of railway tracks which were badly affected by heavy rains and subsequent floods. "The decision was taken on the direction of Minister for Railways Khawaja Saad Rafique to facilitate the passengers who were suffering a lot due to non-availability of trains," an official told APP. He said the repair and maintenance work of the tracks could not be fully completed but the teams were working day and nights to restore the damage tracks. Before restoration of passenger trains on any track, he informed that a trial run of an inspection train is managed to check maintenance and repair work of the track. He said that the minister had directed the authorities concerned to complete technical work and carry out fumigation in passenger coaches as soon as possible, "Before resuming the train operation, he said the technical maintenance of the passenger bogies and those in the workshops would also be repaired and made part of the operation," he added. The official said the ministry had also given a go-ahead for resumption of the operation of Tezgam Express (Karachi to Rawalpindi) from Nov 1 and Hazara Express (Karachi to Havelian) from Nov 10. Meanwhile, he said, Pakistan Railways would also restore the operation of Jaffer Express from Peshawar Cantonment-Mach-Peshawar from Nov 20 instead of Baha-ud-Din Zakaria Express. The trains were earlier running between the Quetta-Peshawar- Quetta section. The official informed Pakistan had also restored Jaffar Express (Sukkur-Much) as the railway track condition of the section had been improved while the repair of the railway track between Mach and Quetta was underway. It is pertinent to mention here that Pakistan Railways had suspended its operations on August 21 on various sections after flash floods which had washed away different tracks particularly Rohri-Tando Adam, Paddidan-Bhiria, Daur-Bandhi and Bocheri-Nawabshah sections and Nawabshah yard. The Sibbi-Quetta and Dalbandeen-Quetta, Kotri-Dadu near Sehwan Sharif and Habib Kot-Sibi and Dera Murad Jamali and Jacobabad-Notal sections were also affected because of the floods.-APP

### FGEHA trying to provide modern facilities

ISLAMABAD: The pace of different development projects, being executed under the Federal Government Employees Housing Authority (FGEHA) had accelerated significantly to provide modern residential facilities to employees in the shortest possible time.

There are 3,432 apartments in Chaklala Scheme while the Skyline Apartments comprise a total of 3,945 units, an official in the Ministry of Housing and Works told APP.

He said Minister for Housing and Works Maulana Abdul Wasay was also taking keen interest to provide housing facilities to the employees and directed the concerned officials to expedite the ongoing projects under the umbrella of FGEHA including Kashmir Avenue Apartments, G-13 Chaklala Heights and Skyline Apartments. The official said the minister directed the staff on the site to ensure quality and timely completion, and construction works on both schemes were going at an accelerated pace. He said the Authority was striving hard to provide residential facilities to the allottees in the shortest possible time. Besides these projects, the FGEHA is also launching other housing projects for employees and other segments of society.For this purpose, he said the advertisement for expression of interest for land sharing had already been published in various leading newspapers of Lahore, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Karachi, Faisalabad, Multan, Quetta, and Peshawar.-APP

### **ICCI, TME sign MoU to promote industry-academia linkages**

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) has tomised signed a Memorandum of Understanding MoU with The Millennium Education (TME) Pakistan to get discounts for its members and promote in-Millennium dustry-academia linkages. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President ICCI and Dr. Chaudhry Faisal Mush-

taq, Founder and Chief Executive TME Group signed the MoU in a ceremony held at ICCI. The key objective of the MoU is to promote

industry-academia linkages, corporate collaboration and professional development of students. Both organisations mutually agreed to enhance cooperation in many areas including offering privileged discounts, internships, arranging orientations on entrepreneurship, training and giving practical exposure of theoretical knowledge.

Through this MoU, TME The Little Millennium Group has offered cusand The Millennium Uni-'privileged' versal Colleges (TMUC), charges for the members Pakistan. Moreover, ICCI and employees of ICCI will collaborate with TME for all their brands, in-Group for planning and cluding Roots Millenniexecuting joint events, um Schools (RMS), The symposiums, knowledge Colleges, and research sessions, Future World Schools workshops and seminars, and Colleges (FWS&C), job fairs, career coun-

selling, mentorship sessions, inspirational talks and Internship opportunities for the high achievers of The Millennium Education at ICCI. Speaking on the occasion, Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry appreciated the TME's

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initiative of Corporate Employee Education Benefit Programme. He said that ICCI collaboration with TME Group will add value to the Chamber's services and create beneficial opportunities for both the parties. He was hopeful that through this MoU, both parties will

endeavour to strengthen promote and develop academic, community and corporate engagement and education benefits. Dr. Chaudhry Faisal Mush

taq Chief Executive Officer The Millennium Education Group shared TME`s 35 years legacy of academic excellence and holistic learning. He explained his vision of where he sees TME in the future and how this collaboration will open new doors of beneficial outcomes for both the parties. He further elaborated on how TME has gained recognition for providing quality education at the national and international level. Faad Waheed Senior Vice President, Azhar ul Islam Zafar Vice President ICCI. Ms. Sabina Zakir Director Communications, Community and Outreach TME, Zafar Bakhtawari, Ch. Javed Iqbal, Sheikh M. Ejaz, Ch. Muhammad Ali, Maqsood Tabish. Faizan Shehzad. Rizwan Chheena, Shaukat Hayat and others were also present at the occasion.

# **TWIN CITIES**

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skills to document and investigate

crime scenes as well as recover

and preserve any physical evi-

dence. Speaking on the occasion,

Ms. Jouhaida Hanano, Criminal

Justice Advisor from UNODC re-

iterated UNODC's commitment

towards improving the quality of

investigation by strengthening the

Balochistan Police Crime Branch

through establishing four Forensic

Collection Units in selected dis-

tricts of Sibi, Khuzdar, Loralai and

This will further enhance the out-

reach and capacity of the front-line

police in the district to systematically

collect evidence and process crime

scene documentation in a timely man-

ner. The Inspector General of Police

from Balochistan, Mr. Abdul Khaliq

Sheikh appreciated the ongoing sup-

port from the INL and UNODC that

has gone a long way in not just provid-

ing materials and equipment but en-

hancing the knowledge and capacity

of the Police in crime scene investiga-

tion in Balochistan. He further added

that as crime-control agents, police

must fulfil its duty to deliver a more

vigilant and peaceful rule of law,

and crime scene investigation and

forensics are important means to

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to implement what they

learned during the course.

Deputy Counselor for

Public Diplomacy Jacque-

line Deley congratulated

the graduates during the

closing ceremony, stating:

this end.-APP

US provides seed funding

Gawadar.

### Briefs

### **ANF seizes** over two kg narcotics

RAWALPINDI :Anti-Narcot ics Force (ANF) on Thursday seized over two kg of narcotics and arrested two accused. According to ANF spokesman, the force in an operation at Islamabad International Airport managed to recover 1.560 grams cocaine from the possession of a Brazilian national, came from Doha via flight no QR-632. In another operation, the ANF conducted a raid near Karachi northern bypass and recovered 180 intoxicated tablets from the possession of a drug peddler, resident of Quetta.

In third operation, the ANF Lahore recovered 900 grams opium from a parcel being sent to London through a courier service. Separate cases have been registered against the accused, he said, and informed that raids were being conducted to net the accomplices of the accused.-APP

CKD/SKD import decreases 38.49% to \$361.353mln in Q1

ISLAMABAD :The import of completely and semiknocked down (CKD/SKD) products into the country witnessed a decrease of 38.49 per cent during the first quarter of the current fiscal year (2022-23) as compared to the corresponding period of last year. Pakistan imported CKD/ SKD products worth \$361.353 million from July-September (2022-23) as compared to the imports of \$587.497 million from July-September (2021-22), according to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). Among the CKD/SKD products, the import of buses, trucks and other heavy vehicles went down by 44.65

### per cent from \$161.936 million last year to \$89.635 million during the quarter under review while the imports of motor cars also dipped by 36.63 per cent

## **UNODC** hands over Mobile **Investigation Units to Police**

This will further enhance the outreach and capacity of front-line police in district to systematically collect evidence and process crime scene documentation in a timely manner

ISLAMABAD: UNODC Country Office in Pakistan continues to strengthen the rule of law in Balochistan through supporting the Police Department of Balochistan towards enhancing its operational capacity and efficiency in handling and investigation of serious crimes. Under the gracious support of the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), UN-ODC is implementing a 5-year (2017-2022) 'Improving the Rule of Law in Balochistan-Pakistan' program in collaboration with the Government of Balochistan. The Program aims to strengthen trust between citizens and government in the security and justice sector.

In addition to policy and legislation reforms, majority of the efforts are geared towards providing the Police Department of Balochistan both with forensic know-how as well as equipment through handing over state-ofthe-art Mobile Crime Scene Units (MCSUs). Up until now eight MCSUs have been handed over to the Balochistan Police to enable scientific and systematic processing of crime scene including prop-



er identification and collection of evidence. In continuation of the INL-led support, a gracefully hosted handing-over ceremony of two additional Mobile Crime Scene Units to the Balochistan Police was carried out by UNODC

in collaboration with the Government of Balochistan in Quetta on 2nd November 2022. The event was attended by key stakeholders and dignitaries from the Rule of Law and Criminal Justice sectors, including the Police Department of Balochistan and UN-ODC. The participants welcomed the induction of two additional Mobile Crime Scene Units as a significant milestone that will further enhance the capacity and outreach in crime scene investigation of the police in Balochistan increasing the total number of Mobile Crime Scene Units to eight. These Mobile Crime Scene Units will serve as mobile crime investigation labs, enabling increase in the timely outreach and conduct of extensive evidence collection and processing at crime scene sites to document, such as homicide crime scenes and investigations that involve causalities. The objective is to strength-

en the capacity of the local police through deploying a Mobile Crime Scene Unit that acts as a mobile crime investigation and forensic lab staffed with trained technicians who are equipped with

### Saudi envoy calls on Chairman HEC

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ISLAMABAD :Ambassador of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan Nawaf bin Said al-Malki called on Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed at the HEC Secretariat on Wednesday.

The Saudi Ambassador and Chairman HEC agreed to expand bilateral collaboration and strengthen academic and research linkages among Pakistani and Saudi higher education institutions. They also discussed the facilities available for Pakistani and Saudi students studying in both the countries

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed said that HEC is committed to ensure maximum utilization of Saudi Government scholarships for Pakistani students.

### PCSIR to provide funds to research institutions

ISLAMABAD :In order to promote research culture in the country, the Pakistan Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (PCSIR) has announced the provision of financial support to the research entities in the country for instrumental access under a development programme "Data Repository of Scientific Instrumentation".

According to an official source, the objectives behind this initiative include providing funds for instrumental access to the research institutions, universities, Research and Development organizations and strategic research centers of Pakistan to carry

out sample analysis. This would also facilitate faculty and research staff of newly developed as well as existing institutions that lack the scientific instrumental facility for conducting their research and create an online database of scientific instruments available in research centers, institutes and industries of Pakistan.

Research scholars, students M.Sc/MS/M.Phil/Ph.I

### Signing ceremony of Pakistan-China agri machinery held

DNA ISLAMABAD: Online signing ceremony of agricultural machinery training program was held simultaneously at Tianjin Modern Vocational Technology College (TMVTC) and MNS University of Agriculture Multan through Internet cloud technology, according

to Gwadar Pro. Initiated by the Pakistani Luban Workshop, the program aims to promote China-Pakistan vocational education cooperation and serve international agricultural capacity cooperation under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. The training course pinpoints

ics such as Tianjin's advantageous agriculture going global, development trend of agricultural machinery, application of UAV technology in agriculture and introduction of Luban Workshop project. The organizers invited experts and senior engineers from several teaching and research institutes and enterprises in Tianjin to give lectures. Through the "cloud classroom", Chinese personnel provided targeted training to teachers and students of MNS University of Agriculture Multan, senior engineers of the Punjab Agricultural Mechanization Institute and advanced agricultural machinery users

Maize Production" respectively. The organizers also invited staff from Tianjin Tailai Import and Export Co., Ltd to share their experience of agricultural machinery going abroad, and give a keynote speech on "Serving CPEC, Cultivating Agricultural Skills Talents" introducing the practical experience of school-enterprise cooperation in improving agricultural capacity. According to TMVTC, training equipment used for this online teaching is maize harvester produced by Yongmeng Machinery Co., Ltd. The company will in Pakistan. Prof. Sun Dedonate relevant equipment to Pakistan, and those equipment will arrive at MNS Agricultural University in December for offline practice. Luban Workshop, launched and run by Tianjin, represents a win-win model for international vocational education coop-

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eration, sharing China's educational achievements and resources with countries in need. In April 2017, TM-VTC and MNS University of Agriculture signed an MoU of cooperation to establish a Luban Workshop in Pakistan. Since its operation in Pakistan in 2018, TMVTC has been continuously promoting the construction of projects in Pakistan. Focusing on academic education and vocational training respectively, the college has established two Luban workshops in Lahore and Multan in collaboration with its Pakistani partners. Those workshops will explore the development of whole-process

to women entrepreneurs

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ISLAMABAD: More than 30 participants from the second Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) program, sponsored by the United States, competed for seed funding for their business start-ups on October 28. A panel of judges, comprised of Pakistani and American businesswom-

from \$407.365 million to \$258.145 million.

In addition, the import of motorcycles witnessed negative growth of 25.41 per cent from \$18.196 million to \$13.573 million.

Meanwhile, on a vear on-year basis, CKD/SKD imports into the country during September 2022 decreased by 39.78 per cent, from \$218.094 million in September 2021 to \$131.331 million.

The import of buses, trucks other heavy vehicles and motor cars also declined by 38.34 and 29.14 per cent respectively in September 2022 whereas the import of motorcycles decreased by 70.37 per cent.

On a monthly basis, CKD/ SKD imports during September 2022 dropped by 0.33 per cent when compared to the imports of \$131.763 million in August 2022. The import of buses, trucks and other heavy vehicles witnessed an increase of 40.52 per cent whereas the import of motor cars and motorcycles during September 2022 decreased by 6.84, 71.46 per cent.–APP

### **IRSA** releases 110,600 cusecs water

ISLAMABAD, Nov 3 (AP-P):Indus River System Authority (IRSA) on Thursday released 110,600 cusecs water from various rim stations with inflow of 52,600 cusecs. According to the data released by IRSA, water level in River Indus at Tarbela Dam was 1528.08 feet and was 130.08 feet higher than its dead level of 1,398 feet. Water inflow and outflow in the dam was recorded as 29,600 cusecs while outflow as 60,000 cusecs.

The water level in River Jhelum at Mangla Dam was 1158.15 feet, which was 108.15 feet higher than its dead level of 1,050 feet. The inflow and outflow of water was recorded 7,400 cusecs and 35,000 cusecs respectively. The release of water at Kalabagh, Taunsa, Guddu and Sukkur was recorded 54,600, 41,100, 34,200 and 12,000 cusecs respectively. Similarly, from River Kabul, a total of 8,200 cusecs of water released at Nowshera and 2,300 cusecs released from River Chenab at Marala.-W

the huge demand for corn cultivation and harvesting in Punjab province. With the theme of "Application and Maintenance Technology of Self-propelled Corn Harvester", 8 lectures and 2 seminars will be held within around one month. Those online courses focus on top-

ling, former Vice President of Tianjin Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and Prof. Zhang Baoqian, agricultural machinery expert at Tianjin Agricultural Development Service Center, delivered keynote speeches on "Tianjin's Agricultural Advantages and Scientific Research

zation training for one or two kinds of crops, provide high-quality vocational skills training for Pakistani youths under the mode of internaindustry-education tional cooperation, and facilitate cooperation between Chinese and Pakistani agriculture-related enterprises.

en, selected the top four proposals after reviewing participants' business plans and hearing their pitches. Winners of the seed-funding competition are: First place: Amna Afridi, eco-friendly bamboo toothbrushes Second: Nayab Gohar, knitwear and crochet social enter-

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or equivalent in the field of Natural/Applied Sciences enrolled in a public or private university recognized by the Higher Education Commission and researchers working in Research and Development organizations can benefit from this programme.

The application can be submitted including a summary or description of the research proposal, a copy of the approved research synopsis or proposal, a consent letter obtained from the service provider and a brief profile of the research supervisor.

The mechanisms include submission of the application, review or approval by the Project Execution Committee (PEC), proceeding to the concerned service provider and billing information and payments.-APP

### Legendary folk singer Reshma remembered

ISLAMABAD, Nov 3 (APP):The nation remembered iconic folk singer Reshma also called the Nightingale of Desert on her 9th death anniversary on Thursday and paid glowing tributes to her unforgettable contribution for entertainment industry.

She was highly dynamic and versatile singer, who enthralled the world with her powerful singing. Her singing style in Punjabi was full-throated and unabashedly mesmerizing. She was awarded several national awards including the prestigious award Sitara-e-Imtiaz by the president of Pakistan.

Reshma rose to fame at a very young age of 12 years old. She was spotted singing at Shahbaz Qalander's shrine by TV and radio producer Saleem Gilani, who recorded her song 'Laal Meri' on Pakistan radio which became a massive hit among the masses, electronic channels reported.

Due to pirated tapes at that time her songs became famous across the border. It was in the year 1980's when Reshma was able to perform live in India. Subhash Ghai used her voice in the film Hero, which featured one of her most famous songs, 'Lambi Judai'.-APP

### VC AIOU inaugurates smart classroom

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU), Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum inaugurated the smart classroom established under the supervision of Higher Education Commission (HEC) in the academic complex of AIOU. HEC was awarded this project to establish smart classrooms in Pakistani universities to provide educational support through CPEC. HEC has set up 100 smart classrooms in 50 universities of Pakistan. 2 classrooms have been established at Allama Iqbal Open University, one classroom in the main campus of AIOU and the other classroom in the regional campus Multan. The inauguration ceremony was presided over by the VC, AIOU, Prof. Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum. Director General IT, HEC, Naveed Tahir was the guest of honor. Registrar, Raja Umar Younis, Principal Officers and faculty members were also present.

Dr. Zia Ul-Qayyum said that we are grateful to HEC and the Government of China for providing smart classrooms. He said that we must protect this facility for the purpose of education, and we have to work together to ensure better use of this modern technology. The Vice Chancellor instructed ICT team to use the resources of the university to provide this kind of facilities to regional campuses of AIOU especially in the remote areas of the country so that students who are deprived of computer and internet facilities can use the online facilities without facing any problem. Dr. Zia further said that we have digitized all the academic and administrative operations of AIOU and it is the only university in Pakistan whose automation has taken place on such a large scale. He said that it was our mission to provide the best possible facilities to our students and these classrooms built with the support of HEC will prove to be of great importance.



ISLAMABAD: Women taking keen interest in paintings displayed during an exhibition on Wednesday.-DNA

### Pak-China coop in finance sector to be enhanced

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's visit to China would help the finance sector of Pakistan to boost cooperation with China and improve the balance of trade, said Shaikh Muhammad Shariq, Gwadar Pro reported on Thursday quoting Chief Representative of the National Bank of Pakistan in China.

"China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) serves as an important platform for internationalising the RMB, boosting its use both as a trade and financing currency. Modernising the trading routes along B&R should not only increase RMB cross-border trade with these countries, but also further promote the currency in the offshore market, and will increase liquidity in those countries thereby enabling further RMB business", he added. He further said that China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, commonly known as

CPEC, being one of BRI's main elements, offers a textbook example of how China and BRI partner countries can advance cooperation over the use of RMB.

"With existing and potential trade volumes between China and Pakistan on the rise, the internationalisation of RMB is one of the keys to cost-efficient economic growth for both countries and more cooperation in the banking sector is expected", Shariq mentioned.

He said that the increased bilateral trade between Pakistan and China and the volume of investments under CPEC have opened up possibilities for replacing US dollars with RMB in bilateral trade.

"China and Pakistan signed a bilateral free trade agreement in 2007 and bilateral trade grew rapidly over the following decade. As trade links grew, central banks agreed on currency swaps, and the first currency swap agreement was signed in 2011," he stated, adding that "in 2018, both countries also agreed to extend the currency swap agreement for a further period of three years and double its size from RMB 10 billion to 20 billion and from Rs. 165 billion to Rs. 351 billion". Shaikh further said that it is expected to promote the opening and development of the securities markets, strengthen the cooperation between stock exchanges of the two countries, to support the enterprises and financial



institutions in carrying out direct financing for projects along the CPEC in each other's capital markets. "Next year Pakistan would complete many projects, especially in Gwadar like Gwadar Airport, Gwadar exhibition

centreand promote the construction of Gwadar Port Free Zone and explore RMB offshore financial business, and also strengthen financial cooperation between their Free Trade Zones and

explore the formation of an RMB backflow mechanism," he told Gwadar Pro.

He said that these steps also show that measures for the internationalisation of RMB adopted by China are gaining more support and trust in the international community, encouraging the use of Chinese currency in trade activities.

### Israel's election: a bad day for democracy

N some ways, Tuesday's election looked drearily familiar to voters in Israel – inevitably so, as the fifth in less than four years. Once again, it was fought to a large degree on whether Benjamin Netanyahu, still on trial for corruption, is fit for office. The official results will not be declared until next week, and tiny shifts in votes could push smaller parties over the threshold for representation, which can be critical in the usually drawn out process of coalition-building. Nonetheless, it seems extremely likely that Mr Netanyahu will be back as prime minister once more, with a small majority in the 120-seat Knesset, after a brief interregnum. Yet the results so far are also deeply shocking. They mark the triumph of the racist far right, in the form of Mr Netanyahu's Religious Zionist allies, who want the deportation of "disloyal" Palestinian citizens of Israel and the annexation of the occupied West Bank. They are not only Mr Netanyahu's partners, but his creation: he brought three far-right parties on to the same slate, welcoming them into the mainstream. Itamar Ben-Gvir, second on the list, is an anti-Arab former follower of the banned Kach terrorist group, with a conviction for inciting racism.

The Biden administration has rightly made it clear that it wants nothing to do with Mr Ben-Gvir. Mr Netanyahu appears unfazed, doubtless counting on a Republican resurgence and Donald Trump's return in 2024, and the unlikelihood of Washington taking the kind of action that might make Likud think again in the meantime. "The results confirm that we have no partner in Israel for peace," said Mohammad Shtayyeh, prime minister of the Palestinian Authority. The choice between the right and the "government of change" led by the centrist incumbent Yair Lapid – an unwieldy anti-Netanyahu coalition, which replaced him for a year before collapsing – was like that between Pepsi and Coca-Cola, he suggested.

That view may not last. This could mark a turning point for Israel's democracy, and especially its judiciary, with grim and dramatic repercussions. The Religious Zionists and Likud share one key interest: to rein in the supreme court and other democratic safeguards, such as the attorney general's power and independence. Mr Netanyahu wants his legal problems to vanish. Mr Ben-Gvir's very popularity, however necessary to Likud's leader, is likely to alarm him too. Mr Netanyahu may not be able to restrain the force he created. His political partners have always lived to regret their dealings. But for that very reason, he is out of other options. And a more ideologically cohesive government should be easier to manage than his previous incoherent coalitions. This is a truly frightening moment. The country's increasingly rightwing electorate has picked a government likely to pursue an extreme and authoritarian trajectory, trampling over the lives of Palestinians and the democratic safeguards of Israel.

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### Rising inflation challenge

CONSUMER price index (CPI) registered at 26.6 percent for October against 23.2 percent in September as per the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS). This is an outcome of policy decisions taken last month, paramount being the announcement of 90 to 100 billion-rupee subsidy to provide electricity at 19.99 rupee per unit to the five export-oriented sectors which, in turn, further shrank the already small fiscal space available that can be attributed to the sustained failure of successive governments to widen the tax base or indeed to ensure an equitable and fair taxation system. An example is the wholesalers and retailers who account for nearly 19 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product at 7,299 billion rupees against the manufacturing sector's 4,817 billion rupees and crops estimated at 3,040 billion rupees as per the Economic Survey 2021-22 - while their contribution to taxes is minimal. Petroleum rates for the last fortnight (15 October to 31 October) remained constant while for the period from 1 October to 15 October prices of petroleum products actually declined: by 12.63 rupee per litre for petrol, 12.13 rupee per litre for high speed diesel, 10.19 rupee per litre for kerosene and 10.78 per litre for light speed diesel. In other words, the prices of petroleum products did not contribute to a rise in inflation and given the decline in rates during the first fortnight of October should have contributed to lower inflation than before.

In this context, it is relevant to note that the OPEC+ decision to curtail production by 2 million barrels a day will limit the government's capacity to generate revenue from petroleum levy (already at the highest allowed rate of 50 rupees per litre for petrol though there is considerable room to raise it on HSD), thereby inflation is projected to rise further in the current month. The discount rate usually 2 to 3 percentage points higher than the rate of inflation, to ensure a positive rate of return, is 15 percent thus the Monetary Policy Committee may be compelled to raise the rate during its next meeting especially if the IMF's (International Monetary Fund's) ninth review is to be successful. Floods are an important factor in raising the price of food; however, the rise in food and non-alcoholic beverages was 16.3 percent in October over September with non-perishable items contributing 11.81 percent and perishable items 4.49 percent. To conclude, there is, therefore, a need for the economic team leaders to understand that the old measures used to strengthen the stranglehold of the elite on the country's resources under the guise of a trickle-down theory (encouraging exports and/or output) can no longer be continued due to steadily worsening funding issues that reflect an inequitable and unfair tax structure. The electricity sector at present has a circular debt of over 2.5 trillion rupees, requiring massive budgetary injections which the government cannot afford. Solutions are available but they all require a massive slashing of current expenditure and certainly not a rise in subsidies.

### The empire of two capitals

### Usman W. Chohan

China in turn further opened up and became the largest untapped market for capitalist surplus production, gobbling up everything that foreign tastes could satiate. For most American multinationals. China became the single biggest driver of profits and earnings-per-share, thus generating enormous bonuses for the New York executives who chomped on fat cigars and boasted to investors about their "China exposure" in quarterly earnings calls. When I worked on the buy-side (global asset management), my single biggest question to investor relations teams and executives was on their exposure to the Chinese market

HEREAS most great nations have built singular capitals whose ethos has guided national narratives and designed national strategy, some powers have instead had "two capitals" that operate on conflicting and competing logics. Beijing, for example, is the singular capital of the People's Republic of China, and it thus drives both the geostrategic and geoeconomic objectives of the Chinese state in a concerted, harmonious manner. In other words, the economic community and the security community in China are of one mind, enabling them to conduct effective "geoeconomics," which is a function of both strategy and economics executed in tandem. The United States, by contrast, has "two capitals" that proceed from conflicting logical premises. It has what we might call the "New York community" (i.e. Wall Street) that is driven by a market-based logic of cointegrating economies and generating profits, but it also has the Washingtonian "DC Crowd" which operates on traditional hard-security lines. The NY Crowd is driven by titans such as Goldman Sachs and JP Morgan, while the DC Crowd draws upon institutions such as the State

first, and in time Peking would come around to the American way of thinking (free-market capitalism and Western-style democracy). Truly, Taipei and Seoul were governed by authoritarian right-wing regimes in the mid-20th century, but through economic development they shed those hard skins and became genteel democracies and bastions of capitalism, even surpassing the United States in terms of "prosperity" along certain metrics. The NY crowd thus had a credible template, and steered the American public away from the intergenerational fatigue of Cold War adversarialism. American companies then poured enormous investment in China, building up a vast manufacturing base that was complemented by managerial expertise, transfers of technology (ToT), and the acculturation of business best-practices.

China in turn further opened up and became the largest untapped market for capitalist surplus production, gobbling up everything that foreign tastes could satiate. For most American multinationals, China became the single biggest driver of profits and earnings-pershare, thus generating enormous bonuses for the New York executives who chomped on fat cigars and boasted to investors about their "China exposure" in quarterly earnings calls. When I worked on the buyside (global asset management), my single biggest question to investor relations teams and executives was on their exposure to the Chinese market. This factor would drive my financial modeling, and help determine my judgment on the future path of the multinationals in question. China was simply the main story - indeed, the only story; and New York was smitten with China's wonderful economic future. However, the mood began to change after 2016, when Donald Trump was elected US President, and his administration began to levy hefty penalties on China, including trade sanctions and other measures inimical to economic cooperation and mutual benefit. The Trump administration had come to realize that China's economy was well on its way to surpass the United States by 2030, and yet, it hadn't followed the same path as Seoul or Taipei. It still had the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), which was largely admired by the Chinese people for its transformative economic policies that offered a clear-cut counter-narrative to the American model of economic and social development. China had accomplished the single greatest economic

miracle in human history, lifting 700 million people out of poverty within two generations, a feat that took the West far longer to achieve, and of course the West was receding into decline in any case.

By this point, the DC crowd had forcefully challenged the New York folk who had grown fat on the riches of commerce with China. They pointed out that China had a strengthening array of both hard and soft power assets, and if timely action isn't taken, the American Empire would fade from view without even firing a shot at China. The NY Crowd had taken two decades to realize their proposal of converting Peking into its acolyte, but instead China was already chipping away America's primacy, and that too on the back of American technological, managerial, and material largesse!

Since then, even as the Trump administration failed to be re-elected, the Biden administration has pursued an equally harsh, if not harsher, approach against China. The DC crowd and its Cold War mentality are back in full swing, and the New York crowd is today both embarrassed by the shortcomings in attaining their final objective, and by the increasing diatribe against their winnings from engagement with China. A flurry of recent books has demanded accountability from Wall Street for making so much money by helping China to rise, while leaving the American worker in the dust and the American economy in shambles (particularly after Covid-19). This is the drawback of an empire with two capitals: they may follow competing (and contradictory) approaches towards maintaining hegemony, and may come to blows as the zenith of the empire wanes and its power begins to fade. There are, however, many sympathetic voices that still argue for a cooperative approach between the US and China, not just within New York, Peking, and even some Washington; but also from around the world as countries attempt a tenuous balancing act between two titans. However, the voice that argues for international economic cooperation, sadly, is being drowned out, and the world will pay a heavy price as the DC folk relegate the NY folk to ignominy. - Dr. Usman W. Chohan is the Director for Economic Affairs and National Development at the Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS). He can be reached at dir.economics@casstt.com.

Department and the Pentagon.

During the Cold War, it was the DC Crowd that maintained primacy in directing US policy, arguing from a siege-mentality for competition with Moscow for the preservation of security and hegemony, and fighting through proxies across the entire world as a battlefield. Thanks to help from Pakistan and some other countries, the DC crowd emerged triumphant in the early 1990s, having cemented a monumental effort into achieving a unipolar world at the mercy of a victorious empire. At that point, however, the New York crowd stepped in more forcefully in directing US policy, and it argued that, since we had arrived at the "end of history," it would be important for an economics-led prism to guide the US in the century ahead. This is because an economic-orientation would assure (their) prosperity and keep a "soft power" leash on the world, which would be far more palatable, and far less expensive, as an instrument of empire.

With respect to what was then seen as the next big threat (China), the New York crowd pacified the DC folk by continually arguing that Peking would follow in the footsteps of Taipei and Seoul, which is to say that economic cooperation and investment would come

# American horror: POTUS after POTUS wronged this old Pakistani man

### **Andrew Mitrovica**

The prime years of his life didn't matter. He was a nobody. Not a husband. Not a father. Not a brother. Not a son. Just another Muslim that a sham, illegal apparatus run by soldiers at the behest of presidents got what he deserved.

But what Paracha and his family deserve, at the very least, is an apology. That won't happen. It should, but it won't. Presidents don't apologise to men like Saifullah Paracha. It would be beneath them and the office of the presidency to apologise. They're important. He's not. But a recent photo of Paracha reveals that, through it all... FIND it infuriating when a scarred life is reduced to a quirky curiosity. That is what has happened to Saifullah Paracha, a 75-year-old Pakistani entrepreneur who was finally released in late October from the United States-run dungeons in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. In reporting on Paracha's belated liberation, several news organisations noted that he was the oldest captive there without, of course, admitting that, like so many others, he should not have spent a moment in jail given his US captors never came even remotely close to finding him guilty of a crime.

Paracha was locked up for 19 years at what one New York Times correspondent called a "seafront compound". Sounds almost like a sun-kissed tourist resort rather than a brutish, remote prison featuring barbed wire fencing, guard dogs and armed US soldiers manning lookout posts. In any event, that Paracha was an anomaly at Guantanamo Bay - where most of the other captives were much younger men - is what made him newsworthy. Not the fact that Paracha wasted nearly two decades of his life in a dungeon as part of a covert, worldwide abduction racket. Nor the fact that Paracha was never charged by his American abductors and jailers during his long imprisonment. But journalists, ultimately, aren't the villains here. The responsibility for this horror is shared by a succession of unrepentant US presidents who will likely never experience even a minute measure of regret or discomfort for what they did to an ageing, frail man and his family.

Paracha was "accused" of being an al-Qaeda sympathiser and "suspected" of bankrolling the group. That sentence, which quotes the BBC, contains two of the three most popular weasel words governments use to "link" – that's the third – anyone to terrorism without proof. In July 2003, a suspicious FBI lured Paracha to Thailand where they abducted him and flew him – bound, shackled and hooded – to Afghanistan, in an obscene affront to international law. While being held incommunicado at a US military prison at Bagram, Paracha suffered the first of a series of heart attacks. Fourteen months later, he was taken – bound, shackled and hooded again – to Guantanamo Bay where, without a scintilla of evidence that he helped finance or promote al-Qaeda's interests, he remained until a few days ago. In 2005, Paracha's son, Uzair, who was living in New York, was convicted and sentenced to 30 years in prison for allegedly "providing material support to terrorism". Thirteen years later, in 2018, a US federal court judge ordered his release after exculpatory information was discovered that raised doubts about his conviction.

Justice Sydney Stein said he was granting Uzair a new trial because permitting the original judgement to stand would be "a manifest injustice". Two years later, prosecutors dropped the case against Uzair. The Paracha family has indeed been the victim of a "manifest injustice", perpetrated by powerful men who, today, are being rehabilitated and feted as "elder statesmen". American presidents are not only immune to accountability; they are also immune to shame. I doubt that George W Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump remember who Paracha is or care a whit about his fate since one of the principal qualifications to become commander-in-chief is to be prepared to deploy American force to harm and kill people in defence of the "national interest". And this, at least, Paracha has over those who have presidential libraries built as monuments to their importance: There is no basis to claim that he has ever harmed or killed another soul.

In particular, the conduct of that smug liberal darling, Obama, in connection with Paracha's ordeal is shameful. A "task force" established on inauguration day by the then-new president reported to him in 2010 that there was "no evidence" to justify laying charges against some of the Guantanamo "detainees" but added that they were "too dangerous" to be set free. In April 2013 it emerged that Paracha was one of 71 captives who were innocent. Still, politics trumped integrity. And Obama allowed a sick, honest man to remain captive rather than release him into the care of his loving family in Pakistan. What makes Paracha's lengthy incarceration in America's gulag all the more egregious is that the businessman had lived and worked in the US since the 1970s and throughout his inhumane odyssey professed not only his innocence but love and gratitude for his adopted country. None of that history mattered. The US - spurred on by revenge-thirsty columnists who told Iraqis to "suck on this" - was hunting "terrorists" in Kabul, Baghdad and beyond. Paracha was merely disposable, forgettable fodder to be used to show how ruthless both Republicans and Democrats could be in shielding their "homeland" from future attacks. The rule of law didn't matter. International law didn't matter. The US Constitution's rights and guarantees didn't matter. Fairness didn't matter. Due process didn't matter.

And of course, Saifullah Paracha didn't matter. The prime years of his life didn't matter. He was a nobody. Not a husband. Not a father. Not a brother. Not a son. Just another Muslim that a sham, illegal apparatus run by soldiers at the behest of presidents got what he deserved. But what Paracha and his family deserve, at the very least, is an apology. That won't happen. It should, but it won't. Presidents don't apologise to men like Saifullah Paracha. It would be beneath them and the office of the presidency to apologise. They're important. He's not. But a recent photo of Paracha reveals that, through it all, he held tight to his humanity and perhaps his sense of humour. Arms crossed, wearing a white t-shirt and a wry smile, he sits at a table in a Mc-Donald's restaurant in Karachi. I suppose that after this burst of attention, Paracha will slip back into anonymity and try, as best he can, to recover and enjoy the sunset of his life. He will do that in the quiet knowledge that he is a better man than the preening presidents who will always carry the blot of the indecency they visited on a decent human being.

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### Briefs

### Trudeau strongly condemns attack

#### DNA

TORONTO: Minutes af-ter former Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan was injured in an assassination bid near Zafar Ali Khan chowk in Wazirabad, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau strongly condemned the violence. Wishing Khan a speedy recovery, Trudeau said that there is no place for such acts of violence in politics,

democracy, and society. Taking to Twitter, the Canadian Prime Minister said, "The attack on Imran Khan and his supporters is completely unacceptable and I strongly condemn this violence. It has no place in politics, in any democracy, or in our society. I'm wishing a speedy recovery to Imran and all who were injured today." Trudeau's comments came after Imran Khan was injured following an attack by unidentified gunmen during his 'real freedom' rally. Shots were fired at the container-mounted truck carrying the former Prime Minister in Pakistan's Punjab province. According to local media, Khan is out of danger now, however, he sustained injuries in the firing.

### CTD arrests terrorist tasked to kill Chinese doctor

#### NAZIR SIYAL

KARACHI: The Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) Sindh on Thursday claimed to have arrested another suspect, associated with the proscribed organisation, behind the gun attack at a Chinese dental clinic in Karachi's Saddar area.

According to CTD spokesperson, Afzal aka Aafi was taken into custody from Gulistan-e-Jauhar. According to a CTD officials. Afzal is a member of the Sindhudesh Revolutionary Army (SRA), a banned militant outfit and

# Pakistan keep slim WC hopes alive with SA win

Their win means Pakistan can still reach the World Cup semi-finals if they win their last match against Bangladesh and other results go their way

#### **SPORTS DESK**

SYDNEY: Pakistan kept their slim Twenty20 World Cup hopes alive with a 33-run win over South Africa in a dramatic rain-affected match at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Thursday. South Africa, who are still on course for the semi-finals, came out blazing after a rain delay saw their initial target of 186 adjusted down to 142, meaning they needed 73 runs in five overs. But the asking rate was too much and they finished on 108-9 at the end of a captivating match that had a bit of everything, from bad weather to good bowling and dropped catches.

Their win means Pakistan can still reach the World Cup semi-finals if they win their last match against Bangladesh and other results go their way. But they must rely on both India and South Africa losing their final games. Earlier, Iftikhar Ahmed and Shadab Khan rescued Pakistan with the bat with a superb 82-run partnership.



with Pakistan in big trouble at 43-4, scored 51 off 35 balls and Shadab blazed 52 from 22 as Pakistan finished their innings at 185-

a certain early exit from the tournament as the South African seam attack tore through the top order. But Iftikhar stayed firm, sharing

hammad Nawaz before he and Shadab took the much-vaunted South African attack apart, taking the score from 95-5 to 177-6.

#### After finishing strongly with the bat, the Pakistanis began well with the ball, Quinton de Kock chipping Shaheen Afridi to Mohammad Haris at midwicket for a duck on the last ball of the first over. Afridi then removed the dangerous Rilee Rossouw for seven in his second over, caught by Naseem

Shah on the third man boundary, leaving South Africa 16-2. South African captain Temba Bavuma has been struggling for form this tournament but he looked in great touch as he cruised to 36. He and Aiden Markram took the score to 65. But Shadab changed the game in his first over, the leg-spinner having Bavuma caught behind then bowling Markram through the gate one run later,

leaving South Africa 66-4. The rain, which had been falling lightly on and off for much of the match, then began to come down more heavily, forcing the players from the field with nine overs down. When they returned South Africa needed 73 runs in five overs, a tar-

get that proved too great.

### Israel kills 2 more Palestinians as violence continues to rise

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uptick in violence continued to climb Thursday. The Palestinian Health Ministry said a man, identified as Daoud Mahmoud Khalil Rayan, 42, was killed during an Israeli military raid in the village of Beit Duqqu in the occupied West Bank. Ravan was killed after an altercation broke out between the Palestinians and Israeli forces that raided the home of a man accused of carrying out a car-ramming attack at a checkpoint near the city

of Modiin on Wednesday.

tack that seriously wounded a restore security to the streets," he tweeted. "The soldier. During the operation time has come for a terrorist who goes out to carry out an attack to be taken out!" The violence was the latest in a wave of Israeli violence in the West Bank and East Jerusalem that has killed more than 130 Pales-

tinians this year. UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process Tor Wennesland said this year is set to be the deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank since 2005, when the United Nations began consistently tracking fatalities.

The violence intensified in the spring after several Israelis were killed in far-right allies, including the a series of attacks allegextremist lawmaker Itamar edly carried out by Pales-Ben-Gvir, who in response tinians. Israel responded

The raids have been met in recent weeks by a rise in attacks against Israelis, killing at least three. Also on Thursday, Israel said it was removing checkpoints in and out of the city of Nablus. Israel had imposed the restrictions weeks ago, clamping down on the city in response to a new group, known as the

Lions' Den. The military has conducted repeated operations in the city in recent weeks, killing or arresting the group's top commanders. Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 Mideast war and has since maintained a military occupation over the territory and settled more than 500,000 people there. The Palestinians want the

### **South Korean fans** abuse Marseille defender online

SEOUL: South Korean football fans have subjected Marseille's Chancel Mbemba to a torrent of abuse online, some of it racist, and demanded he apologise to Son Heung-min with the forward's World Cup in doubt. South Korea's skipper and talisman will have surgery on a fracture around his left eye after a collision with Mbemba in Spurs' 2-1 win at Marseille on Tuesday in the Champions League. The Premier League club have given no date for Son's return, but he faces a race against time to be fit for South Korea's opening match of the World Cup against Uruguay on November 24. Angry Korean fans blamed Mbemba after Son's face made painful contact with the Congolese defender's shoulder. A groggy Son was substituted. South Korean supporters have left thousands of messages on Mbemba's Instagram page in both English and Korean. "You must apologise to Son, his World Cup dream is over now," said one typical message. "Don't you feel ashamed of your disrespectful actions against Son?" said another. Other posts contained expletives and several were racist. But there was support also for the 28-year-old Mbemba, with one post saying: "I am Korean. I am not good at English, but I wrote it in English because I wanted to convey this message. "I am also one of the Koreans who is upset by Son Heung-min's injury, but I am one of the Koreans who knows that it was not your intention. "It was an accident that could happen during a soccer game. "I hope you don't get hurt by malicious comments." Son has scored 35 goals in 106 international appearances and won gold at the Asian Games in 2018, a medal which secured him an exemption from national service. - DNA

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Türkiye, a longstanding

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for tolerating and even sup-

"I think both countries have

heard Turkey, both coun-

tries are willing to follow

through on the agreement

that was agreed upon in

Madrid on trilateral cooper-

ation on counterterrorism."

Vanhanen said. Both before

and after joining NATO, it

will be important to update

counter-terrorism legisla-

tion and give government

officials more tools to tack-

le potential terrorism move-

ments, "especially when

it comes to the ones that

Turkey has mentioned, for

example, the PKK," he said.

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### Political leaders strongly...

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"Violence should have no place in our country's politics," the premier wrote. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari also took to his Twitter handle to condemn the incident.

"Praying for his swift recovery," he wrote on Twitter.

Asif Zardari said also decried the attack on Khan and said that prayed for his speedy recovery. "The matter should be

thoroughly probed," Zardari said

PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz said: "I condemn the firing on Imran Khan and pray to Allah Almighty for the health of all the injured, including Khan."

At about 4:25pm Thursday, chaotic scenes broke out near the PTI's reception camp at Allahwala Chowk in Gujranwala after gunshots were fired at Khan. He sustained bullet injuries on his leg and according to the police, the suspect who opened fire on Khan's container has been

arrested. Several other people, including PTI leader Faisal Javed, also sustained injuries, while Gujranwala DHQ Hospital sources say that one person has lost his life. They added that the condition of others who got injured in stable condition and received

treatment. The President of Pakistan Arif Alvi also condemned the "murderous attack" on Khan and said that the incident is not only alarming but it is also cowardly.

"Strongly condemn heinous assassination attempt on ex-PM of Pakistan, the @ImranKhanPTI. brave I have sought immediate reports from authorities. I pray for his speedy recovery & of all those injured. My condolences to family of deceased political worker who died during the incident," the president tweeted. He confirmed that a bullet hit his leg but added that he was safe.

Pak, China vow strong ties in joint

OCCUPIED responded with riot dispersal BANK: Israeli forces means and fired at Palestinikilled two more Palestinans hurling rocks and petrol ians, one in the occupied bombs, the military said in a statement, adding that "hits West Bank and another in Jerusalem, as the recent were identified." In a separate incident on Thursday, another Palestinian was shot dead in east Jerusalem after reportedly stabbing a police officer. The officer was lightly wounded. The violence came as a political shift is underway in Israel after national elections, with former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu set to return to power in a coalition government made up of

is accused of planning to target a Chinese doctor in Hyderabad.

The spokesperson said organisation was giving finan cial assistance to Afzal and provided him motorbike and weapons. It has also been revealed that the suspect devised a plan to assassinate a foreigner doctor in Hyderabad and was also the accomplice of the suspects who attacked the Chinese dental clinic in Karachi.

It is pertinent to mention here that a Chinese national was killed while two others sustained injuries after an unidentified man attacked them inside a dental clinic in the Saddar area of Karachi while posing as a patient.

### Russia signals huge new retreat in Ukraine

KYIV: Russian forces are likely to abandon their foothold on the west bank of Ukraine's Dnipro River, a Russian-installed occupation official said on Thursday, signalling a massive Russian retreat that, if confirmed, would be a major

turning point in the war. Ukrainian officials remained cautious about signs that Russia was abandoning the area, and there was silence from higher-ups in Moscow over the announcement of what would amount to one of Russia's most humiliating retreats since the invasion. "Most likely our units, our

soldiers, will leave for the left (eastern) bank," Kirill Stremousov, the Russian-installed deputy civilian administrator of the Kherson region, said in an interview with Solovyov Live, a pro-Kremlin online media outlet. The area includes Kherson city, capital of the region of the same name, and the only major city Russia had captured intact since its invasion in February. It also includes one side of a huge dam across the Dnipro which controls the water supply to irrigate Crimea, the peninsula Russia has occupied since 2014. Previously, Russia had staunchly denied that its forces were planning to withdraw from the area, which President Vladimir Putin claimed to have annexed to Russia at the end of Sep $tember.{-}APP$ 

The accused, 54-year-old to the incidents said Israel Habas Abdel Hafeez Yousef Rayan man was shot dead at the site of the reported at-

Nadal stunned

by Paul in Paris

PARIS: Rafael Nadal crashed out of the Paris Masters in the

second round on Wednesday after losing in three sets to

American Tommy Paul, boosting Carlos Alcaraz's hopes of

finishing the year as world number one. Nadal, who received

a bye as second seed, was playing his first singles match in

two months after spending time at home in Mallorca with his

wife and newborn son. The 22-time Grand Slam champion

shook off an early break in the opening set by winning five of

the next six games. But Paul recovered from dropping serve

in the third game of the second set to win a tie-break, having

The Spaniard's lack of match practice told as Paul domi-

nated the final set, breaking three times to seal the biggest

win of his career. "I had the match (in my hands) in that

second set with a set and break. I played a terrible game

there. I didn't deserve the victory playing that bad in that

key moment," said Nadal. Nadal is a 14-time French Open

"A lot of things have been going on the last couple of months,

without a doubt. But we are always ready to find excuses.

At the end, it's always the same. You play well, you win; you

don't, you lose," he added. Nadal said he expected to compete

at the Tour finals in Turin from November 13-20. "If nothing

happens, I hope to be there. I'm excited about playing, even

if it hasn't been the perfect couple of months for me." Paul

goes on to play Pablo Carreno Busta for a place in the quar-

ter-finals. Alcaraz, the reigning US Open champion, will

play Grigor Dimitrov in the last 16 after defeating Japan's

Yoshihito Nishioka 6-4, 6-4. The 19-year-old smacked 30

winners including nine aces despite a heavily-taped left

knee, an issue he had downplayed on Monday. "I tried to

find my best level. I think I played really well. - DNA

failed to convert a set point with Nadal serving at 4-5.

champion but has never won the title at Bercy.

would soon take a tougher approach to attackers. "The time has come to with a monthslong operation in the West Bank it says is meant to dismanmilitant networks. tle

Congo city

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GOMA: In the eastern DR

Congo city of Goma, fears

are rising of an imminent

assault by a bloody rebel

group whose resurgence

has stoked diplomatic ten-

sions in central Africa. A

predominantly Congolese

Tutsi militia called the M23

has returned after years

Goma, a commercial hub of

a million people that it brief-

Militiamen over the week-

end were in control of Ru-

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of the city, according to vio-

lence monitor Kivu Security

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#### **NEWS DESK**

BEIJING: Pakistan and China have reaffirmed commitment to further strengthen and deepen bilateral All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership and enhance practical cooperation in all areas.

Both countries declared this in a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's two-day visit to China late Wednesday. The statement further said that both the sides reiterated their mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests.

The Pakistani side expressed its commitment to the one-China Policy and support on issues of Taiwan, South China Sea, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet. The Chinese side reaffirmed its support for Pakistan's sovereignty, territorial integrity, security, and promoting its socio-economic development and prosperity.

The Chinese side reiterated that relations with Pakistan will always be given the highest priority in its foreign policy. The Pakistani side underscored that Pakistan-China relationship is the cornerstone of its foreign policy and that the Pakistani people always support the closest friendship between the two countries.

The Chinese leadership expressed condolences and sympathies on recent loss of life and property as a result of the unprecedented floods in Pakistan. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed his Government's willingness to commit to high quality development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and highlighted the salience of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), a flagship project under BRI, to Pakistan's economic and social development.

Recognizing that ML-1 (Karachi-Peshawar railway line) is a project of key significance under the CPEC framework and of importance to Pakistan's socio-economic development, the two sides agreed to build upon the leadership consensus and to advance the process of its earliest implementation.

#### to Jabeur, a losing finalist at Wimbledon and the The American roared through the ning six straight games ping the first. Jabeur early break for a 2-1 lead in the dropping her serve at love. Jabeur managed to breaking twice in a row to force the third set. The tightly contested, Pegula failing to convert five early Jabeur finally gained the upper hand with a break for 5-3 off the win after an hour and 41 minutes."After the first

been beaten by Sabalenka in three sets on Monday,

playing really well and really fast," Jabeur said. "The balls very low. I know she likes to play the balls like that. And I

### **Russia to risk confrontation in Sweden, Finland** that the military threat toa more comprehensive ap-

#### **News Desk**

LONDON: With the threat from Russia appearing closer and closer to Northern Europe, Sweden and Finland believe that Kremlin is already engaged in a hybrid war that will hit the Scandinavian countries hard.

Alleged sabotage of the Russian-owned Nord Steam gas pipelines in the Baltic Sea, as well as illegal drone flights over strategic areas in resources, and capabilities Norway by a Russian nationwere engaged in the ongoing al, are seen as part of Preswar. So, he argued, Russia is ident Vladimir Putin's war unlikely to risk a major conagainst the Scandinavian frontation with NATO and go countries. Russia's war on down the path of escalation. Ukraine that began on Feb. This would be "a completely different war than what 24 prompted Sweden and Finland to rethink their sewe're seeing right now," he curity arrangements and apsaid, adding that such escaply for NATO membership, lation would raise the risk despite Moscow's threats. of nuclear warfare "at some Magnus Petersson, a prostage and I don't think the fessor of international rela-Russians are willing to go tions at Stockholm Univerdown that path.'

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Vanhanen said the Nordic

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was when Russia initially at-

tacked Ukraine in February.

Likewise, Henri Vanhanen,

the foreign policy adviser

to Finland's National Coali-

countries are vulnerable to Russian covert hybrid warfare operations and that Kremlin is likely to sabotage critical infrastructure, including food and water distribution, electricity, logistics and communications.

"Now, those are sort of the tion Party, which holds the backbone of every single third-most seats in parliament, told Anadolu Agency developed society and if that Moscow is currently you want to sabotage these "struggling" in its effort "to functions, it will cause upoccupy Ukraine" and that heaval and uncertainty in a most of its military, defense society," said Vanhanen.

According to Vanhanen, this is the Kremlin's method of trying to cut off Western military aid to Ukraine, which has played a "decisive" role in Ukraine's efforts to repel "Russia's illegal attack.

Finland, which shares a border with Russia longer than 1.300 kilometers (over 800 miles), has increased its monitoring of maritime traffic and infrastructure. while Norway and Denmark tightened security around

its gas and oil sites. According to NATO, hybrid warfare has long been used to destabilize adversaries, however with technological growth their speed scale and intensity advanced over the years. It said earlier this year that "Counter-hybrid support teams" would provide assistance to allies but it also said that countries are expected to protect themselves individually. Moscow has threatened multiple times that Swedish and Finnish NATO membership would be detrimental to their security and that of Europe. "I think we have worked with these threats for a long time," said Petersson. According to the professor,

Russian threats have led Western countries, including Sweden and Finland, to expand their defense budgets. He, however, argued that Moscow would only use covert methods against the two countries such as "cyber-attacks, using propa-

ganda on the internet, and so on, and so forth."

Norway announced earlier this week plans to step up its military preparedness in response to the Russia-Ukraine war and the "serious security situation in Europe." "We are in the most serious security policy situation in decades,' Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said in a statement. Vanhanen suggested that Finland is well-prepared against all manner of threats, including military ones. "We are well-prepared for different scenarios, even though we might not consider them likely at the moment," he said. Store stressed that there was no indication that Russia would expand its warfare to other countries, but that the increased tension meant "we are more exposed to both threats, intelligence and influence.'

Once in NATO, Finland and Sweden should adopt

spirited 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory over Jessica Pegula of the United States. Sabalenka of dormancy, conquering will pip Jabeur for a semifinal berth if she beats Pegula in her final group swathes of territory in trougame. Pegula was left ruing her failure to capitalize on a fast start in her defeat bled North Kivu province. US Open this year. After a string of victories opening set, winover the army, the M23after dropfighters are as close as several dozen kilometres from

four at WTA Finals

FORT WORTH: World number five Maria Sakkari advanced to the last four of the WTA

Finals for the second straight year on Wednesday as Tunisia's Ons Jabeur got her campaign

back on track with a battling victory. Greece's Sakkari secured her place in the semi-finals

in Fort Worth, Texas, after cruising past seventh-seeded Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus 6-2,

6-4. Sakkari's second win of the round-robin stage left her on top of the Nancy Richey Group

with one match remaining. Sakkari will qualify in top spot from the group if she beats Jabeur

in her final first-round game. "It feels great, just giving myself the chance to play my next

match a little bit more relaxed, and enjoy another battle," Sakkari said after her win. "Obvi-

ously I want to win – I still want to go undefeated. It's gonna be a very tough match but it's nice to feel like my hard work is paying off final-

that click to just change up rhythm and impose my game."

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### **Briefs**

### **Pope visits Bahrain for** interfaith talks

FIUMICINO: Pope Francis, leader of the world's 1.3 billion Catholics, departed Thursday for the Gulf state of Bahrain to foster ties with Islam in a trip overshadowed by criticism of human rights abuses. His second voyage as pope to the Arabian Peninsula after a 2019 trip to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is similarly aimed at encouraging interfaith dialogue between Muslims and Christians, and will include the pontiff leading a prayer for peace at a vast modern cathedral opened last year. But criticism of Bahrain's human rights record has already erupted ahead of Francis' trip, which lasts through Sunday, as international rights groups urge him to speak out against alleged abuses against Shiites, activists, and opposition figures in the Sunni-led monarchy. After arriving at Fiumicino airport Thursday morning, the 85-year-old Francis, who suffers from recurring knee pain, was escorted in a wheelchair to the plane, which he boarded via elevator.

The flight, which departed at 9:45 am local time (845 GMT), is scheduled to arrive in Awali at 4:45 pm (1345 GMT) after which Francis will conduct a "courtesy visit" with King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa following a welcoming ceremony. – APP

### Norway brings climate ambitions in line with EU

OSLO: Norway, the largest oil producer in Western Europe, on Thursday announced it intended to cut 1990 emissions levels "at least 55 percent" by 2030, in line with EU goals. Just days before the COP27 climate conference in Egypt, the announcement is in line with commitments made by the centre-left coalition government when it took power in 2021.

While not a member of the European Union, the Scandinavian country's new tar-



ISLAMABAD: Women taking interest in various items during a cultural event organized by the Kyrgyz embassy in Islamabad. - DNA

## Scholz heads to Beijing amid pressure to take tougher line

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### **News Desk**

BERLIN: German Chancellor Olaf Scholz travels to Beijing this week in what is fast becoming a controversial trip, amid pressure both domestically and from within the EU to take a tougher line against China. Scholz is the first Western leader to visit the Asian country since the COVID-19 pandemic began and will go with a delegation of German business leaders. But many have questioned his intentions behind the trip, arguing he is prioritising economic ties at a time when the EU is looking to reduce its dependency on countries like China and Russia. Strong trade links already exist between Beijing and Berlin, with China being its second-largest export destination. As a result, the idea of decoupling from China, like what is happening with Moscow following its invasion of Ukraine, is a virtual non-starter for a lot of German businesses, with so many heavily invested in the country. Pressure is growing though from within

Scholz's own governing coalition to deliver a tougher message to Chinese President Xi Jinping. A new China strategy is also being devised in Berlin, which Germany's foreign minister, Annalena Baerbock, says needs to be more assertive. In an interview with the newspaper Der Spiegel, she said this must be made clear to the Chinese leadership. "We clearly stated in the coalition

agreement that China is our partner on global issues and that we cannot decouple in our globalised world, but also that China is a competitor and increasingly a systemic rival," Baerbock said. "It is crucial to now make clear in China



stand united when the 27 [EU countries] speak together with the same strong voice, and clearly that won't be the case if Scholz goes on his own just to represent his counrecently warned member states not to be "naive" when it comes to Chinese investments in the bloc's critical infrastructure.

The criticism could be seen as being aimed at Scholz, who last week allowed China to buy a stake in a terminal at the Port of Hamburg, a crucial trading hub for Europe. The deal is contentious because, at a time when Germany and the EU are trying to wean themselves off Russian energy imports, it is seen as increasing dependency on Beijing. "We should learn from the mistakes of the past," Cogolati said. "We have seen that the dependency of European industries upon Russia was actually had for our economies and was actually bad for our jobs. "In Europe, we should really reinvest in value chains based in Europe, value chains that are sustainable over the long term. Clearly too big of a dependency on China is bad for our future as Europeans." According to Andrew Small, an expert on China at the German Marshal Fund, the main purpose of the trip is shrouded in mystery.

"Everyone is saying this is the moment to be reducing dependencies on China. One should at least not be becoming more dependent and embroiled in a Chinese economic system that is going into this kind of orthotic struggle environment at the moment," he told Euronews. "That's the thing that's still slightly mystifying people about this trip because they haven't given a clear message or really what the intent of any of this is yet." One line of thinking in Berlin will be to shore up relations between Brussels and Beijing after the relationship soured over the past few years. Last year, a trade deal

### Russia summons United Kingdom ambassador

Islamabad **POST** 

Friday, November 04, 2022

#### DNA

MOSCOW: Russia on Thursday summoned the UK ambassador in Moscow over last week's attacks on its Black Sea Fleet, According to the media reports, Deborah Bronnert, the UK envoy, left the ministry building without making any comments. On Wednesday, ministry's spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said the Ukrainian military carried out attacks at the Black Sea port of Sevastopol on the Russian military under the guidance of British military specialists.

She said the ambassador would be summoned and presented the evidence that Russia has about the UK's alleged involvement in the attacks. In a separate statement the same day the Russian Defense Ministry said Moscow resumes the implementation of the grain deal suspended on Saturdav, after receiving guarantees from Ukraine about the non-use of the humanitarian corridor for the attacks.

Türkiye, the UN, Russia, and Ukraine signed an agreement in Istanbul on July 22 to resume grain exports from three Ukrainian Black Sea ports, which were paused after the Russia-Ukraine war began in February. A Joint Coordination Center with officials from the three countries and the UN has been set up in Istanbul to oversee the shipments.

### US urges Colombia to stick to democratic values

### DNA

WASHINGTON: The US has urged Colombia to uphold democratic rights and norms following the visit of its president to Venezuela after a three-year hiatus in diplomatic ties.

Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, State Department spokesman Ned Price said: "We've urged Colomto continu with its partners in multilateral fora, to advocate for a democratic and prosperous hemisphere as well, and to hold accountable governments that have violated the democratic rights and the democratic norms." On Tuesday Colombian President Gustavo Petro held talks with his Venezuelan counterpart Nicolas Maduro in the capital Caracas in their first meeting since the two countries reestablished diplomatic relations after a three-year break. On the October meeting in the capital Bogota of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Colombia's newly sworn-in President Petro, Price said: "Venezuela was top on the agenda. We thanked Colombia for the important role that they're playing when it comes to hosting some 2 million Venezuelan refugees, and we discussed ways we can work together with Colombia to hold the Maduro regime to account." Criticizing Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro for denying democratic norms, Price said: "Our posture won't change until and unless we see progress on the rights of the Venezuelan people." Saying US sanctions on Venezuela will remain, Price said: "We have been very deliberate in promoting accountability for the rights abuses that are taking place and that have taken place in Venezuela."

get brings Oslo in line with the overall target set by the 27-member bloc. Oslo also announced that it would present climate plans each year going forward. Norway's climate target was

previously to reduce emissions by between 50 and 55 percent of 1990 levels.

"This sends a strong signal to other countries, and we hope that more will up their targets," Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store said on Thursday. Store's Labour Party and its ally, the Centre Party, rule out dismantling the oil sector, which is a major part of the national economy. The war in Ukraine and the reduction in Russian exports have seen Norway become the leading gas supplier to Britain and the European Union.

"The demand for fossil fuel energy will fall and renewenergy production able must increase. This has to go hand in hand," Store told a news conference. He stressed that the planet would still need oil in years to come and argued it was "not a bad thing that some of it comes from the Norwegian continental shelf, which has the lowest emissions." – APP

### Turkish inflation tops 85%

ISTANBUL: Turkish inflation surged past 85 percent in October, its highest level since 1997, official data showed Thursday, as President Recep Tavvip Erdogan sticks to unorthodox policies to combat a cost-of-living crisis. Central banks worldwide are raising borrowing costs in efforts to tame soaring consumer prices, but Turkev has bucked the global trend, with Erdogan calling higher interest rates his "biggest enemy".

Last month, Turkey's cen tral bank cut its policy rate for a third consecutive time bringing it down to 10.5 percent from 12 percent.

With an election looming next year, Erdogan argues that high rates are the cause of inflation, not the opposite, in defiance of orthodox economic theories. Turkey's inflation has steadily risen since reaching a low of 16.6 percent in May 2021. It hit 85.51 percent in October, according to state statistics agency TUIK, up from 83.45 percent in September. - APP the messages that we laid down together in the coalition agreement." Samuel Cogolati, an MP in the Belgian parliament - who was sanctioned last year by Beiiing - has questioned the timing of the trip. "It is wrong for two main reasons. First, because it is not a united European front and I think that if Ukraine has taught us something, it is that we stand stronger when we, as Europeans,

try. So that is really unfortunate," Cogolati told Euronews. "The second reason is, haven't we learnt anything from the past and anything from the dependency of Germany and other European member states on Russia. I think again we should rethink the way we look at China. China has changed enormously under Xi Jinping." The European Commissioner for the Internal Market, Thierry Breton,

tween the two was indefinitely suspended, following allegations of human rights abuses in China's Xinjiang region and after sanctions were imposed on some European lawmakers. Scholz now goes to China looking to mend fences. But some allies of the German Chancellor see the trip as more in his country's interests rather than the EU's and at a time when member states feel European unity is of the utmost importance.

### Russian top brass met to discuss using nukes, US claims

#### **MONITORING DESK**

MOSCOW: Top Russian military brass held talks on when and how the Kremlin might use a tactical nuclear weapon in Ukraine, multiple US outlets reported, causing consternation amongst Kyiv's western allies. It is unclear whether Russian Pres-

ident Vladimir Putin participated in the discussions. Washington has "grown increasingly concerned" about a potential Russian nuclear strike on Ukraine, the White House stated.

"We still have not seen any indication that the Russians are making preparations for such use ... But this is all deeply concerning to us," John Kirby, a spokesman for the National Security Council, said on Wednesday.

"We have grown increasingly concerned about the potential as these months have gone on," Kirby added. Putin recently denied having any intentions of using nuclear weapons in Ukraine but described the conflict there as part of alleged efforts by the West to secure its global domination,



which he insisted are doomed to fail. Speaking in late October at the Valdai discussion club meeting - a state-funded conference of international foreign policy experts - Putin said it is pointless for Russia to strike Ukraine with nuclear weapons. Putin said an earlier warning of his readiness to use "all means available to protect Russia" did not amount to nuclear sabre-rattling but was merely a response to Western statements about their possible use of nuclear weapons. "We have maintained, I believe, an appropriate level of concern about the potential use of weapons of mass de-

struction in Ukraine to include nuclear weapons," Kirby told reporters In recent weeks, Moscow has amped up its claims that Kyiv is preparing a nuclear "dirty bomb" attack, with Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said to have made calls to his western counterparts to discuss the issue. The move was widely seen by analysts as a possible means of distraction while the Kremlin prepared its own false flag operation.

Claims that Russian troops were conducting "secret construction" at the Zaporizhzhia power plant in Ukraine - Europe's largest atomic energy facility - further exacerbated fears of nuclear foul play. Meanwhile, the UN Security Council overwhelmingly rejected Russia's attempt to establish a commission to investigate its unfounded claims that Ukraine and the US are carrying out "military biological" activities that violate the convention prohibiting biological weapons.

Russia only got support from China in the Wednesday vote on its resolution, with France, the UK and the US voting "no" and the 10 other council nations abstaining.

### Serbia shoots down drone on border with Kosovo

BELGRADE: Serbia neutralized a commercial drone Wednesday on the Kosovo border, according to the Defense Ministry. The agency said the drone was shot down near military facilities in the Raska garrison by applying electronic jamming measures. "The Serbian Armed Forces are taking increased measures to detect, track and neutralize unmanned aerial vehicles near military facilities," it said in a statement. The statement said the army was acting in line with orders from President Aleksandar Vucic.

"The Serbian Armed Forces will continue, in accordance with the order of the President of the Republic and the Commander-in-Chief, to shoot down all drones found in the no-fly zone and in the vicinity of military facilities," it said. Vucic issued orders to the military Tuesday to destroy any enemy drones in the country's airspace after unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) were spotted above military bases bordering Kosovo. Prime Minister Ana Brnabic confirmed that drones had been spotted filming military bases.

Defense Minister Milos Vucevic said earlier that the armed forces are on alert as tensions escalate with neighboring Kosovo about the issue of car license plates. Kosovo has tried many times this year to make its Serb minority renew their license plates which date before 1999 when Kosovo was part of Serbia. The move has resulted in violent clashes between police and Serbs. Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia in 2008 but Serbia continues to see Kosovo as its territory. - APP

### Czech Republic to close its embassy in Kabul

### DNA

PRAGUE: The Czech Republic will close its embassy in the Afghan capital Kabul on Jan. 1, 2023 as no improvement in the country's security situation is expected anvtime soon, local media reported Wednesday. Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky has decided

to close the Czech embassy in Kabul, said the Czech News Agency (CTK).

The Czech Republic, which opened the embassy in Kabul in 2007, temporarily closed it in August 2021 and had to evacuate its staff due to the rapid advance of Taliban forces to the capital.

### Pak calls for collective efforts for refugees' protection "We value UNHCR efforts to broaden the support base for refugees and reach out to new partner states and institutions," the Pakistani envoy said, hoping

NEW YORK: Reaffirming its commitment to the Global Compact on Refugees, which calls for greater support for refugees and the countries that welcome them, Pakistan told a UN panel Wednesday about its "unparalleled" hospitality in hosting Afghan refugees for four decades while adhering to the highest standards of protection, which continued during the pandemic. "The prevailing complex and multifold challenges demand more robust and collective efforts to meet the growing protection needs and to forge durable solutions," Ambassador Aamir

that it would result in tangible growth in humanitarian funding Khan, deputy permanent representative of Pakistan to the UN, aid in his remarks to the General Assembly's Third Committee, which deals with social, humanitarian and cultural matters.

The Pakistani envoy was commenting on the report presented to the committee by Filippo Grandi, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), who said that currently there were 104 million displaced people in the world, and pointed out that the Russian invasion of Ukraine led to one of the fastest refugee crises since the Second World War, displacing 14 million people.

On its part, Aamir Khan said Pakistan, despite its economic and social pressures, hosts more than 1.4 million registered Afghan refugees and 850,000 Afghan Citizen Card holders, who he said have free enrollment in government primary schools and access to higher education with generous scholarships, along with bank accounts and numerous livelihood opportunities.

Pakistan, he said, has also supported complex humanitarian efforts in Afghanistan, facilitating evacuations as well as providing food and other supplies. "We value UNHCR efforts to broaden the support base

for refugees and reach out to new partner states and institutions," the Pakistani envoy said, hoping that it would result in tangible

growth in humanitarian funding. He also said that the UNHCR should be sensitive to the local requirements of refugee-hosting countries and ensure the implementation of its policies is consistent with the local environment.

Briefing the Committee, Grandi, the high commissioner, said, "while climate, the lasting effects of COVID-19, and the cost-of-living crisis all have grave consequences, the inability of the international community to prevent or re-

solve conflict continues to be the biggest driver of displacement. Addressing climate-induced displacement, he pointed to floods in Pakistan, a country that already hosts many Afghan refugees, as well as other affected regions, including the horn of Africa, Latin America, South-East Asia, and the Middle East. Turning to his agency's budget, he said that it normally receives \$5

billion from bilateral and multilateral donors, but this must rise, as the war in Ukraine has increased its spending by more than \$1 billion and current funding is lacking by \$700 million. - APP







### Briefs North **Korea fires** suspected **ICBM**, warns **United States**

# **Çirağan Palace Chefs star at** Serena Turkish Food Festival

"Serena is delighted to welcome back chef de cuisine, Serdar Öngel, sous partie, Davut Kutlugün and chef de partie, Yalcin Kokmenfor the fourth year in a row, who are responsible for many of superb meals at the Çirağan Palace Kempinski in Istanbul

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STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: Serena Hotels hosted Cu-

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elaborate Turkish Food Festival, which was

performances by the talented trios.

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Pakistanis and to Serena Hotels for sup-

porting such an event here in Islamabad.

It transports Pakistanis to Turkiye, as the

Zamana Restaurant is transformed into a

Turkish wonderland, to enhance the guest

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for many of the superb meals at the Çirağan

TOKYO: North Korea fired multiple missiles into the sea on Thursday, including a possible failed intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), prompting the United States and South Korea to extend air drills that have angered Pyongyang. Despite an ingovernment warning itial that the apparent ICBM had flown over Japan, triggering warning alarms for some residents, Tokyo later said this was incorrect.

The launches came a day after the North fired a daily record 23 missiles, including one that landed off the coast of South Korea for the first time, and drew swift condemnation from Washington, Seoul and Tokyo.

Since Monday, South Korea and the United States have been conducting one of the largest air exercises ever, with hundreds of South Korean and U.S. warplanes, including F-35 fighters, around-the-clock staging simulated missions.

After Thursday's ICBM launch, the allies agreed to extend the drills past Friday, when they had been scheduled to end, South Korea's Air Force said in a statement. "A strong combined defense posture of the ROK-U.S. alliance is necessary under the current security crisis that is escalating due to North Korean provocations," the statement said, using the initials of South Korea's official name.

### 'Brazil keen to exploit potential of trade with Pakistan'

ISLAMABAD: Brazilian Ambassador to Pakistan.

#### launched on the 1st of November with a fundraising event, which featured the classical trio of talented performing artists, Osman Kirklikçi, on Oud, Şükrü Türkmen on Solfege and Serkan Özdemir on Cello. The Food Festival was inaugurated for the public on the e me 2nd by the Ambassador of the Republic of Turkiye Mehmet Pacaci, featuring food by renowned chefs Serdar Ongel, Chef de Cuisine, Davut Kutlugun, Sous Chef, and Yalcin Kokmen, Chef de Partie, from Çırağan Palace Kempinski Istanbuland classical music Experience a truly Turkish Experience with the 4-day festival held in the Zamana Restaurant, from November 2, 2022, to November 5, 2022, at Islamabad Serena Hotel, is part of the Cultural Diplomacy Initiative, which focuses on creating and cultivating diplomatic ties. Pakistan and Turkiye, share a bond thatdates back to 75 years of friendship and support. This Culinary Arts festival was a collaboration between Serena Hotels and the only 17th-century Ottoman imperial palace and hotel on the Bosphorus, Ambassador of Turkiye to Pakistan, Mehmet Pacaci appreciated the chefs and musicians who came from Turkyie to



port in organizing the Fund Raising GalaDinner to raise funds for the flood affectees. An amount of 4.6 million rupees were collected from the Gala Dinner, which was

whose contribution will help provide relief for the flood affectees. The Turkish Food Festival at Zamana Res-

taurant in Islamabad Serena Hotel is a

constant that used to be held yearly, until COVID-19, and has been revived again to enhance cultural exchanges between Pakistan and Turkiye, as Pakistan celebrates the National day of Turkiye deepening bonds between the two Nations.

### Shehbaz, Nawaz Sharif, not on same page on COAS name: Rashid

#### DNA

RAWALPINDI: Awami Muslim League Pakistan (AMLP) leader and former interior minister Sheikh Rashid on Thursday said that the whole world is against one person, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, he will defeat everyone.

Taking to Twitter, Rashid said that Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Supremo Nawaz Sharif and Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif are not on the same page on the issue of appointment of Army Chief. He went on to say that now no one can bear the burden of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM). While he added that no one is giving charity to beggars. Sheikh Rashid said that the "imposed government" will not stay for long and it has not been supported. He said that this government are requesting other countries for the inviations. He further added that he do not want to comment on the recent China visit of PM Shehbaz. He said that the government should respond to the Russian senator's allegation of aid to Ukraine.

### First winter rain expected from weekend

#### DNA

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) Thursday indicated chances of first winter rain with snowfall in the country from the weekend. A westerly wave is likely to enter the country on November 4 evening or night and likely to persist November 7.

Under the influence of this weather system, rain-wind/ thunderstorm as well as snowfall over the mountains with isolated hail storms are expected in Chitral, Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Shangla, Buner, Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Malakand, Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan from November 4 to 7 while in Bajaur, Peshawar, Mardan, Charsadda, Swabi, Nowshera, Kurram, Kohat, Waziristan, Bannu, Dera Ismail Khan, Islamabad, Rawalpindi, Murree, Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Sialkot, Narowal, Lahore, Gujranwala, Gujrat, Sheikhupura, Mianwali, Khushab, Sargodha, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahauddin, Jhang and Faisalabad from November 5 to 7. Heavy rainfall is expected in Dir, Swat, Kohistan, Abbottabad, Mansehra, Murree, Galiyat, Kashmir, Islamabad, Potohar region, Gujrat, Gujranwala and Sialkot from November 5 to 6. Light to moderate rainwind/thunderstorm is also expected in Quetta, Zhob, Barkhan, Chaman, Pishin, Qillah Saifullah, Loralai, Bolan, Sibbi, Kalat, Khuzdar, Lasbela, Awaran, Dadu, Shaheed Benazirabad, Karachi, Qambar Shahdadkot, Sukkur, Jacobabad, Naseerabad, Bhakkar, Layyah, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan, Rajanpur Muzaffargarh, Sahiwal and Okara on November 06 and November 07.

Palace Kempinski in Istanbul. We are happy to work with the embassy of the Republic of hosted an evening before and was well at-Turkiye on their national day and their suptended by people from all walks of life, in-German Envoy lauds PAF's

Olyntho Vieira, on Thursday said that Brazil and Pakistan were collaborating to expand trade volume between the two nations. In an interview with APP, he stressed the need for expanding businesses from both the countries to look more thoroughly into the prospect of investments, joint ventures or partnerships in sectors like textiles and meat processing.

The envoy said that Brazil and Pakistan were regional giants with similar populations, common positions in many issues of the international agenda and sharing challenges such as poverty and the effects of climate change, which the two countries could fight jointly.

He mentioned these elements as the basis for the amicable and fruitful 74-year-long diplomatic relationship between both the countries, which resulted in warm and friendly relations. Brazil was the first nation in South America to recognize Pakistan, in 1948, and to establish an Embassy in Pakistan's former capital Karachi, 70 years ago. - APP

### Pakistani envoy sees bright US tries

#### DNA

WASHINGTON: Pakistan Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan says the prospects of Pakistan-US relations are bright and our ties are poised to grow in the future.

He was speaking at a twoday conference organized by the US top think tank Atlantic Council, John Hopkin's University, University of Lahore and Engro Corporation on 'Future of Pakistan-US relations' in Washington DC. He said that Pakistan-US relations now have been de-hyphenated from India and Afghanistan. The Ambassador said that Pakistan and the United States are developing a singular trajectory with responsibilities towards the broader region.

He said that Pakistan and the US understand each other's strategic calculus and imperative. While Pakistan has strong ties with China, it wants to have very robust ties with the United States in all fields

### professionalism, capabilities



Germany which is based on convergence on all important issues relating to regional peace, security and stability.

The visiting dignitary offered heartfelt condolences to the people of Pakistan over the loss of life amidst devastation caused by floods and appreciated the efforts put in by Pakistan Air Force for relief and rehabilitation of the flood victims. The Ambassador praised the professionalism of PAF personnel and the exceptional progress made by Pakistan Air Force over the years, especially through indigenization. He also appreciated Pakistan's continuous efforts for regional stability and pledged to play his role for further improvement in diplomatic cooperation with Pakistan at all levels. Both sides agreed to further consolidate existing military-to-military ties particularly in training and operational domains.

China visit

PM returns to Pak

after successful

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has returned to the capital after completing the visit to China on Thursday. Pakistan and China have reaffirmed commitment to further strengthen and deepen bilateral All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership and enhance practical cooperation in all areas. The resolve came during the joint statement issued at the conclusion of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's two-day visit to China. The statement said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held in-depth discussion with the Chinese leadership, including President and the Prime Minister, on the bilateral relations as well as regional situation and international political landscape. The two sides agreed on the importance of China-Pakistan All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership amidst the emerging global challenges. The meetings were marked by traditional warmth, mutual strategic trust and commonality of views. The statement stated that the leaders reaffirmed that close strategic ties and profound friendship between China and Pakistan is time-tested and resilient. Pakistan-China friendship is a historic choice of both peo-

ples that serves the interests of the two countries. The Chinese side reiterated that relations with Pakistan will always be given the highest priority in its foreign policy. The Pakistani side underscored that Pakistan-China relationship is the cornerstone of its foreign policy and that the Pakistani people always support the closest friendship between the two countries. The statement further said that both the sides reiterated their mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests. The Pakistani side expressed its commitment to the one-China Policy and support on issues of Taiwan, South China Sea, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet. The Chinese side reaffirmed its support for Pakistan's sovereignty, territorial integrity, security, and promoting its socio-economic development and prosperity. The Chinese side reiterated that relations with Pakistan will always be given the highest priority in its foreign policy. The Pakistani side underscored that Pakistan-China relationship is the cornerstone of its foreign policy and that the Pakistani people always support the closest friendship between the two countries. - DNA

### **ECP** receives briefing on Karachi LG polls' report

ISLAMABAD: The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) on Thursday received a briefing on the report of the Sindh government to conduct local government (LG) elections in Karachi.

The meeting chaired by Chief Election Commissioner Sikandar Sultan Raja was informed that as per the report, the provincial government said that the police strength was insufficient to hold LG elections, while the deployment of police from other districts was also not possible. The report further said that deployment of police personnel was also necessary for the security of Covid-19 vaccination staff and for other international events like seminars or conferences, therefore, holding of peaceful local government was not possible. The report also stated that an international defence expo/seminar will be held in Karachi, in Expo Centre, from November 15-18, and a copy of event had

been sent to ECP. - DNA

### Netanyahu's win: Palestinians fear violence surge Amer Hamdan, a legal activist from Nablus, said on Facebook: "How will we feel about ourselves when we watch millions of Israeli citizens going to the polling stations...

and we cannot choose who represents us; neither in West Bank nor Gaza Strip?"

### WEB DESK

STAFF REPORT

ISLAMABAD: German Ambassador Alfred Grannas called

on Air Chief Marshal Zaheer Ahmed Baber Sidhu in Is-

lamabad on Thursday. Several key areas of mutual interest

along with regional developments were discussed. Chief

of the Air Staff shared broad contours of PAF's moderni-

zation plan of smart acquisitions from allied countries, up

The Air Chief also highlighted that both the countries en-

joy unprecedented strategic partnership and reiterated his

resolve to further enhance the existing bilateral ties in the

military to military cooperation. He said Pakistan values its

strong diplomatic, economic and defence relationship with

gradation of infrastructure and revamping of training.

RAMALLAH: The prospect of Benjamin Netanyahu returning to power as head of one of the most right-wing coalitions in Israeli history has prompted concern among Palestinians who fear it could be a prelude to an escalation of their conflict with Israel. More than 100 Palestinians from the Israeli-occupied West Bank have been killed by Israeli forces this year. Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammad Shtayyeh said the rise of right-wing parties was "a natural result of the growing extremism and racism in Israeli society, which the Palestinians have been suffering from for years." But Palestinians "would not stop their legitimate struggle to end the occupation, gain freedom and establish their independent state with Jerusalem as its capital regardless of the identity of the winners in the Israeli elections." He added: "The difference between the Israeli parties is the same as the differ-

ence between Pepsi-Cola and Coca-Cola. "We had no illusions that the ballot boxes in the Israeli elections would produce a partner for peace in light of the aggressive policies and practices that our people suffer from, which do not give weight to international decisions and laws. "The results of the Israeli elections confirmed that we have no partner in Israel for peace and that the international community must assume its responsibility to implement international resolutions and protect our people after the rise of racist parties to power in Israel." The Palestinian leadership has always supported and maintained ties with Israel's left-wing parties in the hope of a resumption of peace talks.

Ahmed Al-Deek, an adviser to the Palestinian foreign minister for political affairs, told Arab News: "We will determine our position on the upcoming Israeli coalition based on its policies and stances on the Palestinian issue. "We view with great gravity this emergence of Israeli fascism represented by Ben Gvir and Smotrich, and we consider

it one of the expressions of the deep crisis that Israelis are experiencing as a result of the continuation of the occupation and the establishment of the apartheid regime in the Palestinian territories."

Israeli lawmaker Itamar Ben-Gvir calls his Arab colleagues "terrorists" and advocates deporting political opponents. In his youth, his views were so extreme that the army banned him from compulsory military service. Bezalel Yoel Smotrich is a radical rightwing politician who heads the Religious Zionist Party and previously served as a Knesset member for Yamina. Hamas, which governs Gaza, holds a similar position to President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah on the Israeli poll. Hamas official Bassim Naiem told Arab News that the results of the election showed the "true face of Israel."

"Those who showed great sadness over these results or expressed great surprise, locally and internationally, are either naive or politically ignorant, who didn't read the history of the Zionist movement and project, and if they did, they didn't understand it," he said. Mustafa Barghouti, secretary-general of the Palestinian National Initiative, said the elections would not change anything because they were taking place between two extremist right-wing groups and in the absence of a true peace camp. He added that the most troubling thing was that a criminal fascist party headed by Smotrich and Ben-Gvir might get third place, indicating the degree of descent of colonial Israeli society toward racial extremism and the doctrine of ethnic cleansing and apartheid. Al-Deek said: "There is no power in the world capable of canceling the presence of the Palestinian people on their land and homeland, and they will continue to struggle by all means to confront the occupation until the double standards in international standards are broken." Palestinians also expressed anger at the fact that their occupier has held five elections in less than four years while they have not held any since 2006.

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