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## President assures support on PEMRA (Amend) Bill 2023

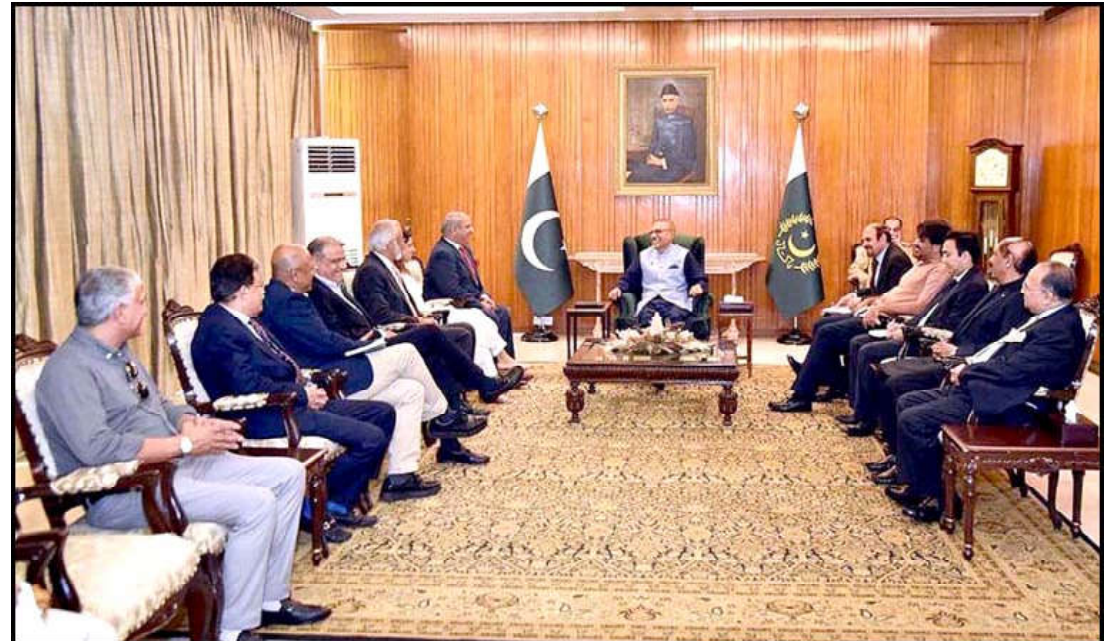
President Alvi appreciates collective efforts of media community; Says amendment bill brought improvements to existing media law; Urges need for promoting diversity of thought and opinions.

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Tuesday assured media workers and the journalist community of his support for the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) Amendment Bill 2023. The president was talking to a delegation of the representatives of Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists (PFUJ), All Pakistan Newspapers Society (APNS), Pakistan Broadcasters Association (PBA), Council of Pakistan Newspaper Editors (CPNE), and

Association of Electronic Media Editors and News Directors (AEMEND), who called on him at the Aiwan-e-Sadr, the President Secretariat Press Wing said in a press release. The delegation included Afzal Butt, Arshad Ansari, Naz Afreen Saigol, Sarmad Ali, Shahab Zuberi, Shakeel Masud, Ijaz ul Haq, Kazim Khan, Ayaz Khan, and Azhar Abbas. Talking to the delegation, the president appreciated the collective efforts of the media community for in-

roducing amendments to the PEMRA law, especially to protect the rights of media workers. He said that the linking of government advertisements with the payment of dues to electronic media employees would help address their issues. The president discussed in detail various aspects of the bill with the visiting delegation. The amended bill had brought improvements to the existing media law, he said. He also asked the members of the delegation

to volunteer to educate the youth about fake news and disinformation, and highlighted that teenagers were among the most vulnerable populations to the scourge of fake news, and needed to be educated and sensitized about its implications. He further said the media, especially senior journalists, should enhance linkages with academia and universities to guide and educate students about fake news and the new developments taking place in the field of journalism.



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Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visited the residence of President JUI-F Maulana Fazal Ur Rehman to express his condolences for those martyred in suicide attack in Khar, Bajaur at the JUI-F Workers' Convention Islamabad.

## PM for road infrastructure in areas serving magnet for foreign investment

Emphasizes upon completion of road infrastructure in the Balochistan and directed the reconstruction of Karachi to Chaman highway

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday said that an efficient road infrastructure played a pivotal role in the development and progress of any country and stressed for laying of road infrastructure in those areas which could attract foreign investment.

The caretaker prime minister chaired a meeting to review the ongoing road infrastructure projects. The meeting was attended by relevant authorities, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The meeting was briefed in detail about the ongoing work on Piniarra bridge on Quetta-Sukkar Highway and Sawar bridge on Quetta-Zhob Road. The work on Piniarra bridge,

which was damaged during the last year's flood, would commence next month. A causeway was constructed after floods which restored the vehicular movement. The construction period of the new bridge with 15-meter height and 12-meter width, would take about nine months, it was further added. The prime minister directed for reducing the stipulated time period for the completion of new bridge. The meeting was apprised that the reconstruction and rehabilitation work on 118-km long Quetta-Dhadar Road and 188-km Dhadar-Jacobabad Road would be undertaken anew which would not only help in fuel saving, but also reduce the vehicular pressure.

## IGP organizes farewell for recently retired, outgoing officers

KARACHI (APP): Inspector General of Police (IGP) Sindh Ghulam Nabi Memon on Tuesday organized a simple and dignified ceremony in honour of recently retired and outgoing officers at the Central Police Office (CPO) Karachi. The farewell lunch was given in honor of retired and about to be retired officers that included superintendents of police (SP) Muhammad Najeem Khan, Muhammad Zubair, Wajahat Hussain,

Ashiq Ali Buzdar, Parvez Akhtar Bangash, Syed Saghir Hussain and Mukhtiar Solangi, according to spokesman for Sindh Police. All senior police officers of CPO were also present on the occasion. The Police Chief appreciated the efforts and measures taken by these officers for the Sindh Police Department in controlling the law and order situation while performing their duties.



SUKKUR: Journalists of Larkana and Sukkur Divisions are holding protest demonstration against killing of Brave Senior Journalist Jan Muhammad Mahar who was murdered in Sukkur a few days ago and demanding to arrest his murderers, outside SSP Office in Sukkur.

## Caretaker PM vows to eliminate terrorism, promote peace

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar visits Maulana Fazal's residence to condole over death of party workers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday visited the residence of Amir of Jammat-e-Ulema Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Maulana Fazlur Rehman to express condolences on the death of his party workers who were martyred during a terrorist attack on a party convention in Khar, Bajaur district. Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori also accompanied the prime minister, the PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

The prime minister offered Fateha for the departed souls and prayed for the early recovery of the injured. He reiterated that terrorist elements could not deter the morale of Pakistani nation and assured taking of steps against terrorism and maintenance of law and order in the country on priority basis. Maulana Fazlur Rehman, on the occasion, felicitated PM Kakar on assuming the office of the caretaker prime minister and extended his best wishes.

## 'Matter of public interest': ECP should conduct delimitations transparently, says CJP Bandial

Says Election Commission should resolve all issues before polls; SC refers matter of Sindh delimitations back to electoral body.

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has returned the matter of delimitation of constituencies to Election Commission (EC). The petitions filed against provincial delimitation of constituencies by EC in Sindh came up for hearing before 3-member bench of SC presided over by the Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Umar Ata Bandial Tuesday.

The CJP remarked de-

limitation of constituencies is matter of public interest. The matter of delimitation of constituencies has come in SC several times. EC should conduct delimitation of constituencies in transparent manner. There is too much sensitivity on delimitation of constituencies in Sindh. It is often complained by Sindh that delimitation of constituencies was not carried out correctly.

## Masood Khan decorates Urooj Aftab with President's 'Pride of Performance' Award

WASHINGTON (APP): Pakistan's Ambassador to the United States Masood Khan has decorated GRAMMY award winner Urooj Aftab with prestigious President's Pride of Performance award during a ceremony held in connection with Independence Day in Washington DC. Urooj Aftab is an internationally recognized Pakistani American vocalist, music composer and producer in the United States. She is the first Pakistani woman to ever win a GRAMMY award.

Lauding her achievement especially in bringing the people of Pakistan and US closer to each other with the power of music, Ambassador Masood Khan said that that diplomacy and interstate relations were all about perceptions

and Urooj Aftab has helped changing the perceptions about Pakistan. Thanking the Ambassador and government of Pakistan for the award, Urooj Aftab said that it was a good moment to acknowledge that literature, poetry and music has been an integral part of our identity as Pakistanis. Terming the conferment of award upon her as a matter of pride and a source of inspiration for other female artists of the country, she said that it was a bright day for Pakistani female musicians to have received the award. On the occasion, Urooj Aftab also thanked and paid tribute to legendary female Pakistani singers, from Mukhtar Begum to Abida Parveen. She also thanked her parents for their continued support to her.

## To be sworn in today Justice (retd) Maqbool appointed as Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh



KARACHI (INP): Sindh caretaker Chief Minister designate Justice Retired Maqbool Baqar will take the oath in his office in a swearing-in ceremony to be held on August 16 (tomorrow).

Sindh Governor Kamran Khan Tessori approved the appointment of

Justice @ Maqbool Baqar as caretaker Chief Minister and also issued a notification.

The governor while exercising his powers conferred on him under Article 224 (1-A) of constitution, accorded approval for appointment of former Supreme Court Judge, Justice @ Maqbool Baqar as Caretaker Chief Minister Sindh. Chief Minister Sayed Murad Ali Shah also moved a summary to the governor for the appointment of caretaker Chief Minister as required by the constitution.

The oath-taking ceremony of the caretaker chief minister of Sindh will be held on August 16. The governor gave his approval on the recommen-

dation of Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, who sent the name to the governor on Monday night. Outgoing Chief Minister Shah and Opposition Leader in Sindh Assembly Rana Ansari reached a consensus on the name of Justice @ Baqar as a caretaker chief minister after hectic three-day consultations which ended yesterday. According to a statement issued by Sindh CM Office, "After three-day consultations between Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and Leader of Opposition in the dissolved provincial assembly Rana Ansari, the two have agreed on the appointment of retired justice Maqbool Baqar as caretaker chief minister."



HYDERABAD: Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Siraj-ul-Haq addresses during the Youth Convention held in Hyderabad.

## JIT grills Bushra Bibi for 20 minutes in Toshakhana case

ISLAMABAD (INP): Bushra Bibi, who is the former first lady and wife of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan, Tuesday appeared before a joint investigation team (JIT) in connection with the Toshakhana case. The former first lady reached the DIG Office in Islamabad accompanied by the PTI's legal team where she was interrogated by the investigation team probing the Toshakhana case.

## Five policemen injured as lightning strikes police station in Attock

Monitoring Desk ATTOCK: A police station in the Hazro tehsil of Punjab's Attock district was struck by lightning, resulting in injuries to five police officers, as confirmed by an official on Tuesday. Attock District Police Officer (DPO), Dr Sardar Ghias Gul Khan, confirmed the incident and the injuries to the media. He mentioned that four of the injured personnel received first aid and were subsequently discharged, while one police officer was referred to the Holy Family Hospital in Rawalpindi for further treatment.

## Delayed elections not to be in favour of country, people: Raza Rabbani

ISLAMABAD (INP): Pakistan People's Party (PPP) Senator Raza Rabbani said on Tuesday that despite passage of six days after dissolution of National Assembly, the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has not yet announced about elections. The Senator said, "Time passes rapidly over the 90 days' constitutional deadline for elections but regrettably the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) has yet to issue a

comprehensive statement on the election." "The ECP should inform about the time limit required for fixing boundaries of constituencies after approval of the digital population census results," Raza Rabani maintained. He emphasized, "The election commission should not treat the issue as a routine matter." "The delay in holding elections within the period allowed by the constitution, will bring serious consequences for the federation," he cautioned.

## PTI chairman's interim bail dismissed in three cases

ISLAMABAD (INP): An anti-terrorism court (ATC) in Islamabad rejected bail petitions of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, who is incarcerated in Attock Jail, in three cases after he could not appear before court. ATC Judge Abul Hassan announced the reserved decision in three cases and rejected his bail petitions after former prime minister failed to show up before the court. Earlier on Friday, the anti-terrorism court in Lahore dismissed in-

terim bail of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chief in seven cases over no-show. ATC Judge Aijaz Buttari heard the bail plea of PTI chairman in seven cases including Jinnah House attack case. At the outset of the hearing, Barrister Salman Safdar, former prime minister's lawyer, requested the court to grant a day exemption from court appearance to his client as he is currently in jail and cannot appear before the court for bail extension.



# CM for boosting efforts to rehabilitate drug addicts

**Independent Report**  
LAHORE: Punjab Caretaker Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi visited the 'Roshan Ghar' rehabilitation center for drug addicts in Raiwand on Tuesday, where he assessed the facilities provided for the recovery of individuals struggling with drug addiction.

He thoroughly inspected the various sections and wards dedicated to the drug addicts, engaging with them and encouraging them to overcome their addiction.

During the visit, Mohsin Naqvi emphasised the need to enhance the rehabilitation and treatment services for drug addicts. He also issued directives for the establishment of new centers to cater to their rehabilitation. He assigned the task of building additional centers to the Secretary of Social Welfare and the Secretary of Health, with a mandate to complete centers with a combined capacity of 400 beds across different areas of Lahore within a span of two weeks.

The CM also highlighted the importance of providing quality nutrition and regular supply of fruits to the addicts at 'Roshan Ghar'. He pledged to allocate all necessary resources for effective treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts and he stressed the significance of digitising the records of these individuals.

While touring the facility, Mohsin Naqvi visited the computer lab and domestic tailoring lab that serve the drug addicts. He acknowledged the devastating impact of addiction on families and expressed his commitment to helping those affected find a path to recovery. As part of the effort to combat drug trafficking, a comprehensive crackdown had been initiated across Punjab.



LAHORE: Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information and Culture Amir Meer inaugurates 4 new buses for Culture Department.

# Corruption case: Parvez Elahi remand in NAB custody till Aug 21

LAHORE (APP): An accountability court on Tuesday handed over former Punjab chief minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) President Chaudhry Parvez Elahi to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) on physical remand till August 21 in a case of receiving kickbacks in development projects.

Earlier, the NAB team produced the PTI president before Accountability Court Judge Zubair Shahzad Kiyani amid strict security. Advocate Amjad Pervaiz requested the court to grant him 5 minutes to talk to his client before submitting arguments, which was granted by the court.

Special prosecutor Waris Ali Janjua, who represented the NAB, requested for physical remand of Chaudhry Parvez Elahi. He argued that four persons had already been arrested in connection with the case. He submitted that as chief

# Miyawaki Forest to be developed in 258 govt schools in south Punjab

MULTAN (APP): In a bold move to counter the looming threats of climate change and offer a verdant sanctuary for students, the Department of School Education South Punjab has unveiled plans to cultivate Miyawaki forests in 258 government schools.

The pioneering endeavor, designed to tackle tree scarcity and forge a resilient ecosystem, enters its second phase with 258 selected schools slated to embrace the transformation.

The inaugural planting of the Miyawaki forests is set to unfurl on August 16 (Wednesday) in a gala event at the Government High School Jamia Uloom New Multan. Notable dignitaries including the Secretary of School Education South Punjab, Rana Salim Ahmad Khan, and Secretary of Forests South Punjab, Sarfraz Ahmed, are poised to inaugurate the ambitious campaign.

The concerted effort will usher in the growth of Miyawaki forests alongside the monsoon planting season, said official source.

The innovative Miyawaki technique promises to usher in forests with a swiftness and density as it is 10 times faster and 30 times thicker, compared to natural forests.

Secretary Rana Salim Ahmad Khan underscored the urgency of the initiative, revealing Pakistan's fifth-ranking status among nations bearing the brunt of climate change ramifications.



LARKANA: Activists of Awami Tehreek are holding protest demonstration for demanding arrest of the killers of Brave Journalist Jan Muhammad Mahar who was murdered in Sukkur a few days ago, held at Larkana press club.

# PHC seeks details of cases, inquiries against ex MNA, MPA

PESHAWAR (APP): A two-member bench of Peshawar High Court (PHC) on Monday directed the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Anti-Corruption Department and Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) to provide details of the cases registered against former MNA Mehboob Shah and MPA Humayun.

The bench comprising Justice Syed Arshad Ali and Justice Qazi Subhan asked the anti-corruption watchdogs to provide details of all the cases and inquiries against the petitioners.

Earlier, the legal counsel of the petitioner's Advocate Malik Ajmal Advocate said that as soon as the petitioners are released from jail, they are arrested in another case.

He said that anti-corruption bodies had not provided details of the cases and inquiries against them.

# Dr. Yasmeen post arrest bail plea, lawyers' arguments summoned

LAHORE (Online): Anti Terrorist Court (ATC) heard post arrest bail plea of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leader Dr. Yasmeen Rashid in four different cases of May 09 incident.

Judge Ijaz Ahmed of ATC heard case.

Court summoned lawyers for arguments.

Case number 23/1271 and 23/1280 in Gulberg Police Station are filed against accused.

# Minister inaugurates new buses for sightseeing tour of Lahore

LAHORE (APP): In a bid to boost tourism, the Caretaker Provincial Minister for Information and Tourism Amir Mir on Tuesday inaugurated four new buses for sightseeing tour of Lahore. Through a collaboration of Punjab Tourism Department and Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP), these newly introduced single-deck buses would now run on the roads of the city.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, the minister said the new buses would also be utilized for tours to Wagah Border and Gurdwara Kartarpur. Currently, these buses would operate within Lahore. TDCP's Sales and Tour Promotion Wing would also utilize these buses for various tour packages, he informed.

Amir Mir said that in the future, additional buses would be introduced under the World Bank project, offering tourists the opportunity to explore destinations like Murree.

# Police arrest six for possessing illegal weapons

RAWALPINDI (APP): Rawalpindi district police on the directives of the Senior Superintendent of Police, Operations conducted raids in different areas and netted six accused of possessing illegal weapons. According to a police spokesman, Bani, Race Course, Taxila, Saddar Wah, and Rawat police conducted raids in their respective jurisdiction and arrested six namely Anwar, Muzamil, Waseem, Asif, Umair, and Jawad, and recovered five 30-bore pistols, a 32 bore pistol and ammunition.

# Sindh wins National Women Catchball championship

KARACHI (APP): Sindh won the National Women Catch Ball Championship-2023, at Karachi University here on Tuesday.

Director General (Sports), Higher Education Commission, Javed Memon was the chief guest and gave away the prizes to the players. President, Pakistan Catchball Federation, Maqbool Arain, Secretary General, Ume Laila Kalsoom, and a large number of people were also present on the occasion, said a communique. Sindh won the titles of the National Women's Catchball Championship-2023. Karachi University obtained second position while The City School DK bagged third position and Islamabad finished fourth position. Twelve teams from across the country took part in the championship, which was divided into four groups.



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# International News

# Explosion in Russian Dagestan kills about 30, injuring over 100 including children

**Monitoring Desk**  
MOSCOW: At least 27 people died including three children when an explosion occurred in a filling station in the city of the Republic of Dagestan Monday, prompting a response from 240 firefighters to contain the deadly blaze that injured over 100 others, Russian news agency Interfax reported.

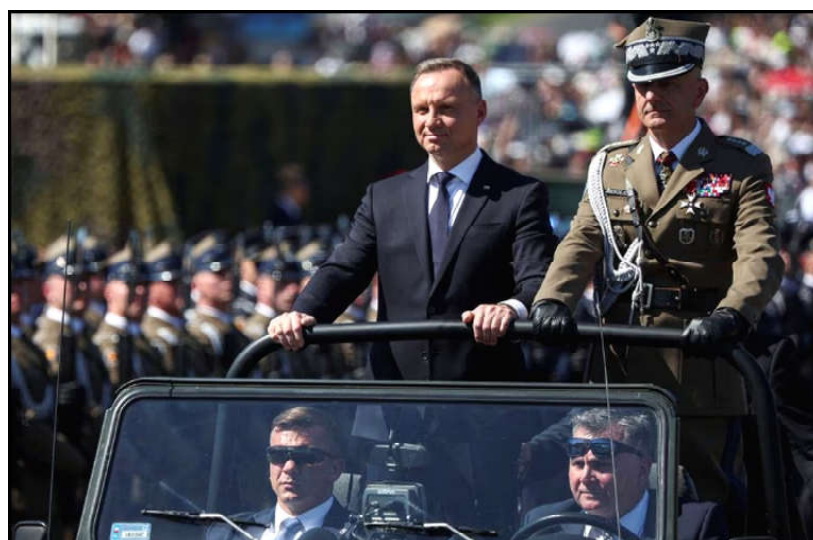
"During the rescue operation in Makhachkala, the bodies of three more victims were found," the Russian Emergency Ministry said on Telegram. "According to the updated information, as a result of the fire at the petrol station 105 were injured, and of them, 30 died."

A witness quoted on Telegram by the Russian daily Izvestia said the fire started in an area where cars were parked and spread to the petrol station.

# Vladimir Putin urges Kim Jong Un to strengthen ties amid Liberation Day greetings

**Monitoring Desk**  
MOSCOW: Russian President Vladimir Putin urged Moscow and Pyongyang to strengthen their ties in a message of congratulations to Kim Jong Un, the supreme leader of North Korea on the occasion of the nation's National Liberation Day on Tuesday.

Since the Kremlin sent soldiers to Ukraine resulting in widespread conflicts last year, North Korea and Russia, both increasingly isolated from the West and burdened by sanctions, have grown closer. "I am sure that we will continue to build up bilateral cooperation in all areas for the benefit of our peoples, in the interests of strengthening stability and security on the Korean Peninsula and in the Northeast Asian region as a whole," Putin said in a statement distributed by the Kremlin. According to Putin, it was during Korea's liberation from Japan and "harsh wartime" that groundwork was laid for close cooperation between Moscow and Pyongyang.



Polish President Andrzej Duda arrives for the military parade on Armed Forces Day, celebrated annually on August 15 to commemorate Poland's victory over the Soviet Union's Red Army in 1920, in Warsaw, Poland.

# South Korea's Yoon calls for strong security cooperation with US, Japan ahead of Camp David summit

**Monitoring Desk**  
SEOUL: South Korea's president called for deeper security cooperation with the U.S. and Japan to address North Korea's nuclear threat, saying Tuesday that his upcoming summit with the U.S. and Japanese leaders at Camp David will "set a new milestone in trilateral cooperation."

It will be the first time for the leaders of the three countries to gather specifically for a trilateral summit, rather than on the sidelines of international meetings. This suggests they are serious about boosting their ties in the midst of complex regional challenges such as North Korea's advancing nuclear arsenal and Washington's strategic rivalry with Beijing.

In their summit Friday at the U.S. presidential retreat in Maryland, President Joe Biden, South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida are expected to announce plans for expanded military cooperation on ballistic missile defense and technology development, according to two senior Biden administration officials.

The summit "will set a new milestone in trilateral cooperation contributing to peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in the Indo-Pacific region," Yoon said in a televised speech in Seoul on Tuesday.

# Afghanistan's Taliban govt marks two years since return to power

**Monitoring Desk**  
KABUL: Afghanistan's Taliban government marked on Tuesday the second anniversary of their takeover of the country with celebrations and a public holiday, issuing a defiant statement commemorating their surge back to power.

Flags of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan — the name given to the country by its new rulers — fluttered at security checkpoints across the capital, which fell on August 15, 2021, when the US-backed government collapsed and its leaders fled into exile.

In the two years since, Taliban authorities have imposed their strict interpretation of Islam, with women bearing the brunt of laws the United Nations has termed "gender apartheid".

A statement from the authorities early on Tuesday hailed a victory that was able to "pave the way for the establishment of the Islamic system in Afghanistan".

"The conquest of Kabul proved once again that no one can control the proud nation of Afghanistan" and that "no invader will be allowed to threaten the independence and freedom" of the country, it said.

Quiet Kabul streets early today began to give way to convoys of Taliban members and a gathering at Massoud Square near the abandoned US embassy building.



Supporters of Delwar Hossain Sayeedi, of the gather in front of the hospital after his death in Dhaka.

# China opposes UN Security Council meeting on North Korea rights

**Monitoring Desk**  
UNITED NATIONS: China opposes a planned United Nations Security Council meeting on human rights abuses in North Korea because it will only "intensify confrontation and antagonism," a spokesperson for China's U.N. mission in New York said on Monday. The United States, Albania and Japan requested the meeting, which will be held on Thursday. It will be the first formal public meeting of the 15-member council on the issue since 2017.

"China sees no added value for the council to have such a meeting and will be against it," said China's U.N. mission spokesperson, adding that the council's mandate was "maintenance of international peace and security, not human rights."

"A council meeting on human rights in the DPRK falls outside the council's mandate, politicizes human rights issues, and only serves to intensify confrontation and antagonism," said the spokesperson, referring to the country's formal name - the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

# US, Japan, South Korea to announce deeper defense cooperation at Camp David summit

**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: The United States, Japan and South Korea are expected to announce plans for expanded military cooperation on ballistic missile defenses and technology development in the face of growing concern about North Korea's nuclear program when the countries' leaders gather at Camp David for a summit Friday, according to two senior Biden administration officials.

The officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss planning for the summit, said the announcements will be part of a broad set of initiatives that will be unveiled as President Joe Biden hosts Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol for the one-day gathering at the presidential retreat in Maryland's Catoctin Mountains.

The summit is the first Biden has held during his presidency at Camp David and comes amid a thaw in the historically complicated relationship between Japan and South Korea.

# China, India agree to maintain peace, tranquillity on the ground in border areas

**Monitoring Desk**  
BEIJING: China and India agreed to maintain peace and tranquillity on the ground in the border areas, China's defence ministry said in a joint statement on the 19th round of the China-India Corps Commander Level Meeting on Tuesday. Both sides had a positive, constructive, and in-depth discussion on the resolution of the remaining issues along the LAC (line of actual control) in the Western Sector.



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol and his wife Kim Keon Hee arrive at a ceremony to celebrate the 78th anniversary of the Korean Liberation Day from Japanese colonial rule in 1945, in Seoul, South Korea.

# Ex-US president Trump indicted for racketeering over 2020 election interference

**Monitoring Desk**  
WASHINGTON: Donald Trump was indicted on Tuesday on charges of racketeering and a string of election crimes after a sprawling, two-year probe into his efforts to overturn his 2020 defeat to Joe Biden in the US state of Georgia.

The case — relying on laws typically used to bring down mobsters — is the fourth targeting the 77-year-old Republican this year and could lead to a watershed moment, the first televised trial of a former president in US history. Prosecutors in Atlanta charged Trump with 13 felony counts.

More than 100 rescue workers were looking for survivors, a member of the rescue team said by phone, declining to be identified due to safety concerns. Eight people were injured and taken to hospital on Sunday.

"We haven't found a body yet, but we are still searching," he said.

