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Caretaker cabinet approve funds for repatriation of illegal foreigners

KARACHI (APP): The caretaker cabinet has approved a new Executive Director of the NICVD. The meeting was attended by the provincial ministers, Chief Secretary

Dr Fakhre Alam, PSCM Agha Wasif, Chairman P&D Shakil Mangejo, Secretary Finance Kazim Jatoi and others concerned. At the outset of the meeting, the cabinet strongly condemned the Israeli's inhuman attacks on Gaza and the killing of innocent people in Palestine. The Israeli occupying forces targeted the civilians and even did not spare the hospital.

The cabinet demanded an immediate ceasefire. The cabinet said that

the ruthless attack was a sheer violation of international humanitarian laws. "The Israeli attacks constitute a grave crime against humanity," the cabinet said.

The Home Secretary told the cabinet that the federal government has decided to repatriate all illegal foreigners from November 1, 2023.

The Ministry of Interior has shared the Illegal Foreigners Repatriation Plan (IFRP) outlining necessary actions to be taken by all the provinces.

It was pointed out that the federal cabinet whilst approving the IFRP decided that the provinces would bear the cost

of the logistics, however, the issue would still be flagged at the appropriate level.

The cabinet was told that an amount of Rs4.5 billion was required to carry out the repatriation of illegal foreigners from Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Shaheed Benazirabad, Mirpurkhas and Larkana divisions.



KARACHI: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (R) Maqbool Baqar presides over a Cabinet meeting at CM House.



LAHORE: Caretaker Prime Minister, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar addresses to media persons during press conference, at Mayo Hospital in Lahore.

SC bars accountability courts to decide NAB references

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Supreme Court (SC) on Tuesday barred the accountability courts from taking final decisions on NAB references and adjourned hearing of the appeal against the verdict regarding NAB law amendments. A five-member larger bench of the top court headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Amin-ud-Din Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Hassan Azhar Rizvi heard the intra-court appeal against the judgment about amendments in the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) law.

During the course of proceedings, the CJP remarked that if the court should have declared all the

three amendments null and void.

The third amendment came in May, and six hearings were held after that, he said, adding that the three NAB amendments were directly interconnect. He noted that the Federal Government had raised a point of the 'Practice and Procedure Act' in the appeal, which if it wanted to pursue then it would be decided afresh by a 5-member larger bench, and the petitions against the NAB law amendments verdict would be considered as pending.

Lawyer Saad Hashmi said that the point of 'Practice and Procedure Act' was also raised earlier. The CJP said that no one had been acquitted from the NAB references as only the forums had been changed.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari meets with Mayor Karachi, Barrister Murtaza Wahab during meeting held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

All set for repatriation of illegal foreigners: Repatriation to begin on Nov 1

KARACHI (APP): The Divisional Implementation Committee for the repatriation of illegal foreigners was briefed that arrangements for their repatriation have been finalized and the process will begin on November 1 as per directives of the federal government.

Commissioner Karachi Muhammad Salim Rajput chaired the meeting of the Divisional Implementation Committee at his office here on Tuesday and reviewed the implementation plan made by the committee. The meeting decided that all Deputy Commissioners would carry out coordinated efforts with the support of Police and Rangers for implementation.

The meeting was informed that the illegal foreigners settled in the city have been identified by the NADRA and an action plan has been finalized for their repatriation.

The meeting was at-

tended among others by the DIG West Asim Khan, DIG South Asad Raza, all deputy commissioners, all SSP, senior officials of NADRA, Pakistan Rangers, Pakistan Railways, and other concerned departments. The DIGs, Deputy Commissioners, officials of NADRA and Pakistan Railways briefed the Commissioner about the arrangements.

The meeting was informed that two holding points have been established to gather for repatriation that are one at Haji Camp Sultanabad in district Keamari and other holding points have been established at Boys Scouts Hostel Ameen House near Haji Camp. All the deputy commissioners would ensure with the support of Police, NADRA and Pakistan Rangers to shift the illegal foreigners from their places to the holding points first after that they would be sent to the Chaman borders.

Jam Kamal meets Bilawal

KARACHI (APP): The former Chief Minister Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan called on the PPP Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at Bilawal House here on Tuesday.

Nawabzada Amir Khan was also present on the occasion. They discussed the political situation during the call-on.

Interior Minister says: Pak attaches great importance to friendly relations with Britain

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Bugti on Tuesday said that Pakistan attached great importance to friendly relations with Great Britain. The ministers and British High Commissioner, Jane Marriott agreed to promote relations in various fields in a meeting held here.

Bugti said conducting peaceful, transparent and fair elections was the priority of caretaker government. The ministry would provide all possible support to the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in conducting the elections, he added.

Students approach SHC against re-conduct of MDCAT

KARACHI (INP): Medical students have approached the Sindh High Court (SHC) against the re-conduct of MDCAT.

"It is not possible to retake the test in a fortnight," students said.

"We have prepared for the exam with hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Why are all aspirants being punished due to the mistake of some elements?" they added.



KARACHI: Commandant Pakistan Naval Academy, Commodore Muhammad Khalid addressing the participants of 4th PN International Nautical Competition 2023.

CJP says: There are more universities in Pakistan than New York, London

ISLAMABAD (Online): Supreme Court (SC) has restored PMDC case during the hearing of the case against non issuance of degree to female student of Sarhad Medical university.

A 3-member bench of SC presided over by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa heard the case Tuesday.

The CJP remarked there are more universities in Pakistan than New York and London. They make university no matter building is available or otherwise.

Fawad counsel for student Aasia took the plea that student Aasia Tauqir did masters in public health

from Sarhad university. But Khyber medical university did not issue degree.

Sarhad university is affiliated with Khyber Medical university for medical programs. PMDC had stopped issuing degrees in respect of Sarhad University through a notification in 2012.

The CJP remarked you have neither made Khyber University respondent nor have you attached documents with the petition. How many universities are in the country.

The court while giving time to respondents to file additional documents adjourned the hearing of the case.



ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of Saudi Arabia in Pakistan H.E. Nawaf Saeed Al-Malikiy called on Governor Sindh Kamran Tessori.

Entire Pakistani nation stands united on Palestine issue: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said that the entire Pakistani nation stood united on the issue of Palestine.

"There is no division on this (Palestine) issue. From Senator Mushtaq Ahmed to Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, we all are united. Let me reiterate here that the winding up speech will be made by the foreign minister or any other minister assigned by the prime minister," he said while taking part in the debate on Palestine issue in the Senate.

The minister said the Upper House of Parliament, with its honourable members including Senator Raza Rabbani who had drafted the landmark 18th Constitutional Amendment, had raised its voice in favour of Palestine and

its people.

Since the establishment of Pakistan, its every head of state and government - from Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah to the incumbent Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar - had expressed solidarity with the Palestinian people, he added.

Solangi recalled that at the age of 22, he was for the first time arrested for standing up and collecting donations for Palestinian brethren after the massacre of Palestinian women and children in Lebanon by Israel. The minister said the Pakistani nation had unshakable faith that the struggle and voice of the Palestinian people could never be suppressed.

He said PM Kakar had telephoned Palestinian President Mahmood Abbas to express solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Pakistan persistently raising Palestine issue; demands immediate ceasefire: PM

LAHORE (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Tuesday reiterated that Pakistan was persistently raising the Palestine issue at the global fora and recent horrible, condemnable and in appropriate aggression by Israel was leading to human catastrophe.

During an interaction with the media persons during his visit to Mayo Hospital, he said that recently Pakistan co-hosted the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) emergency session along with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia over the issue.

The prime minister further said during his interactions with different

global leaders, Chinese leadership and the international media, he had highlighted the issue and in unequivocal terms, conveyed the sentiments and stance of the government and Pakistani nation. Pakistan would continue playing its role over the issue till its resolution, he reassured.

Considering the current crises, he said Pakistan demanded immediate ceasefire and opening up of humanitarian corridor.

The caretaker prime minister said Palestine was a historical and chronic issue but there was no reason for the inappropriate aggression exhibited by Israel.

To a question, he re-

iterated that the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) was a constitutional body that would give a specific date for holding of the general elections in the country.

He said the delimitation process was a constitutional requirement and the previous parliament had done legislation over the issue while the Constitution mandated the procedure to be executed.

The prime minister assured that the interim set-up was ready to assist the ECP in the process, adding it was the fundamental mandate of the ECP to give a date but the caretaker government could not dictate it in this regard.

Blome meets with Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilani

ISLAMABAD (Online): U.S. Ambassador Donald Blome met today with Caretaker Foreign Minister Jilani to discuss a broad range of critical bilateral issues, including the safe and efficient processing of Afghan citizens eligible for relocation or resettlement in the United States.

The Ambassador highlighted the two countries' mutual interest in ensuring the safety and security of refugees and asylum seekers, and the importance of putting in place appropriate screening mechanisms so that individuals with legitimate claims of credible fear are not placed in harm's way.

4th International Nautical Competition starts at PNA

KARACHI (INP): The 4th PN International Nautical Competition commenced at Pakistan Naval Academy (PNA), Karachi on Tuesday.

The competition is being held from October 31 to November 9. Pakistan Naval Academy Commandant Commodore Muhammad Khalid graced the occasion as chief guest.

This year, the event will witness highest level of participation wherein teams from Azerbaijan, China, Indonesia, Italy, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Turkiye and host team from PNA will contest for the coveted trophy.

The competition comprises sailing, swimming, lifesaving skills and seamanship contests which is aimed to preserve the age old professional skills of a sailor and promoting healthy competition amongst the seafarers of various countries.

The Pakistan Navy has been hosting International Nautical Competition (INC) biennially since 2015. The purpose of the competition is to promote goodwill among friendly countries.

Interior Minister announces crackdown on illegal foreigners from Nov 2

Orders official to be respectful with undocumented immigrants

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Caretaker Interior Minister Sarfraz Bugti announced on Tuesday that the provincial and federal authorities will begin a major crackdown on "unregistered migrants" in phases starting from November 2.

He also said that the government will decide the border of deportation for these migrants. In an interview with PTV news channel, Bugti said that authorities will strictly begin tracking and arresting foreigners staying in the country without registration or documents from November 2. He added that migrants will be sent to temporary centers where they will be provided with basic needs such

as medical care and accommodation.

"All basic facilities will be provided at these centers to illegal foreign nationals," he reassured.

Bugti further clarified that the expulsion of illegal foreign nationals will be carried out in phases, and people with no travel documents will be deported in the first phase. He stated that all provincial governments would play an active part in the operation against illegal foreigners, adding that committees have been formed at the divisional and district levels. The minister said that the government will decide the border of deportation for "undocumented migrants."



KARACHI: Muttahida Qaumi Movement (MQM-P) Convener, Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui along with others exchanges views with German Ambassador Alfred Grannas during meeting held at MQM-P Bahadurabad Markaz in Karachi.

Decision to increase gas tariff taken in national interest: Ali

ISLAMABAD (INP): Caretaker Minister for Power and Petroleum Muhammad Ali has stated that decision to increase gas tariff was taken in the greater national interest.

Addressing a news conference along with Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi in Islamabad on Tuesday, he said the decision will not affect 57 percent of the gas consumers. He said 36 percent middle class consumers will pay the prices according to their

gas consumption, while only 7 percent rich class will be charged with high prices.

The Minister said the government is also giving 139 billion rupees subsidy to the domestic gas sector, while 45 billion rupees subsidy is being given to Urea and fertilizer sector. He categorically stated that no increase in gas tariff has been made in Tandoors.

Muhammad Ali said there are several factors which compelled the government to increase in the gas prices.

PM calls CPEC 'a century's opportunity' for Pakistan with rapid economic growth in focus

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has termed the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor as "once in a century-time opportunity" and said that Pakistan is focusing on the project's second phase to attain rapid economic and industrial growth. In an interview with China's Phoenix TV aired on Tuesday, the prime minister said the CPEC initiated under China's Belt and Road Initiative had helped Pakistan witness significant development in diverse sectors.

The prime minister mentioned that China's Urumqi and Pakistan's northern Gilgit-Baltistan had huge prospects for co-operation, particularly in trade and tourism. He said Pakistan was expecting big economic activity and an influx of tourists between the two countries, which he said would bring an improvement to the social and economic lives of the people.

"Urumqi could become an opening gateway for us to the mainland China. It is a win-win situation for both Pakistan and China," he said.

Also, he mentioned the progress in Balochistan after the underdeveloped province was integrated through the CPEC projects. On the significance of BRI, Kakar said the unique opportunity and transformation would not be restricted to Pakistan but would spread to the region with the development of north-south roads and rail and road networks.

This, he said, would lead to the enhancement of China's economic and political influence in the world. PM Kakar said during his visit to China, he was "utterly and completely mesmerized" by the impressive journey of progress made by China. "This impression would transform me as the biggest ambassador of Pakistan-China friendship," he said. Asked to

describe China in three words, he said, "Dignified, huge, and self-confident". Of the Pak-China ties, he termed them as "closest, most valuable and most desired as valued deeply by both sides".

"Pakistan and China are intertwined. Though two different countries, but one nation moving in the same direction," he said. On cooperation with China in green energy to combat climate change, he highlighted that Pakistan was one of the worst victims of natural disasters and would take it to various multilateral forums of the world and China. "Climate change will determine our policies being an exponential threat to the country and the region. We cannot respond in isolation," he said.

About the rise of China seen as a threat by some countries, he said no power on earth could undo the emerging power. "The correct approach to handle is to cooperate with China rather than to contain it."



ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi viewing the handicrafts made by visually impaired persons, at Aiwan-e-Sadr.

President for mainstreaming visually impaired persons through skill-sets, jobs

ISLAMABAD (APP): President Dr Arif Alvi on Monday said it was the collective responsibility of the society to mainstream the visually impaired persons by providing them with vocational skill sets and specialized jobs. Addressing an event held in connection with the White Cane Safety Day, the president stressed sensitizing the society towards blind and the visually impaired by identifying their special needs and accommodating them.

Begum Samina Alvi, members of the diplomatic community, and visually impaired children attended the event meant to raise awareness about the ways to address the challenges faced by persons with such disabilities, here at the Aiwan-e-Sadr. The president said career education and vocational skills for visually impaired students should be started as early as possible in the mainstream school system. This will provide fellow students an opportunity to deal first-hand with persons with disabilities and learn to accommodate them in society, he said. President Alvi also emphasized improving the accessibility of visually impaired persons through

assistive technological gadgets including the personal digital assistants that guide them as the sensory camera sees objects and describes them aloud. He said the white cane was the tool for the visually impaired person to be identified in public, thus easing their mobility outdoors.

He said ending discrimination and helping such people to become self-reliant and useful members of society needed to be the goal of the State. Dr Alvi said the country's first visually impaired diplomat Saima Saleem made history by making a speech at the platform of the United Nations. He also mentioned Yousaf Saleem who became the country's first visually impaired judge and set a courageous example for other people with such disabilities.

He lauded the efforts of the Ministry of Human Rights for providing educational opportunities to children with disabilities and addressing their specific needs. Interim Minister for Human Rights Khalil George said the ministry was raising awareness about physically challenged persons through various activities and advocacy programmes.



KARACHI: Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari exchanging views with Former Chief Minister of Balochistan Jam Kamal Khan during meeting held at Bilawal House in Karachi.

Court reserves judgment on petition seeking removal of caretaker federal ministers

ISLAMABAD (Online): Election Commission (EC) has reserved judgment on petition seeking removal of caretaker federal ministers after hearing the arguments.

The petitioner took the plea Fawad Hassan Fawad and Ahmad Cheema were holding important posts during last government. Ahmad Cheema has been made special assistant to PM on political basis.

The CEC inquired what evidence you have that their political affiliation could be proved. The petitioner said Prime Minister (PM) too has political association. The caretaker special assistant to PM Ahmad Cheema was holding an important post during previous government. The EC reserved judgment on completion of arguments.

The petitioner filed against caretaker federal ministers came up for hearing Tuesday. A 5-member bench of EC presided over by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja heard the case. The petitioner Syed Aziz ul Din Kakakhel appeared before EC. The CEC inquired "you had not appeared during previous hearing. The petitioner replied "I had become a bit late. I regret over it. The CEC inquired who is representing from government side."



HYDERABAD: Mayor Hyderabad, Kashif Ali Shoro addresses during the Sanitary Equipment Distribution ceremony held in Hyderabad.

DC directs to ensure quota given to dealers of district not to transfer outside district

By Tanveer Ahmed Soomro
MIRPUR MATHELO: Deputy Commissioner Ghotki Agha Sher Zaman has said that the fertilizer received by the dealers of Ghotki district should be sold in the district itself. Assistant Commissioners will supervise their respective tehsils.



He expressed these views while presiding over a meeting organized by Assistant Commissioners, Agriculture Department officers and Abadgar Board officials. He said the dealers should be given the quota given to the dealers and all the dealers should be obliged not to sell fertilizer anywhere except their registered godowns or shops otherwise their godowns will be closed. He said.

He directed the officers of the Agriculture Department to provide a report on the stock and sales of all the dealers so that the situation can be reviewed. On this occasion, he also instructed the Assistant Commissioners to ensure that the quota given to the dealers of the district is not transferred outside the district, and legal action should be taken against those doing illegal stocking and black marketing.

UN should take concrete steps for lasting solution of Palestine & Kashmir issues: Sanjrani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sajrani Tuesday called on the United Nations (UN) to take concrete steps for the lasting solution of Palestine and Kashmir issues as it was impossible to establish peace in the world without solving the two problems.

During a meeting with a parliamentary delegation, led by President of the Rwandan Senate Dr Kalinda Francois Xavier, he said, "No human being in the world can remain silent on the atrocities and human rights violations that are happening in Palestine. The Senate chairman emphasized the universal nature of the issue. "The

cruelty and brutality going on in Palestine is not related to any religion; it is cruelty to humanity," he said, according to a News release issued by the Senate Secretariat. Sadiq Sanjrani also stressed the importance of the Kashmir issue, stating, "The occupied Kashmir issue is a core issue of Pakistan," and called for its resolution in line with the UN resolutions. He advocated for the right to self-determination for Kashmiris.

He urged the United Nations to adopt a common plan of action for immediate solutions to the two problems. He expressed the belief that negotiations were the solution to the problems and urged the UN to

facilitate talks for resolving the issues. In a show of Pakistan's commitment to international cooperation and diplomacy, he noted, "Wherever there is a problem of humanity in the world, Pakistan definitely raises its voice."

The Senate chairman advocated for peace and harmony through parliamentary diplomacy. He stressed the importance of collective efforts in removing obstacles to development and promoting regional peace, stating, "We have to step up collective efforts to remove obstacles and promote regional peace and harmony using parliamentary diplomacy."

Equal coverage to all political parties should be PTV's priority, directs Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Murtaza Solangi on Tuesday said providing equal coverage to all political parties should be Pakistan Television's priority.

During a meeting with PTV News Current Affairs and Social Media teams, the minister was given a briefing about PTV News and current affairs programmes. Participation of the leaders from various political parties in current affairs programmes will increase PTV's credibility, Murtaza Solangi maintained.

He said Pakistan Television being the largest media organization in the country, had an important national role in elections. The minister

said that PTV's role in clean, transparent and impartial elections will be unforgettable. He was informed that news coverage and its scope has grown exponentially over the past few years. The PTV team informed the minister that an increase in the number of bulletins by PTV has helped the viewers to be aware of the latest developments. In news, on-camera reporting and reports on social issues were being given special importance, the minister was informed. There has been a change in the news section not only in terms of quantity but also the style of presentation from National News Bureau Islamabad and other centers have changed, the PTV team informed him.

He said Pakistan Television being the largest media organization in the country, had an important national role in elections. The minister

Connectivity, an indispensable element for modern economies: Sanjrani

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senate Chairman Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani on Tuesday highlighted that connectivity was an indispensable element for modern economies, playing a vital role in socio-economic development and the empowerment of communities.

He said this during a meeting with Chairman of the Asia Pacific Network Information Centre (APNIC) Foundation, Danish A. Lakhani, and Director General of APNIC, Paul Wilson. The discussion revolved around critical issues pertaining to internet development and connectivity in Pakistan and the broader Asia Pacific region. The meeting served as

a platform for meaningful dialogue on the role that internet connectivity play in today's world, emphasizing the need to extend this essential service to remote areas of Pakistan, particularly in Balochistan.

Sadiq Sanjrani underscored the significance of IT infrastructure development as a fundamental driver for the nation's progress, stating that it was crucial to equip the youth with IT-related skills to foster innovation and economic growth. He commended the tireless efforts of APNIC in strengthening connectivity in Pakistan, recognizing the organization's commitment to bridging the digital divide. The chairman high-



KARACHI: A group photo IGP Sindh Riffat Mukhtar along with Additional IGP Karachi Khadim Hussain Rind giving CC-1 certificates and reward to SSP Korangi Hassan Sardar Khan, SHO Saudabad Muhammad Ali and team for better performance against the crime.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior, Sarfraz Ahmed Bugti exchanging views with Jane Marriott, British High Commissioner during meeting held in Islamabad.

Senate calls for end to genocide of Palestinians Urges Intl' community to act against Israeli aggression

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Senate of Pakistan convened Tuesday to address the ongoing crisis in Gaza, denouncing the Israeli military's relentless assault on Palestinians. Describing the conflict as a systematic attempt at the genocide of Palestinians, the Senate emphasized the urgency of global intervention to counter Israel's aggressive actions.

During the motion under rule 218, focused on Israeli atrocities and violations of the Geneva Convention and UN Resolution on Palestine, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed highlighted Pakistan's historical commitment to the Palestinian cause. Quoting the legacy of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Senator Syed underscored the strong solidarity between Pakistan and Palestine, drawing attention to the deep-rooted historical connections between the two nations. Senator Syed emphasized the importance of recognizing legitimate Palestinian political organization, Hamas, and its significant role in representing

the Palestinian people. Referring to Israel's recent bombardment of hospitals in Gaza, Senator Syed condemned these actions as war crimes and called for an immediate cessation of such heinous acts.

He recounted the historic Lahore gathering of March 23, 1940, which saw the passing of two seminal resolutions - the first emphasizing the self-determination of Muslims in the subcontinent and the second advocating for the rights of the Palestinian people. Highlighting Pakistan's strong solidarity with Palestine, he referenced the formal invitation extended to the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) at the 1974 OIC in Pakistan, where Yasir Arafat was in attendance.

Emphasizing the democratic process in Gaza, he underscored the legitimacy of the elected party, Hamas, and its subsequent rise to power following what were deemed as fair elections in the Middle East. In 2006, he noted, the foreign minister of the Hamas-led Palestinian government visited Pakistan.



KARACHI: Members of Jamiat Ittehad-e-Ulema are holding protest demonstration against Israeli cruel and inhumane acts and express unity with the innocent people of Palestine, at Karachi press club.

More than 90000 Afghan refugees returned via Torkham border

PESHAWAR (Online): Over 90,000 Afghan refugees have returned to home via Torkham border following Pakistan government decision to send undocumented foreigners back to their respective countries. The process of voluntary return of Afghan refugees from KP is underway following Pakistan government decision to send undocumented foreigners back to their countries. Home department KP has set up camps temporary in Peshawar, Hari Pur and district Khyber for repatriation of illegal Afghan refugees. From today (Wednesday) illegal foreigners will be arrested and transferred to their camps and later they will be

sent to Afghanistan via Torkham.

Temporary camp in Peshawar has capacity to accommodate 2000 persons. Medical aid, food and water will be also provided to them. Special security arrangements have been made in temporary camps. On the other side interior department has established control room as well where the process of return is being monitored. Helpline has also been launched wherefrom the illegal foreigners will be identified and guidance will be provided in regard to other problems. The number of Afghan refugees residing in KP is more than 900,000 while visas have been issued to 116,418 Afghans this year.

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