

No guidelines to shut down internet on election day: Solangi

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi on Monday said that the government had not issued any guideline to shut down internet and mobile signals on the day of general election.

Speaking in a private news channel programme, the minister said that the local administrations had the authority to decide about shutting down internet in a specific area if it faced any law and order issue.

He said there was no doubt that an extraordinary situation required extraordinary measures, however, so far no such a situation had been reported in any area.

Highlighting the government's measures to curb fake news and propa-

ganda on social media, the minister said the relevant institutions had been issuing clarification to rebut any such news circulating in different media.

"Security is a serious issue," he said, while pointing out a steep rise in activities of different terrorist groups in the country, especially after the establishment of an interim government in Kabul.

"Last year alone, around 1,500 incidents of terrorism were reported in the country," Murtaza Solangi noted.

Police cops were martyred in a terrorist attack on a police station in the Dera Ismail Khan, he said, adding such acts had failed to affect the resolve of law enforcement agencies fighting terrorism in the country.

He noted that recently, 24 terrorists were killed in

Mach area of Balochistan.

The minister ruled out any delay in the elections which were scheduled for February 8. The history of Pakistan suggested that the elections were held in harsh and difficult conditions.

To a query, he said the Kashmir dispute was a long-standing issue on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

He recalled that some 75 years ago, the then Indian prime minister promised in the United Nations Security Council that the Kashmiri people would be given their right to self-determination so that they could decide their own destiny.

"On August 5, 2019, India changed the status of Kashmir by taking unilateral and illegal actions," he said while regretting that the Indian government de-

prived the Kashmiris of their rights by abolishing Article 370 of the Indian Constitution.

He said the government and the people of Pakistan would continue to extend their moral, legal and diplomatic support to the people of Kashmir.

To another query, the minister clarified that the caretaker government had no favours in the elections and the statement of the Pakistan Peoples Party chairman in that regard was "unfortunate".

The minister reiterated that the caretaker government was ensuring a level-playing field for all the political parties and the state media was giving due coverage to all of them.



QUETTA: Members of New Pakistan Zindabad Movement are holding rally to express solidarity with the people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK) and condemn brutality of Indian Army in Kashmir on the occasion of "Kashmir Solidarity Day"



TOKYO: Ambassador of Pakistan to Japan Raza Bashir Tarar along with other viewing a photographic exhibition depicting continued atrocities being committed by Indian occupation forces organized on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

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pressure.

"Despite Nawaz Sharif's pressure, the administration will not take any such step," the PPP chief hoped.

While avoiding direct comment on the military's role, Bilawal emphasized the need for politicians to take responsibility in reducing its influence in politics. "I did not talk about the role of the establishment in any way," he stressed.

He also expressed concern over the arrest of political workers and advocated for fair and peaceful elections.

He urged politicians to maintain respect and avoid hostility. "Pakistan's democracy needs more effort," he insisted, adding that politicians should work within the realm of politics.

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and 51 seats of National Assembly and Balochistan Assembly from the province. He said that 429 candidates are in competition for 16 seats of the National Assembly from the province. Similarly, 1267 candidates are contesting elections on 51 seats of the Provincial Assembly.

He said that the security arrangements have also been finalized for the elections in the province. He informed that 31,000 personnel of different law enforcement agencies would be deployed at the polling stations located all over the province. He assured that the general elections would be peaceful in the province and as such the voters should come out from their homes for casting their votes.

While on the other hand, some 51,000 polling staff has been deputed at the polling stations of the province. The PEC informed that in all 1651 polling stations have been declared as most sensitive from security point of view. Similarly, 2249 and 1126 polling stations have been declared as sensitive and normal respectively, he maintained.

To a query, Mr. Afridi said that action would be taken if any complaint was received about refusing the women to cast their votes.

To another query, he said that we are reviewing the matter of suspending mobile network on the polling stations in the province.



QUETTA: Muslim League (PML-N) Provincial General Secretary, Jamal Shah Kakar addresses to media persons during press conference, at Quetta press club.

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the special status of the IOJK were a blatant violation of international laws, including the UN Charter, 4th Geneva Convention and the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

India had since been engaged in taking further measures to alter the demographic structure and political landscape of the held Valley, he added.

PM Kakar said that the "Kashmir Solidarity Day" was annually observed on the 5th February across Pakistan to express its unwavering support for the Kashmiris' just struggle for realization of their right to self-determination.

It was also an occasion to pay rich tribute to the sacrifices rendered by the Kashmiri brothers and sisters during the last 76 years, he added.

The prime minister said that Pakistan had consistently maintained that a lasting solution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute was possible only in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions and as per the wishes of Kashmiri people.

Pakistan would continue its moral, diplomatic and political support for the just cause, he vowed.

PM Kakar said that the relevant UN Security Council resolutions provided that the final disposition of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute would be made in accordance with the will of its people through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under the auspices of the United Nations.

However, he added, India over the last 76 years had carried out a relentless campaign to intimidate and suppress the IOJK people as evident from extrajudicial killings, arbitrary detentions and custodial torture.

Earlier on his arrival at arrival at the AJK Legislative Assembly, the prime minister was presented a guard of honour.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said the entire Pakistani nation stood shoulder to shoulder with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters to support their struggle for the right to self-determination.

"Pakistan will continue to provide moral, political and diplomatic support to its Kashmiri brothers and sisters until they realise their right to self-determination as per the UNSC resolutions", the prime minister said during his visit

to Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

Talking to the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwarul Haque and Speaker Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Chaudhry Latif Akbar here, PM Kakar said the final and just solution of the Kashmir issue was possible only under the free and impartial referendum according to the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

He said the Indian atrocities in Jammu and Kashmir under the illegal rule of India were not hidden from anyone and the silence of the international community on Indian atrocities on innocent Kashmiris was alarming and reprehensible.

The speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir welcomed the prime minister's visit to Muzaffarabad.

They said the PM Kakar's visit to Muzaffarabad on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day had sent a clear message to India that the hearts of Pakistani and Kashmiri brothers and sisters beat together.

Kashmir Solidarity Day celebrated in Australia

Independent Report

ISLAMABAD: Kashmir Solidarity Day was commemorated across Australia, with multiple events organized across major cities, including Sydney, Melbourne, and Brisbane. Car rallies featuring pictures that expressed support for Kashmiris and their quest for justice and self-determination also gained a lot of public attention.

The main event was organized at the Consulate General of Pakistan in Sydney, bringing together Australian parliamentarians, human rights activists, media personnel, and members of the Pakistani and Kashmiri Diaspora.

The participants underscored the need for a collective commitment to just resolution of the longstanding Jammu and Kashmir dispute. High Commissioner Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri, in his address, highlighted the political, legal, and humanitarian aspects of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He underscored the gravity of the situation in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK). He informed that India has maintained its occupation of IOJK for seventy-six

years, making it one of the oldest unresolved dispute on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) agenda.

The situation worsened after India's illegal actions on August 5, 2019, aimed at further disempowering the Kashmiri people. The recent events, such as the Indian Supreme Court's judgment on December 11, 2023, further signalled India's intent to consolidate its illegal occupation of IOJK.

Expressing concerns over the human rights situation in IOJK, the High Commissioner stressed that India needs to ensure the fundamental rights and freedoms of the Kashmiri people. He commended the people of Jammu and Kashmir for their resilience against Indian oppression and brutality.

Reiterating Pakistan's unwavering support for the just struggle of the Kashmiri people, the High Commissioner emphasized that Pakistan will continue to lend full moral, diplomatic and political support to the people of Jammu and Kashmir till just realization of their right to self-determination.

PIA's Gilgit-Islamabad flights grounded due to aircraft malfunction

ISLAMABAD (INP): In some bad news for patients, including residents, of Gilgit and adjoining areas, travellers between Gilgit and Islamabad are in for some disruptions as Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) suspends flights to the northern city from February 3 to 7.

This temporary grounding is due to a technical malfunction in the ATR aircraft that typically serves this route. The PIA plane on the air route between Gilgit and Islamabad has been handed over for repair work.

The PIA flights to Gilgit will remain suspended until February 7 due to the malfunctioning ATR aircraft.

PIA operates one to two daily flights between

Kashmir Solidarity Day commemorated in Akara

ISLAMABAD (PR): An event was organized at Pakistan Embassy Ankara to observe Kashmir Solidarity Day. Every year, February 5th is commemorated as Kashmir Solidarity Day to reaffirm support to the legitimate Kashmiri struggle for realization of their right

termination. Chairperson Human Rights Investigation Commission of Turkish Parliament, MP Derya Yanik stated that Türkiye has always supported peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute as per the desire of the Kashmiri people and will continue to do so. While ex-

community needs to play its due role in putting an end to human rights atrocities in IOJK and implementation of UN resolutions to ensure peace and stability in the region.

In his speech, President Institute of Strategic Thinking (SDE), Gen. © Guray Alpar stated that the indifference of international community to Kashmir and Palestine is surprising; Kashmiris deserve the basic human right of self-determination, as promised to them by the United Nations.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Dr. Yousaf Junaid underscored that Palestine and Kashmir represent unceasing situations of foreign occupation in the modern world, where brutal military occupations have not only denied the people of their fundamental right of self-determination but also unleashed a reign of terror on innocent civilians. Kashmir represents an absolute case of hypocrisy, treachery and tyranny at the hands of world's largest self-proclaimed democracy, India. In the course of history, it is proven that justice may experience delays, yet it remains undeniable and ultimately prevails, he added.

pressing concerns over worst human rights situation in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK), she stated it is sad that Kashmir remains as one of the oldest unresolved conflicts in the world. The international system has the ability to resolve any conflict, but unfortunately there is a lack of will and intention when it comes to Kashmir and Palestine. She reiterated Turkish support for Kashmiri legitimate cause of self-de-

terminating. Chairperson Human Rights Investigation Commission of Turkish Parliament, MP Derya Yanik, Deputy Governor Ankara, Bekir Yilmaz, President Institute of Strategic Thinking Gen. © Guray Alpar and representatives of media, think tanks and civil society attended the event.

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PCB to elect new full-time chairman today

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is set to witness the election of its new chairman during a special meeting of the PCB Governing Board scheduled for today at 2:00 PM.

The key huddle will be hosted at the prestigious National Cricket Academy, serving as the backdrop for what promises to be a significant moment in Pakistani cricket administration.

The responsibility of overseeing the election process has been entrusted to Election Commissioner Shah Khawar, who has called for this special meeting.

Notably, the Governing Board comprises influential representatives from various regions and organizations, ensuring a diverse and comprehensive representation in the decision-making process.

On the other hand, Caretaker Chief Minister Punjab Mohsin Naqvi, emerges as a formidable candidate for the coveted position of PCB Chairman. His nomination has gained traction, fueled by his prominent role as the caretaker chief minister of Punjab, a position that has undoubtedly bolstered his candidacy.

The Governing Board includes two representatives of the Patron, Mohsin Naqvi and Mustafa Ramde, alongside representatives from Azad Jammu Kashmir, Dera Murad Jamali, Larkana, Bahawalpur, Sui Northern Gas, Ghani Glass, State Bank, and PTV.

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sioner Mansoor Arshad, District Police Officer (DPO) Abdul Rauf Babar Qaisrani, Senior military and civil administration's officials, besides a large numbers of people hailing from different segments of the society.

The smartly turned out contingent of police presented salutes to the martyred cops.

The participants laid floral wreaths on the coffins of martyred policemen wrapped in the national flag.

Speaking on this occasion, IGP Akhtar Hayat Khan paid rich tribute to the martyred police cops who fought bravely with terrorists. He said the sacrifices of those who rendered their lives for the sake of the country's stability and safety of the public would not go in vain.

He said such cowardly attacks of terrorists could not weaken the resolve of the police force.

Meanwhile Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-

Haq Kakar on Monday strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the police station in Tehsil Daraban of Dera Ismail Khan.

According to reports, at least 10 policemen were martyred and six others got injured as a group of unidentified militants attacked Chaudhwan police station in Daraban tehsil in the wee hours of Monday.

The prime minister prayed to Allah Almighty for elevation of ranks of the martyred police personnel in paradise and also expressed his heartfelt condolence to the bereaved families. PM Kakar paid tribute to the police personnel for bravely fighting the terrorists. He also directed the concerned authorities to provide all possible medical aid to those injured in the attack.

"Cowardly acts of terrorists will always fail to destroy our resolve to maintain law and order," he said adding the entire nation stood with the police and security forces and salutes the martyrs.

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internet blockade in Occupied Kashmir. He asserted that despite oppression, Kashmiris' resolve for self-determination remains strong.

Divided families yearn to unite

Meanwhile, the pain of separation resonated deeply as Kashmiris living on opposite banks of the Neelum River expressed their yearning for reunion. Divided by the Line of Control for 76 years, families yearn to connect but remain separated by an arbitrary border. This stark reality served as a powerful reminder of the human cost

of the conflict.

Across the nation, caretaker Information Minister Murtaza Solangi emphasized the enduring demand for self-determination and condemned India's oppressive tactics. He urged the international community to play a role in securing freedom for Kashmiris.

Kashmir Solidarity Day serves as a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for Kashmiri self-determination. The united voices of Kashmiris and their supporters urge the world to act and pave the way for a peaceful resolution based on the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.



HYDERABAD: Workers of Election Commission and police officials busy in sorting and distribution of bags of election material to proper destinations.

Media helpline launched...

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media persons covering the general election 2024.

He remarked that under Article 224 of the Constitution, the Caretaker Government came into being and helped the Election Commission of Pakistan in every way to ensure a free and transparent election within the timeframe given by the ECP.

He said now only two days were left for the elections in which more than 120 million Pakistanis will exercise their right to vote.

In the elections, the people of Pakistan will choose their representatives to run the affairs of the country as the preamble of the constitution states that this country will be run by its elected representatives.

Earlier Murtaza Solangi inaugurated the media complaint application at Press Information Department.

This application will help to lodge complaints online through mobile, laptop and other devices during coverage of election activities.

Through this application, journalists will be able to report issues quickly and

efficiently.

Head of Digital Media, in the Press Information Department briefing the audience said that the application would not only resolve the complaints of journalists but also the staff would be deputed to address the complaints of election observers.

He said the app will be functioning as a mediator between different departments and foreign or national journalists.

Their complaints would be referred to the concerned departments within no time and keep the track of the application until it is resolved.

Press Information Officer Tariq Mehmood said that the application was made primarily to address the complaints of journalists during the general elections of 2024 however this would be made a permanent medium to resolve complaints of journalists in future.

He also announced that an election cell would be set up in PID on February 7, a day before the general elections.

The cell would be working round the clock to facilitate journalists.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for National Heritage & Culture Syed Jamal Shah, and participants hold a banner to showing solidarity with the people of Kashmiri during protest rally to mark the Kashmir Solidarity Day, at Constitution Avenue in the Federal Capital.

President, PM, Services Chiefs reaffirm Pakistan's unwavering support to Kashmiris

ISLAMABAD (Online): President Dr Arif Alvi, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Forces Chiefs have said Pakistan will continue to extend its unstinted moral, diplomatic and political support for just solution to Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions and wishes of the Kashmiri people.

In his message on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day, President Dr Arif Alvi said people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir are struggling to realize their right to self-determination for last seventy-six years.

The President said the UN General Assembly annually adopts a resolution expressing unequivocal support for the realization of the right to self-determination for people under foreign occupation. Regrettably, the Kashmiri people have not been able to exercise this inalienable right.

He said Indian Illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir is one of the most militarized zones in the world. He said following its illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019, India's efforts have been aimed at engineering demographic and political changes so that the Kashmiris are transformed into a disempowered community

in their own land.

In his message, Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar said this is an occasion to pay rich tribute to sacrifices made by our Kashmiri brothers and sisters during the last seventy-six years.

He said relevant UN Security Council Resolutions provide that the final disposition of Jammu and Kashmir will be made in accordance with will of people of Jammu and Kashmir, expressed through democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under auspices of the United Nations.

The armed Forces of Pakistan, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee

and Services Chiefs have paid rich tribute to people of Kashmir for their resolve and valiant struggle, consistently braving grave human rights violations and inhumane lockdown in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir under Indian occupation forces. Caretaker Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi in his message said Jammu and Kashmir is one of the longest-standing issues on the agenda of the UN Security Council.

He said the ultimate goal of Pakistan is to resolve the Kashmir issue according to the wishes of the Kashmiri people and the relevant UN resolutions.

ICCPO holds high level meeting on elections 2024 security

Also inaugurates Officers Mess and Stable in Security division

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: According to the details, the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr Akbar Nasir Khan chaired a high level meeting on general election 2024 security, a public relations officer said.

He said that the meeting was attended by all divisions CPOs, SSPs, DPOs, SPs, SDPOs, SHOs, admin officers, and Muharars.



lowed in any scenario. Legal action will also be taken against the display of arms, aerial firing and rioters.

He further said that adequate measures for smooth flow of traffic and parking will be implemented. Surveillance cameras will be installed at all sensitive polling stations. Journalists, foreign observers and observation teams covering the elections will be assisted in their duties in a professional manner.

The safety of citizens and conducting peaceful elections in the Federal Capital will be the first priorities of the Islamabad Capital Police, he added.

Meanwhile, according to the details, the Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan visited the Diplomatic Enclave, and inaugurated the Officers Mess and Stable in Security division, a public relation officer said.

Speakers demand reversal of Indian illegal actions of August 5, 2019

ISLAMABAD (APP): Condemning India's unilateral and illegal actions of August 5, 2019 as blatant violations of United Nations Security Council (UNSC)'s resolutions and international law, the speakers at a seminar demanded that the same must be reversed by the Indian Government. They paid homage to the exemplary bravery and sacrifice by the Kashmiri people in their quest for freedom from Indian occupation and self-determination. The seminar was organized by the Embassy of Pakistan in Paris marking the Kashmir Solidarity Day to support the Kashmiris' struggle for self-determination and to express solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiri people in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). Messages of the President, Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Pakistan were read out on the occasion, followed by a documentary focusing on the origin of the Kashmir dispute and the plight of the Kashmiris subjected to gross and systematic violations of human rights and international humanitarian law in IIOJK, a press release issued by the Pakistan embassy in Paris said. Similarities were drawn between the Palestine and Jammu & Kashmir disputes as both were stories of grave human tragedies and suffering at the hands of occupying powers, and denial of their right to self-determination as promised to them by the UN and the international community.

Aizaz Chaudhry says: Pakistan remains most 'strongest voice to raise Kashmir' cause globally

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistani nation has remained the strongest voice in the world for the Kashmiris' right to self-determination, and its government is committed to keeping this issue effectively raised at every global forum, including the United Nations, former Foreign Secretary Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry said on Monday.

On the occasion of February 5, while talking to a private news channel, he reassured Kashmiri brothers and sisters that the Pakistani nation and government were still committed to continuing to stand with them in their just struggle for self-determination.

He said, "Pakistan's ultimate objective is a peaceful resolution of the Jammu and Kashmir dis-

Turabi asserts Kashmiris' Right to Self determination

ISLAMABAD (INP): Former Amir Jamaat-e-Islami Azad Kashmir chapter Abdul Rashid Turabi on Monday emphasized the need for international intervention against India's oppressive actions in Kashmir.

In a special message regarding Kashmir solidarity day on state run news channel, he said that the entire Pakistani nation stood firmly with the Kashmiri brethren and sisters in their struggle for the right to self-determination.

This solidarity serves as a powerful message that Kashmiris are not alone in their struggle for freedom, he added.

Turabi expressed determination against India's attempts to change the demographic and religious fabric of Kashmir.

He firmly stated that Modi's illegal efforts to convert Kashmir into a Hindu state would not succeed. He stressed the urgency of global intervention to address human rights violations and protect the rights of the Kashmiri people.

TikTok shares measures to combat misinformation ahead of elections

ISLAMABAD (APP): As the general elections approach in Pakistan, TikTok has outlined efforts to combat misinformation and uphold election integrity on its platform.

The platform's latest initiatives demonstrate its unwavering commitment to maintaining a safe, authentic, and reliable environment during this important period, said a news release issued here on Monday.

TikTok is also working closely with local community partner organizations in Pakistan to ensure platform integrity.

These partnerships enable TikTok to identify potential misinformation, take action on it, and share accurate information with its community around important events.

TikTok's fact-checking partners do not moderate content on the platform, but their assessments provide valuable input which helps TikTok take the appropriate action that upholds its Community Guidelines.

TikTok's strategy included innovative product features aimed at enhancing user awareness and participation in maintaining platform integrity.

TikTok has launched the Pakistan Election Center on the platform, which is a dedicated hub, available both in English and Urdu, that will direct users to authoritative information on the election, including voting procedures and locations.

Additionally, easy-to-use reporting tools will empower users to easily identify and report potentially misleading content. This user-centric approach fosters a vigilant and responsible community, crucial during the election period.

Furthermore, TikTok is committed to raising awareness among its users, by providing educational content and in-app guides.

These initiatives are designed to equip the community with the necessary skills to discern credible information, thereby reinforcing informed participation in the electoral process.

Enforcement of TikTok's Community Guidelines, available both in English and Urdu, is a key component of its misinformation combat strategy.



ISLAMABAD: Commuters move past the election banners of political parties at sector G-7 road in the Federal Capital ahead of the upcoming general elections.

26 outlaws arrested; drugs and weapons recovered

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Capital Police apprehended 26 outlaws including twelve professional beggars from different areas of the city during the last 24 hours and recovered drugs and weapons from their possession, a public relations officer said.

He said that, following the special directions of Islamabad Capital City Police Officer (ICCPO) Dr. Akbar Nasir Khan, the Islamabad Capital Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate the crime from the city.

Following these directions, the Karachi Company police team arrested an accused namely Sagar and recovered 50 liquor bottles from his possession. The Golra police team arrested an accused namely Nasir Ali and recovered one 30 bore pistol with ammunition from his possession.

Likewise, the Sangiani Police team arrested two accused namely Wali Muhammad and Muhammad Irfan and recovered 875 gram heroin from their possession. Likewise, the Shams Colony police team arrested an accused namely Nnamokoje and recovered 15 bottles of liquor from his possession. The Khanna police team arrested an accused namely Rehman Ullah and recovered one 30 bore pistol from his possession.

UNHCR, Peshawar Zalmi announce partnership ahead of PSL Season 9

ISLAMABAD (Online): As the Pakistan Super League Season 9 starts from 17 February, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has announced a partnership with Peshawar Zalmi to promote the refugee cause through cricket in Pakistan.

Peshawar Zalmi is the leading franchise of Pakistan Super League (PSL) cricket championship, which has been taking place since 2015.

As part of the partnership, Peshawar Zalmi and UNHCR will work together to highlight refugee issues during one of the most popular cricketing contests. Peshawar Zalmi will showcase the emblem of UNHCR on their jerseys, marking a visible commitment to the cause.

The Chief Operating Officer, of Peshawar Zalmi, Mr. Mian Abbas and cricketer Mr. Mohammad Harris, presented the official jersey of Peshawar Zalmi to UNHCR's Representative in Pakistan, Ms. Philippa Candler, in Islamabad.

On behalf of Mr. Javed Afridi, owner of the Peshawar Zalmi, Mian Abbas said that war and conflict forced millions of people to become refugees worldwide adding that Peshawar Zalmi and UNHCR will jointly partner to run an awareness campaign during the Pakistan Super League.

"Teaming up with humanitarian organization such as UNHCR will allow us to use our platform to highlight global challenges and help mobilize our people for a greater humanitarian impact," he said quoting Javed Afridi.

Ms. Candler commended Peshawar Zalmi's commitment to the refugee cause. "In featuring UNHCR's logo on Peshawar Zalmi's jersey, they are demonstrating their dedication to raising awareness and supporting those in need."



ISLAMABAD: Peoples Party (PPP) Leader, Syed Nayyer Hussain Bukhari addresses to media persons during press conference, at Peoples Secretariat.



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Mushaal Husseini Mullick inaugurating the poster exhibition organized by National College of Arts (NCA) in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day.

Missing girl reunited with her family

ISLAMABAD (INP): Islamabad Capital Police Bhara Kahu police station team reunited the missing girl with her parents, a public relation officer said.

According to the details, the Bhara Kahu police station team received an application from a citizen in which he stated that his daughter, namely Manahil had been missing and could not be traced despite hectic efforts by family members.

Upon receiving the application, the Bhara Kahu police station team used technical and human resources and successfully traced the missing girl and reunited him safely with her family.

The parents appreciated the police team efforts and thanked the Islamabad Capital Police for immediate assistance.

Citizens are requested to dial "Pucar-15" or report via the "ICT-15 App" regarding any suspicious person or activity.

One killed in car-bike collision

ISLAMABAD (APP): One was killed in a road accident on Monday near Chorangi Bridge in Five-Star area of Karachi.

According to private news channel, the accident happened when a recklessly driven car hit a bike near Chorangi Bridge.

As a result, bike rider identified as Syed Naem, received multiple injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he succumbed to injuries.

Mushaal says: World's peace not possible without peaceful resolution of Kashmir dispute

ISLAMABAD (APP): Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Mushaal Husseini Mullick, has urged the global community to break their silence and take proactive measures to prevent the ongoing genocide committed by the Modi-led Indian government in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). She was addressing a poster exhibition organized by National College of Arts (NCA) on Kashmir Solidarity Day.

SAPM was accompanied by a focal person to SAPM, Sabien Husseini Mullick. The exhibition organized by NCA served as a powerful platform to raise awareness about the Kashmir issue. The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister highlighted the profound influence of art in evoking empathy, understanding, and generating awareness about the just struggle of the people of IIOJK.

She noted that the poster exhibition showcased the remarkable artistic talent within the National College of Arts. Mushaal expressed deep concern over the Indian Judiciary aligning itself with the RSS ideology and the fascist policies of the Modi government. She strongly criticized the recent verdict by the Indian Supreme Court regarding the revocation of Kashmir's special status and described the biased and unfair judicial proceedings against Kashmiri political leadership as judicial terrorism. She said that Modi's entire government machinery was conspiring to impose a death sentence on Yasin Malik under false and fabricated charges to gain electoral advantage.

The Special Assistant to the Prime Minister lamented the information and communication blockade imposed by India in the illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.



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Over 857 Kashmiris martyred since Aug 2019 in IIOJK: report

ISLAMABAD (APP): Unrelenting military and police siege imposed by Narendra Modi-led Hindutva Indian government on August 05, 2019 continues to take a heavy toll on daily life of the people in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir. A report released by the Research Section of Kashmir Media Service, said that the life of Kashmiris has been made a living hell and an open prison for the residents of the territory since India illegally revoked the special status of occupied Kashmir on August 05, 2019.

The move was aimed at snatching away identity, properties, government services of the Kashmiris through changing the Muslim-majority status of the occupied territory.

The report revealed that Indian troops martyred 857 Kashmiris including 17 women and 28 young boys during the period.

The report said that the troops damaged over 1116 houses and molested and disgraced 133 women

during cordon and search operations and house raids across the occupied territory in the period. Thousands of Hurriyat leaders, activists, Ulema, journalists, youth, woman and human rights defenders including APHC Chairman Masarrat Aalam Butt, Muhammad Yasin Malik, Shabbir Ahmad Shah, Aasiya Andrabi, Naheeda Nasreen, Fehmeeda Sufi, Nayeem Ahmad Khan, Ayaz Akbar, Pir Saifullah, Merajuddin Kalwal, Shahid-Ul-Islam, Farooq Ahmed Dar, Syed Shahid Shah, Syed Shakeel Ahmad, Dr Hameed Fayaz, Bilal Siddiqi, Molvi Bashir Irfani, Mushtaq-Ul-Islam, Ameer Hamza, Abdul Ahmad Parra, Noor Muhammad Fayaz, Fahim Ramzan, Hayat Ahmed Butt, Advocate Zahid Ali, Zaffar Akbar Butt, Muhammad Yousuf Falahi, Dr Muhammad Qasim Fakhtoo, Dr Muhammad Shafi Shariati, Ghulam Qadir Butt, Umar Adil Dar, Shabir Ahmed Dar, Firdous Ahmed Shah, Jahangir Ghani Butt, Saleem Nanaji, Sajad

Hussain Gul, Muhammad Yasin Butt, Shamsuddin Rehmani, Hassan Firdousi, Sarjan Barkati, human rights defender Khurram Parvaiz, journalists Aasif Sultan, and Eng Rasheed are the worst victims of political vendetta," it said. They have been imprisoned in jails in India and IIOJK on fabricated charges.

The report pointed out that India is carrying out genocide of the Kashmiri youth particularly, after August 05, and harassment of residents, attaching properties and terminating from government services has become a norm in occupied Kashmir. The report said that military and police siege and cordon and search operations and house raids by Indian forces, NIA and SIA had multiplied the sufferings of the Kashmiris. It added that the brutal laws, siege and harassment had destroyed the economy of occupied Kashmir while press freedom in now where seen in occupied Kashmir where journalists are detained, harassed and face charges.

PM Kakar says: Entire nation stands with Kashmiris to support their right to self-determination

MUZAFFARABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said the entire Pakistani nation stood shoulder to shoulder with its Kashmiri brothers and sisters to support their struggle for the right to self-determination. "Pakistan will continue to provide moral, political and diplomatic support to its Kashmiri brothers and sisters until they realise their right to self-determination as per the UNSC resolutions", the prime minister said during his visit to Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

Talking to the Prime Minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir Chaudhry Anwarul Haque and Speaker Azad Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly Chaudhry Latif Akbar here, PM Kakar said the final and just solution of the Kashmir issue was possible only under the free and impartial referendum according to the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). He said the Indian atrocities in Jammu and Kashmir under the illegal rule of India were not hidden from anyone and the silence of the international community on Indian atrocities on innocent Kashmiris was alarming and reprehensible. The speaker of the Legislative Assembly and the prime minister of Azad Jammu and Kashmir welcomed the prime minister's visit to Muzaffarabad. They said the PM Kakar's visit to Muzaffarabad on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day had sent a clear message to India that the hearts of Pakistani and Kashmiri brothers and sisters beat together.



PESHAWAR: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Haji Ghulam Ali and Caretaker Information and Public Relations Minister Barrister Feroze Jamal Shah Kaka Khel are leading the rally from the Chief Minister's Secretariat to the Governor's House on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

CM Punjab inaugurates upgraded BVH, safe city project in Bahawalpur

Independent Report
BAHAWALPUR: Caretaker Chief Minister of Punjab Mohsin Naqvi arrived in Bahawalpur on Sunday for the inauguration of the OPD, Surgical Ward Upgradation Project at Victoria Hospital.

He also inaugurated the Safe City project in Bahawalpur. He inaugurated the upgraded building of the Civil Lines Police Station. Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi also virtually inaugurated other model police stations of Bahawalpur. He visited the wards of Bahawal Victoria Hospital. He also inspected the Medical Emergency, Plastic Surgery, and ENT wards. He talked to the patients, doctors, and paramedical staff. Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi said, "This is your hospital, take care of this lovely building."

Talking to the media he said that Bahawal Victoria Hospital was built in 1906, and renovating the old building was a difficult task. The team of the Department of Buildings and Communications is credited with upgrading the historical building of Bahawal Victoria Hospital beautifully. If a new hospital is built, it will not be as upgraded as Bahawal Victoria Hospital. The old building of the hospital has been completely renovated. The upgradation Project cost Rs 2.10 billion and the upgrade was completed in 2 months and 5 days.

Later, the Chief Minister distributed land allotment documents to the people of Cholistan. He said that in the next few days, 26,000 people will receive their land documents. He said that the double road from Uch Sharif to Ahmedpur East in Bahawalpur has been completed. The road from Mari Qasim Shah to Dera Bakha has also been completed. The road from Mandi Yazman to Chandni Chowk has been completed. The projects of Green Pakistan and Cholistan Rivers will also be implemented. Starting the Safe City project in Bahawalpur is a big deal.

KP Governor says: India breaks all records of atrocities, human rights violations in IIOJK

PESHAWAR (APP): Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor, Haji Ghulam Ali here Monday said that India has broken all records of oppression and brutalities after illegally invaded the Occupied Kashmir and demanded international community take notice of it.

He also demanded dignity and respect for the people of the held valley.

Addressing the Kashmir Solidarity Day rally, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor said that hundreds of thousands of Kashmiris were martyred, children orphaned and women were sexually abused at IIOJK.

He said that India's involvement in state terrorism and human rights abuses were serious threats to the world and regional peace. Paying rich tributes to sacrifices, bravery and courage of the oppressed Kashmiris of IIOJK for right of self-determination, the Governor said that Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Government and its people were standing with oppressed Kashmiris and will always stand with them. The political, diplomatic and moral support of oppressed Kashmiris would continue, he said. He said the day was not far away when the people of IIOJK would get succeed in their legitimate struggle for self-determination. He urged international bodies including UNO to address the long standing Kashmir dispute and international human rights bodies.



MUZAFFARABAD: Students hold placards to showing solidarity with the people of Kashmiri, during protest rally to mark the Kashmir Solidarity Day.



LAHORE: Governor of Punjab Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman addressing during ceremony in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day at Al-Hamra Hall, in Provincial Capital.

Pakistan always keeps Kashmir issue alive at global forums: Governor

Independent Report
LAHORE: Punjab Governor Muhammad Balighur Rehman said on Monday that Pakistan has always played its role in keeping the issue of Kashmir alive at all forums of the world including the United Nations Organization (UNO) and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

He was addressing the ceremony in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day organized by Punjab Department of Information and Culture here at Al-Hamra Arts Council where Secretary Information Daniyal Saleem Gilani, Director General Public Relations Punjab, Rubina Afzal, Kashmiri Hurriyat leader Mushtaq Mehmood and a large number of people from different walks of life were present.

The Governor said that today Pakistanis and millions of Kashmiris living around the world, are observing Kashmir Solidarity Day against India's invasion and illegal occupation of the state of Jammu and Kashmir. He added that the purpose of observing this day is to draw the attention of the international community towards the Indian usurpation and oppression of the occupied state of Jammu and Kashmir so that the oppressed Kashmiris get their right to self-determination. He said that the attack on the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir on 27 October 1947 was an armed aggression that had shattered the peace of the region. Now most of the countries of the world have become aware of India's nefarious designs. He said that a peaceful solution to the Kashmir issue according to the UN resolutions is also better for India. He added that justice and goodness always prevail, while oppression and tyranny are doomed to be defeated ultimately. The Governor said that today, people of Pakistan and Kashmiris from all over the world are giving a clear message to the world that lasting peace cannot be established in the region without resolving the Kashmir issue. The heinous violations of human rights in occupied Jammu and Kashmir have turned occupied Jammu and Kashmir into an open-air prison.

PEC says: Arrangements finalized as over 26.9m. voters to elect 191 legislators from Sindh

Independent Report
KARACHI (APP): The Provincial Election Commission has completed all arrangements to hold fair, free and transparent elections on 61 National as well as 130 Provincial Assemblies general seats in Sindh.

This was stated by Provincial Election Commissioner Sindh ShariFullah and Joint Election Commissioner Nazir Abbas while addressing a joint press conference here at the PEC office on Monday.

ShariFullah said a apart from 61 general seats of the National Assembly and 130 of the Provincial Assembly, polls will be held on 14 reserved seats of women in the National Assembly 29 reserved seats of women and 9 seats of minorities in the Sindh Assembly.

As many as 26,994,769 registered voters will exercise their right of franchise for which 19,008 polling stations have been set up by the Election Commission of Pakistan, PEC said and added that all arrangements were in the final stage and now we are preparing for the polling day.

He said polling material had been dispatched to the districts and the polling scheme was finalized on January 24 after receiving data from the polling staff, they were provided required training. He informed that the printing process of the ballot papers had already been completed and the same have been delivered to all districts while bags are ready which will be delivered to the polling staff on February 07.

All District Returning officers have devised a transportation plan from where ballot papers will be dispatched and after completion of the polling and counting process.



HYDERABAD: Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Bakar addressing to media persons at Shabbaz Hall.

PPP, MQM, JI, PML-N, GDA gear up election campaign as polling day nears

Independent Report
KARACHI (APP): All major political, religious parties, alliances and the independent candidates have geared up their election campaign across Sindh as polling day is to be held this week on February 08.

Pakistan People's Party chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, MQM Pakistan's Convenor Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui, PML-N provincial president Bashir Memon, Jamaat-e-Islami leader Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman and Grand Democratic Alliances leadership were holding election rallies in Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur and other districts and towns of the province and asking the voters for casting votes in their favour.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari after completing his election campaigns in Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan, expedite his electioneering in Sindh where his parties continuously rules since 15 years. Bhutto-Zardari and his younger sister Aseefa Bhutto was leading election rallies in several cities and towns of Sindh to convince their electorate.

PPP Chairman addressed public meeting in Mirpurkhas on Saturday night where despite rains, the party workers participated in the campaign.

MQM Pakistan's Convenor Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui along with central leadership including former Mayor Karachi Syed Mustafa Kamal and Dr Farooq Sattar addressed many election rallies and public gatherings in Karachi, Hyderabad and Sindh's other urban area where their electorates are in sufficient number. They presented their manifesto for the uplift of urban areas which according to them had been neglected during the last 15 years.

Jamaat-e-Islami, an organized political and religious party, is in the run in Karachi and other areas of Sindh, also held public gatherings addressed by the Central Emir Sirajul Haq and Hafiz Naeem ur Rehman. Sirajul Haq addressed public meetings in Karachi, Hyderabad, and Tando Adam and asked their voters to elect their party candidates.

Pakistan Muslim League (N) provincial president, a former Police

CM Sindh directs to strengthen security of sensitive polling stations

Independent Report
SUKKUR (INP): Caretaker Sindh Chief Minister Justice (Retd) Maqbool Baqar has directed the administration that the Sukkur Division has 916 sensitive and 830 highly sensitive polling stations, therefore security plan for the polling station must be effective so that no untoward incident could take place.

The meeting was attended by Minister Information Ahmad Shah, Chief Secretary Dr Fakhre Alam, IG Police Riffat Mukhtar, Commissioner Waheed Shaikh, DIG Hameed Khoso, and deputy commissioners and SSPs of Sukkur, Ghotki, and Kahirpur.

Commissioner Fayaz Abbasi briefing the chief minister said that the Sukuur Division has three districts - Ghotki, Sukkur and Khairpur - with seven national and 14 provincial assembly seats. There are 3,040,256 registered voters, including 1628,951 female votes.

The chief minister asked Commissioner Waseem Jaffer of Sukkur if he was satisfied with the election arrangements. The Election Commission expressed satisfaction and said that he was properly consulted for each and every arrangement.

There will be 2,277 polling stations, including 3,761 females and 7901 polling booths, out of which 3761 would be for females.

The CM was told that out of 277 polling stations, 916 are sensitive, and 830 are highly sensitive. Ghotki has 216 polling stations sensitive and 207 highly sensitive.



MUZAFFARABAD: Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar being presented guard of honor upon his arrival at AJK Legislative Assembly.

Children-plants WHO's 'Own a Tree' initiative fosters strong bond of attachment

Independent Report
PESHAWAR (APP): The unique idea of involving school children in the promotion of green cover by launching an 'Own a Tree' plantation programme has shown an encouraging response of fostering a strong bond of attachment between minors and the plants planted with their nameplates.

The plantation drive was carried out by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948," informed DHO Charsadda, Dr. Farhad Khan. In all a total of 241 plants of different indigenous species were planted by involving school children who were asked to tag each of the saplings within the premises of four Basic Health Units (BHUs) in Charsadda district.

"The activity was held on April 7, 2023, in connection with the observance of World Health Day (WHD) April which also marks the anniversary of the founding of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948," informed DHO Charsadda, Dr. Farhad Khan. In all a total of 241 plants of different indigenous species were planted by involving school children who were asked to tag each of the saplings



LAHORE: Former Prime Minister AJK Sardar Muahammad Tanveer Ilyas Khan addressing a press conference during sit-protest in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day at Mall road.

SFA signs two agreements with KU's ICCBS

Independent Report
KARACHI (APP): Sindh Food Authority has signed two Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) with the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), University of Karachi.

Sindh Food Authority signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Halal Certification Testing and Research Services (HCTRS) and the Industrial Analytical Center (IAC), ICCBS, University of Karachi.

These MoAs aim to create a long-term framework of collaboration, cooperation, and development of a strong linkage between SFA and the research centers of the ICCBS for the testing of food products, which is in the interest of both institutions.

SFA Director General Agha Fakhar Hussain and Prof. Dr. Farzana Shaheen, Director of ICCBS, University of Karachi, signed the agreement in a meeting held at the HEJ, Research Institute of Chemistry, University of Karachi.

Among others who attended the ceremony were officials from SFA Prof. Dr. Asad Sayeed.

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Independent Report
SADARUDDIN Shah Rashid is contesting election on NA 203 against Seyed Fazul Shah Jilani of PPP who was elected an MNA from the same constituency in 2018 election while GDA's Moezam Abbasi is in the contest with Seyed Javed Ali Shah Jilani of PPP on NA 203 Khairpur Mirs.

Former Chief Minister Sindh Seyed Ghouse Ali Shah is in contest with former MNA Dr Nafisa Shah who is the daughter of Ex CM Seyed Ghouse Ali Shah on NA-202 Khairpur. In Sanghar district, GDA candidate Muhammad Khan Junejo is contesting election on NA-209 against PPP candidates and the former Federal Minister and Chairperson BISP Shazia Atta Marri while Saira Bano Wassan of GDA.

127 more Palestinians killed as fighting rages in Gaza

GAZA (INP): Battles raged in Gaza's south Sunday ahead of another visit to the region by US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in a bid to secure a new truce as the Israel-Hamas war approaches its fifth month. Blinken set off Sunday on what is his fifth Mideast trip since the October 7 attack by Hamas that set off the crisis. He is expected to begin his trip on Monday in Saudi Arabia before visits to Israel, Egypt and Qatar. The health ministry in Hamas-ruled Gaza said at least 127 people were killed in Israeli strikes in the previous 24 hours in the territory. The Hamas government media office said a kin-

dergarten where families were sheltering was hit in the southern border city of Rafah, which is teeming with Palestinians displaced by the war. "There is no safe place in the Gaza Strip, from north to south," displaced man Mohammed Kloub told foreign media in Rafah, which according to UN figures now hosts more than half of Gaza's population. Israel has warned its ground forces could advance on Rafah as part of its campaign to eliminate Hamas. Israel's army said its forces had raided a Hamas training facility in Khan Yunis where militants prepared for the October 7 attack. The Al-Qadisiya

compound contained models of Israeli military bases, armoured vehicles, as well as entry points to kibbutzim, the army said in a statement. During the raid, the army "neutralised" several militants, it said. The Palestine Red Crescent Society said that at the nearby Al-Amal hospital there were "alarming signs (of) a humanitarian disaster... after 14 days of continuous siege". Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the army had "destroyed 17 of 24 (Hamas) battalions. Most of the remaining battalions are in the southern Strip and in Rafah, and we will deal with them."



Palestinian children wait to receive food cooked by a charity kitchen amid shortages of food supplies, as the ongoing conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas continues, in Rafah, in the southern Gaza Strip.

2 killed in Bangladesh as fighting rages on Myanmar border: police

Monitoring Desk
DHAKA: At least two people were killed in Bangladesh on Monday after mortar shells fired from Myanmar during clashes there landed in a village across the border, police said. Parts of Myanmar near the 270-kilometre border with Bangladesh have seen frequent clashes since November when rebel Arakan Army fighters ended a ceasefire that had largely held since a 2021 coup. "The two were killed at around 2:15pm (0815 GMT) in the firing at Jalpatoli village," local police chief Abdul Mannan told AFP. Police said a Bangladeshi woman, named 48-year-old Hosne Ara, and an unnamed ethnic Rohingya man had been killed. "They were sitting in the kitchen... when a mortar hit the place," Ara's daughter-in-law said, too

distracted to give her name. "She was serving lunch to the Rohingya man who was hired by the family for farm work when they were hit." Bangladesh Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan on Sunday said that border police officers from neighbouring Myanmar's Rakhine state had "entered our territory for self-protection" ahead of advancing AA fighters. A spokesman of the Border Guard Bangladesh, the country's frontier forces, told AFP on Monday that "at least 95 border officers of Myanmar have crossed the border and taken shelter in Bangladeshi border posts". Without Borders (MSF) said its medics in Cox's Bazar had on Sunday received 17 patients "following fighting at the Bangladesh-Myanmar border".

Philippines ready to use 'forces' to quell any secession attempt-official

MANILA (Internews): The Philippine government is ready to use "authority and forces" against attempts to divide the nation, a security official said Sunday, after former President Rodrigo Duterte threatened to separate some southern islands from the rest of the archipelago. Duterte has called for the independence of his hometown Mindanao from the Philippines as his alliance with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr disintegrated this week over disagreements around efforts to amend the constitution. Ano said calls for secession could reverse the gains of the government's peace deal with former separatist groups. Violence and conflict had plagued Mindanao for decades as the government battled insurgents and extremists, which has discouraged investments and left many villages in poverty. The region's largest rebel group, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), had signed a peace agreement with the Philippine government in 2014.

US Senate unveils \$118 b bill on border security, aid for Ukraine, Israel

WASHINGTON (INP): The U.S. Senate on Sunday unveiled a \$118 billion bipartisan border security bill that would also provide aid to Ukraine and Israel, but it promptly slammed into opposition from the House of Representatives. "I urge Congress to come together and swiftly pass this bipartisan agreement," President Joe Biden said, also praising the migration measures in the bill, which took months to negotiate. However, House of Representatives Speaker Mike Johnson declared it "dead on arrival" if it reaches his chamber. "This bill is even worse than we expected, and won't come close to ending the border catastrophe the president has created," he said in a statement on X, formerly called Twitter. The Democratic and Republican Senate backers of the wide-ranging U.S. border security and foreign military

aid bill pledged to push ahead, despite opposition by Donald Trump as well. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said he would take steps to hold an initial vote on the bill on Wednesday. If the bill were to become law, it would mark the most significant changes in U.S. immigration and border security in decades. Some progressive Democrats are angry the measure does nothing to provide a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented people who have lived in the U.S. for many years, including "Dreamer" immigrants who were brought in as children. Independent Senator Krysten Sinema told reporters the legislation would secure the U.S. southern border, including by requiring the Department of Homeland Security to temporarily "shut down" the frontier to most migrants if there are an average.

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Local people carry a bullet-wounded man for emergency aid at Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) in Ukha, after a military crackdown at the Bangladesh-Myanmar border.



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is welcomed upon arriving at King Khalid International Airport, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

US intends further strikes on Iran-backed groups

WASHINGTON (INP): The United States intends to launch further strikes against Iran-backed groups in the Middle East, the White House national security adviser said on Sunday, after hitting Tehran-aligned factions in Iraq, Syria and Yemen over the last two days. The strikes are the latest blows in a conflict that has spread into the Middle East since Oct. 7, when the Iran-backed Palestinian militant group Hamas stormed Israel from the Gaza Strip, igniting war.

Turkey completes new homes in area hit by devastating earthquake

ANKARA (Internews): Turkey on Saturday handed over keys to newly-completed homes to some of those left homeless after last year's devastating earthquake, one year after the country's deadliest disaster in its modern history. Powerful quakes on Feb. 6, 2023 in southern Turkey killed more than 50,000 people in 11 provinces and left millions homeless.

Australia PM says government 'examining' claims against UN Palestinian agency

Monitoring Desk
SYDNEY: Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said on Sunday his government was probing claims that some staff of the U.N. Palestinian refugee agency (UNRWA) were involved in the Oct. 7 Hamas attacks on Israel, after Australia paused funding to the aid agency last month. Australia is one of several countries to have halted funding for UNRWA, a critical source of support in Gaza, after Israeli claims of U.N. employees' complicity with Hamas. "We're examining it, along with other like-

Russian cosmonaut sets record for most time in space

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: Russian cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko on Sunday set a world record for total time spent in space, surpassing his compatriot Gennady Padalka who logged more than 878 days in orbit, Russia's space corporation said. At 0830 GMT Kononenko broke the record, Roscosmos said. Kononenko is expected to reach a total of 1,000 days in space on June 5 and by late September he will have clocked 1,110 days. "I fly into space to do my favourite thing, not to set records," Kononenko told TASS in an interview from the International Space Station.



Russian space agency Roscosmos Yuri Borisov accompanying cosmonaut Oleg Kononenko at the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

Argument over the Middle East conflict leaves Jewish student hospitalized in Berlin

Monitoring Desk
BERLIN: A college student in Berlin beat a Jewish classmate until he was hospitalized after the two got into an argument Friday night about the Israel-Hamas conflict, police said. The 30-year-old Jewish student was out with an acquaintance in Berlin's Mitte neighborhood shortly before midnight on Friday when he encountered a 23-year-old fellow student from the university. The two students — the 23-year-old, who held strong pro-Palestinian views, and the 30-year-old Jewish student, who had posted pro-Israel views on

Senegalese President Sall postpones Feb presidential vote

Monitoring Desk
DAKAR: President Macky Sall on Saturday postponed Senegal's planned Feb. 25 presidential election, announcing in a televised address to the nation that he had cancelled the relevant electoral law due to disputes over the electoral process. With little more than three weeks to go before the vote, the unprecedented step followed a formal request to postpone from the opposition Senegalese Democratic Party (PDS), whose candidate was excluded from the running in January. The constitutional council's decision to exclude prominent contenders such as the PDS's Karim Wade and opposition firebrand Ousmane Sonko has fuelled growing discontent.

WDS 2024: A global hub for defense innovation and collaboration

RIYADH (Internews): Building on its successful debut, the World Defense Show returns to Riyadh this February, with over 750 exhibitors from 77 countries set to emphasize future readiness in the sector. It will bring together military players, the Saudi leadership, and industry decision-makers with a key focus on the sector's future. As the Kingdom aims for a robust defense sector, a top priority remains localization, with Saudi Arabia aspiring to localize 50 percent of its defense spending by 2030. The second edition is

China says Philippine vessel 'illegally' landed on disputed atoll

Monitoring Desk
SHANGHAI: China said on Saturday a small civilian vessel from the Philippines had "illegally" placed itself on the beach of an atoll in the South China Sea that both countries claim. The vessel, which landed on the Spratly Islands atoll on Friday, was there for supply purposes, the China Coast Guard posted on the Weixin platform.

Maldives vows to boost defences after telling Indian troops to leave

Monitoring Desk
MALE: The small but strategically placed Maldives will strengthen its military to defend its vast maritime territory, the new president vowed on Monday after ordering Indian troops to withdraw from the archipelago. Mohamed Muizzu said in his first address to parliament he would turn the modest Maldivian National Defence Force (MNDF) into a modern military capable of patrolling its seas, which straddle key global shipping lanes. The pro-China leader reiterated that India will begin withdrawing its troops operating three maritime reconnaissance aircraft from March 10 and complete the process within two months. New Delhi considers the Indian Ocean archi-

pelago to be within its sphere of influence. However, the Maldives has shifted into the orbit of China — its largest external creditor — with September's election of Muizzu, who demanded the Indian troops leave. "I believe that the modern military capability to defend the country by road, sea and air should be strengthened in the Maldives," Muizzu said. "We have started to do that now." He said the MNDF will soon be able to conduct surveillance of the country's 900,000 square kilometre (347,000 square mile) Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) around the clock. The Maldives accused India's coastguard last week of entering the north of its EEZ and intimidating three Maldivian fishing vessels.

'Unprecedented catastrophe' in Chile as wildfires kill 51

Monitoring Desk
VIA MAR: Chileans on Sunday feared a rise in the death toll from wildfires blazing across the South American country that have already killed at least 51 people, leaving bodies in the street and homes gutted. Authorities warned of "complicated" conditions as they battled fires in the coastal tourist region of Valparaiso amid an intense summer heat wave, with temperatures soaring to 40 degrees Celsius over the weekend. Dense gray smoke blanketed the city of Vina del Mar on the country's central coast Saturday, forcing residents to flee. The fires are being driven by a summer heatwave and drought affecting the southern part of South America caused by the El Nino weather phenomenon, as scientists warn that a warming planet has increased the

risk of natural disasters such as intense heat and fires. The rising temperatures threaten to engulf more of South America, as brigades in Argentina have been fighting a fire that has consumed more than 3,000 hectares in Los Alerces National Park, famed for its beauty and biodiversity, since January 25. Rosana Avendano, a 63-year-old kitchen assistant, was away from home when the fire began to sweep through the El Olivar neighbourhood, where she lives with her husband. "It was terrible because I couldn't get (to my house). The fire came here... we lost everything," Avendano said. "My husband was lying down and began to feel the heat of the fire coming and he ran away." She feared the worst for hours, but eventually was able to contact her spouse.

Russia says toll in Ukrainian strike on occupied city rises to 28

Monitoring Desk
MOSCOW: Russia said on Sunday the death toll from a Ukrainian strike on a bakery in the occupied eastern city of Lysychansk climbed to 28 people, including a child. Moscow's occupation forces said Kyiv struck a building that housed a bakery popular with locals on weekends. Ukraine has not yet commented on the strike. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Sunday visited his embattled country's troops on the southern front, as Moscow's dragging offensive drags on for almost two years. Lysychansk is a city in the occupied Lugansk region that fell to Russian forces after one of the most brutal battles during Moscow's long offensive in summer 2022. Before the Russian army entered Ukraine, it had a population of around 110,000 people. "Search operations continue on the site of the collapsed bakery [...] 28 people, including a child, have died," the Russian emergency situations ministry posted on Telegram. Occupational authorities in Lugansk said there were 18 men, nine women and one child among the dead. They did not give the child's age. Russia released images of an almost completely destroyed building, with rescuers combing the rubble in the dark, where they found a corpse and a wounded woman who was evacuated on a stretcher. The one-storey building had a large sign on it that read "Restaurant Adriatic". Russia alleged that Ukraine had used Western weapons in the strike and said it expected swift and "unconditional condemnation" from the international community.

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"These troubled conditions could seriously undermine the credibility of the ballot by sowing the seeds of pre- and post-electoral disputes," Sall said in his address. He did not set a new date for the vote, but said a parliamentary inquiry had been set up to look into how candidates were verified and any other issues, and that a national dialogue would also take place to ensure the eventual election is free, fair and transparent. He said the postponement would not run for a third term — an issue that has helped provoke recurrent and sometimes deadly protests in what is normally one of West Africa's most stable democracies. The U.S. State Department's Africa bureau said "we are deeply concerned about the disruption to the Presidential electoral calendar," in a post on X that said the bureau had noted Sall's reiteration he would not run again.

OIC reiterates call for just, peaceful settlement of Kashmir issue as per UNSC resolutions

JEDDAH (APP): The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on Monday reiterated its call for a just and peaceful settlement of the Kashmir issue in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations Security Council.

OIC Secretary-General Hissain Ibrahim Taha said this while addressing at a photo exhibition held in the OIC premises to highlight gross human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

Taha also expressed the OIC's pleasure in hosting the event organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pa-

kistan to the OIC on the occasion of "Kashmir Solidarity Day".

He reiterated the call for the full implementation of the relevant UN resolutions, which emphasized the right to self-determination for the people of Kashmir.

The secretary-general recalled that during the 49th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers held in March last year in Nouakchott, Islamic Republic of Mauritania, the Council urged India to reverse all illegal and unilateral measures taken on or after 5th August 2019; stop the gross, systematic and widespread human rights abuses in the Indian occu-

pled Jammu and Kashmir; and allow unrestricted access to UN Special Procedures, international media and independent observers to visit the occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

Hissain Taha also recalled the visit undertaken by his Special Representative for Jammu and Kashmir, Ambassador Yousef AlDobeay to the Azad Jammu and Kashmir.

He also reiterated the message that the OIC remained fully committed to working with all relevant stakeholders to find a peaceful and just solution that respects the rights and aspirations of the deserving people of Kashmir.

Rulers answerable to Almighty Allah, people: Maryam

MURREE (Online): PML-N chief organizer Maryam Nawaz has said rulers are answerable to Almighty Allah and people.

"People of Murree should seek account from that ruler where he was when they were dying here. I appeal to elders and youths that vote is not a piece of paper. They should cast it thoughtfully, she said this while addressing a public meeting here Monday.

She inquired from people that when Nawaz Sharif comes to power then people get jobs.

Affix stamp on tiger and Nawaz do Pakistan, she added.

Raising slogans in the perspective of Kashmir solidarity day she said Kashmir Banay ga Pakistan.



ISLAMABAD: Caretaker Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Murtaza Solangi leading Kashmir Solidarity Day Walk from Foreign Office Gate, Constitution Avenue to D-Chowk in front of Parliament House organized by Ministry of Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan.



RIYADH: Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (JCSC), General Sahir Shamsad Mirza unveiled the Fatah-II Multiple Launch Rocket System (MRLS), at World Defense Show (WDS) 2024 in Riyadh.

Solangi says Kashmiris created new history of courage, steadfastness against Indian oppression

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi Monday said that every generation of Kashmir had created a new story of courage, bravery and steadfastness by resisting illegal Indian occupation of their homeland.

Delivering his speech at Kashmir Solidarity Day rally here he said the people of Kashmir had been raising their voice against slavery since 1931 during the Dogra rule.

Paying tributes to the

sacrifices of the Kashmiri people, he said their fourth generation was waging struggle against Indian oppression and the time was not far when they will get rid of illegal Indian occupation. He said that at the time of partition of the subcontinent, India illegally annexed the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

He said, "United Nations through its several resolutions had promised to hold a free plebiscite so that they can decide whether they would join Pakistan or India."

People of IIOJK&K

were constantly raising their voice for their right to self-determination.

The minister strongly condemning Kashmiris genocide at the hands of Indian occupation forces, said, "India cannot be allowed to turn Kashmir into a graveyard."

He reiterated, "Pakistan always stood with the Kashmiri people for their right to self-determination and it would continue its moral, diplomatic and political support for their just cause till realization of their dream of freedom from Indian clutches."

Participation of youth vital to strengthen democracy, political system: PM

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Prime Minister Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on Monday said youth should be engaged in the political system and their energies should be utilized for strengthening democracy in the country.

Speaking during a podcast, he said political parties should be democratic minded to fortify democracy in the country.

Political parties in government should improve their performance to gain political space in the country, he added.

The prime minister said leadership of the political parties should be elected in a democratic manner in order to take democracy forward.

He said the idea of democracy was facing many challenges in Pakistan due to different reasons and weaknesses in the structure of the civil institutions.

He said the Afghan refugees lived in Pakistan for decades, and used the health and education services and the infrastructure of Pakistan and their businessmen earned billions of dollars through the Afghan transit trade.

The prime minister asserted that Pakistan wanted a friendly government in Afghanistan as was the desire of other countries in the region.

He was of the view that the government of Taliban was formed in Afghanistan after the world squandered its opportunities despite spending \$ 2 trillion.

He said the Taliban forcefully took over the government as the United States and NATO abandoned Afghanistan.

To a question, he said during his tenure, he interacted with the students from the educational institutions of Balochistan, Azad Kashmir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Balochistan, and shared his views with them and listened to their perspectives.

He said in Balochistan, armed insurgents were masquerading as civil society and speaking the language of human rights for achieving a certain goal.

Those elements never belonged to a mainstream political party but were part of the proscribed organizations in the province, he added.

PM Kakar said some groups in Balochistan wanted to carve out a new country on the basis of identity and through armed struggle, and they had declared a war on the state of Pakistan.

The stance of those elements was against morality, and the Constitution and laws of Pakistan, he remarked.

The prime minister said most of the people left the country for better jobs and due to economic reasons, however, millions of youth saw their future in Pakistan.

Those people who send remittances from abroad were assets of Pakistan and they were contributing to its economic growth, he remarked.

He opined that there were many people who wanted to return to Pakistan after living their lives in Europe and North America. In future, more people will return to Pakistan because of their Islamic roots and attachment to eastern values, he observed.

He said during his tenure he tried to take decisions in the best interest of Pakistan.

Minister lauds Pakistan Rangers' performance, professionalism

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Interior, Dr Gohar Ijaz on Monday visited the Pakistan Rangers (Punjab) headquarters and appreciated the professionalism and performance of the Rangers.

Director General Pakistan Rangers Punjab Major General Atif bin Akram welcomed the interior minister, who placed the flowers on the martyrs' memorial and recited Fatiha, said

a news release issued here.

The interior minister offered a special prayer for the martyrs of Kashmir in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day besides the Rangers Martyrs. He was briefed on the professional affairs of Pakistan Rangers Punjab.

Major General Atif bin Akram said that Pakistan Rangers Punjab will leave no stone unturned in the performance of professional duties.

JEDDAH: The OIC Secretary General, H.E. Hissain Ibrahim Taha graced the Kashmir Solidarity Day event as a 'Chief Guest', organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan to OIC at the OIC Secretariat.

Bilawal vows to change Karachi's fortune in five years if PPP elected

KARACHI (INP): Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari on Monday stated that if the people of Karachi elected PPP candidates from at least 20 National Assembly seats, the city's landscape will change within five years.

The Pakistan's financial capital 22 and 47 national and provincial assembly seats, respectively.

As part of his electoral campaign, Bilawal addressed the public in various areas of Karachi today, delivering speeches in the form of rallies.

Speaking at a gathering in Keamari's PT Ground, he expressed his vision for the city,

emphasising the potential changes that could occur if the people choose PPP representatives.

"If the people of Karachi elect my representatives, then like local government, the provincial government will also be in our hands, and with your votes, even the federal government will be in our hands," Bilawal declared during his speech.

"Give 20 [NA] seats to PPP, and then within five years, we will change Karachi. We will form our government at the federal level and work on historic projects in Karachi. This city will be given representation as it deserves."



ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to Prime Minister for Human Rights and Women Empowerment, Mushaal Husseain Mullick addressing at a poster exhibition organized by National College of Arts (NCA) in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day.

Streets of Barcelona, Paris echo with 'Free Kashmir' & 'Free Palestine' slogans

ISLAMABAD (APP): The streets of Barcelona, in a powerful display of unity, echoed with 'Free Kashmir' and 'Free Palestine' slogans as the Kashmiri diaspora and their allies gathered for the annual 'Kashmir Solidarity Day' march.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the event, organized by leaders such as Fahim Kayani of Tehreek-e-Kashmir UK, drew attention to the intertwined struggles of Kashmiris and Palestinians for self-determination.

Fahim Kayani, addressing the crowd, stressed the common goal of liberation from illegal occupations. He highlighted the historical ties between the occupied territories, where India and Israel, as occupiers and allies, have faced united resistance.

British MP Yasmin

Qureshi lent her support, affirming the right to self-determination for Kashmiris under international law. She pledged to advocate for their cause in the British Parliament and called for a ceasefire to alleviate the suffering in both Kashmir and Gaza.

Safa Chaudary, a Spanish human rights activist, passionately spoke about the shared resistance against occupation forces in Kashmir and Palestine. She confidently asserted that the oppressors would fail, as the global community stood firmly with the aspirations of both regions.

Turgay Evren, a Turkish songwriter, and various leaders, along with representatives from Pakistan and Spain, reiterated their commitment to the ongoing struggle.

Work continues on restoration of diversion on Hub river bridge

Independent Report
QUETTA: The work has been started on restoration of the diversion built on the Hub river bridge in Hub, on war footing grounds.

According to the Assistant Commissioner Hub, Syed Samiullah Agha, the heavy machinery has been made available at the site after the flood water recedes in the area.

The Assistant Commissioner Hub visited the

site along with Deputy Director of National Highway Authority (NHA) Muhammad Sami.

Speaking on the occasion, the Assistant Commissioner said that work has been started on restoration of the diversion passage of the Hub river affected due to the recent rains.

He said that the administration is taking steps for resolving the public issues in Hub.



LAHORE: Jamat-e-Islami (JI) Chief, Siraj-ul-Haq joins hands with other leaders during demonstration rally to express solidarity with the people of Indian occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and condemn brutality of Indian Army in Kashmir on the occasion of "Kashmir Solidarity Day", held at Mall road in Lahore.

General elections should be peaceful in country, insists Senator Allama Sajid Mir

Independent Report
QUETTA: The Ameer of Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith, Senator Allama Sajid Mir has stressed that the upcoming general elections should be conducted peacefully and the democratic government is need of the country.

Senator Sajid Mir was addressing a press conference here at the Quetta press club on Monday.

On the occasion, the candidate of Jamiat Ahle Hadith, Maulana Masood Madni announced to withdraw in favour of JUI Chief Maulana Fazalur Rehman on the NA-265.

Senator Sajid Mir said attempts were made to create hatred in the elections.

Referring withdrawal of candidate of his party, Sajid Mir mentioned that Maulana Madni has with-

drawn his candidature on request of Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.

Referring the Kashmiri solidarity day, Sajid Mir said that the voice of Islamic world on the Kashmir issue is just silent, which is questionable. He stressed the need to resolve the Kashmir issue in accordance with the resolutions of United Nations.

He also condemned the barbarism of Israel against the Palestinians saying that no one took action on the cruelties unleashed against the innocent Palestinians.

He also stressed the need to resolve the issue of missing persons in the province.

He urged the concerned authorities to punish those if committed crime against the state.

IPP wants a stable govt after general polls: Tareen

LODHHRAN (INP): Istehkam-e-Pakistan Party (IPP) Chief Jahangir Khan Tareen has said that IPP wanted a stable government after general elections 2024 which must complete its five-year term.

Addressing an election rally in Lodhran on Monday, Jahangir Tareen wished that as a result of the general elections a strong government should be formed as a weak one always caused problems and uncertainty in the country.

He said the culture of rumors against the governments in Pakistan is not a good omen and desired a government which must complete its five years in office.

Jahangir Tareen said this time Lodhran election will be historic and the IPP will win with big margin. Elaborating his political agenda if voted into power, Tareen reaffirmed that his party would work on improving economic indicators to address unemployment as well as increase the salaries of those who are already employed.



RAWALPINDI: A convoy of army patrols at Rawal road in the city ahead of the upcoming general elections.

Ji to continue unwavering support to freedom struggles of Kashmir, Palestine: Siraj

ISLAMABAD (INP): Ameer Jamaat-e-Islami (JI) Pakistan, Siraj-ul-Haq on Monday clarified that his party's steadfast commitment to the freedom struggles of Kashmir and Palestine.

He emphasized the need for a strong political stance and expressed the party's top priority the independence of Kashmir, while talking to PTV News.

Siraj-ul-Haq affirmed the unwavering dedication

of Jamaat-e-Islami to the freedom causes of both Kashmir and Palestine.

He urged politicians to adopt a solid stance on the issues of Kashmir and Palestine.

The JI chief assured that the Pakistani nation would persist in providing unwavering support to the people of Kashmir.

Responding to a question, he said JI has a comprehensive plan for Karachi if elected.

Solangi flays terrorist attack on police station in DI Khan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Caretaker Federal Minister for Information, Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs Murtaza Solangi strongly condemned the terrorist attack on the police station in DI Khan on Monday.

In a statement, the caretaker minister expressed sorrow over the martyrdom of 10 police personnel in the terrorist incident and condoled with the bereaved families of the martyrs.

Pakistan Navy rescue 9 Indian seamen stranded at sea

ISLAMABAD (PR): Pakistan Navy in coordination with Pakistan Maritime Security Agency saved the lives of 9 Indian seamen at sea. An Ocean Tug SAS-5

In early morning of 04 Feb 24, Pakistan Navy Joint Maritime Information and Coordination Center (JMICC) received a distress signal from the Ocean.

PMSA generated response to initiate a Search & Rescue Operation to provide assistance to the stranded Tug. Initially, PN Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft was tasked to locate the tug at sea followed by a Search and Rescue operation by Pakistan Maritime Security Ship (PMSS) KASHMIR which was deployed on routine Maritime Security Operations in the area.

Upon reaching the distressed Tug, PMSS KASHMIR secured the Tug alongside and after three hours of strenuous repair efforts the defect was rectified. Besides technical assistance, medical facilities, fresh water and cooked meals were also provided to the fatigued crew of the Tug.



registered at St Kitts & Nevis was disabled for last few days near the Indian coast at a position 167 NM South East of Karachi. The tug suffered a failure of its electric generators and had no electrical supply.

The Tug began its voyage from Indian port of Debbol at Maharashtra on 1st Feb 24 and was heading to Sharjah, UAE.

Upon receipt of information, Pakistan Navy in coordination with HQ