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Four security personnel martyred during PTI protest

Rangers begin arrests, regain control of D-Chowk after pushing back PTI protesters

Army deployed in Islamabad as PTI anti-govt campaign turns violent; Over 100 police officers injured, many critically, in ongoing unrest.

Monitoring Desk

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan Rangers have regained control of Islamabad's D-Chowk after beginning arrests and pushing back PTI protesters from the venue of the party's much-touted power show.

A private tv channel report that PTI protesters began retreating from the site in the face of heavy teargas shelling and action by the authorities.

Protesters earlier gathered at the site for the party's protest to demand PTI founder Imran Khan's

release, among other things, amid reports of intense tear gas shelling by security forces to curtail the large crowds. The PTI convoys have been plying roads countrywide since Sunday.

There were blackouts in many areas of Islamabad, including D-Chowk, Jinnah Avenue, G6, G8 and G9.

Scores of people have also been injured, including journalists who were attacked by demonstrators, as dozens of PTI supporters beat a videographer covering the protest for The

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Govt rejects any negotiations with PTI, accuses opposition of escalating tensions

Information minister warns against testing the state's patience, says Bushra Bibi seeking "blood and bodies"

ISLAMABAD (INP): The government has firmly rejected any possibility of negotiations with Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) protesters, escalating tensions following days of demonstrations in Islamabad.

Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and Information Minister Atta Tarar held a joint press conference on Tuesday, stating that the protesters, who had gathered at D-Chowk, had been pushed back and the area was cleared. The ministers stressed that no discussions would take place with the demonstrators.

The interior minister maintained that no negotiations would be held with the protesters, asserting that "now that they have come and seen the situation, there is no possibility of talks."

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and President of Belarus H.E. Aleksandr Lukashenko exchanging joint communiqué.

Pakistan, Belarus agree on early realization of bilateral accords in multiple sectors

Underscore significance of advancing political dialogue, expanding trade, economic cooperation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan and Belarus on Tuesday agreed on the early realization of bilateral accords to enhance cooperation in trade, agriculture, food, defence and technology to monetize the decades-old political bilateral relations.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and President of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko, addressing a joint press stakeout following their bilateral meeting and delegation-level talks, said that both sides had reached an agreement to solidify the understanding reached between the two leaders and convert them

into agreements by February next year.

Earlier, both leaders witnessed the exchange of important agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs), encompassing cooperation in environmental protection, disaster management, halal trade, audit institutions, financial intelligence sharing, vocational education and science & technology.

One of the key outcomes of the meeting was the signing of the "Roadmap for Comprehensive Cooperation between Pakistan and Belarus for 2025-2027," which outlines a strategic framework for

enhancing economic ties through high-level meetings, inter-governmental commissions, and targeted collaborative initiatives.

Talking to the media, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif referred to the closeness between Pakistan and Belarus and said that in their "productive" bilateral meeting and the delegation-level talks, they discussed the cooperation in multiple sectors including commerce, tourism, defence, food and others.

He lauded President Lukashenko's commitment to turning the bilateral un-

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Bushra Bibi, wife of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan, and PTI supporters attend a rally demanding his release, in Islamabad.

Sadiq Umrani concerned about bringing exceptional amendments in IRSA Act by federal government

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QUETTA: The senior Provincial Minister for Irrigation and member of Central Committee of Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani has expressed concern over the efforts being made by the federal government for bringing extraordinary amendments in the IRSA Act.

He said that IRSA Act would not only be weakened with the efforts being made by federal government to bring exceptional amendments in the Act, but it would also be annulled.

He said that the amendments in the IRSA Act would cause differences among the provinces besides mounting misunder-

standings further.

Mir Muhammad Sadiq Umrani said that the WAA was approved with mutual consent of the provinces in 1991, which is intact even today.

He also mentioned that all the provinces are being provided water from the Indus Main Irrigation System 1815.

He said that the share of Balochistan is very meager, and doesn't meet our requirements.

He said that we fully endorse the stance of Sindh on the matter of IRSA, and we would not withdraw from it.

He also mentioned that the Provincial Assembly has already adopted a resolution against amendments in the IRSA Act.

PM hosts banquet in President Lukashenko's honour

ISLAMABAD (APP): Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday hosted a banquet in the honour of President of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko at the Prime Minister's House.

The banquet was also attended by members of the Belarusian delegation and members of the federal cabinet, PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

Earlier, President of the Republic of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko had arrived Islamabad on an official visit to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at the invitation of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

Security Forces foil Khwarij attempts to enter Pakistan, kill 3 terrorists

RAWALPINDI (APP): The Security Forces killed three Khwarij terrorists by thwarting their attempt to infiltrate through Pak-Afghan border on Monday night in general area of Hassan Khel, North Waziristan District.

"Movement of a group of khwarij, who were trying to infiltrate through Pakistan-Afghanistan border, was picked up by the security forces in general area of Hassan Khel, North Waziristan District. Own troops effectively engaged and thwarted their attempt to infiltrate. Resultantly, three Khwarij were sent to hell, according to a news release by Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

Pakistan has consistently been asking the Interim Afghan Government to ensure effective border management on their side of the border. The interim Afghan Government is expected to fulfil its obligations and deny the use of Afghan soil by Khwarij for perpetuating acts of terrorism against Pakistan, it further said.

'Miscreants want bloodshed, not revolution': PM Shehbaz

Says Pakistan cannot afford any form of chaos or bloodshed; PM, COAS attend funeral prayers of Shaheed security personnel

ISLAMABAD (APP): Funeral prayers of three Rangers officials, who embraced Shahadat yesterday during the ongoing protest, were offered at Chaklala Garrison, on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, Deputy Prime Minister Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi, Minister for Information Attaulah Tarar, Chief of Army Staff General Syed Asim Munir, NI(M), senior serving mili-

tary and civil officials attended the funeral. PM Office Media Wing said in a press release.

"Pakistan cannot afford any chaos and bloodshed for achieving vested political purposes. These acts of violence are unacceptable and highly condemnable which are bordering the limits of restraint by the Law Enforcement Agencies. The entire nation pays homage to the

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QUETTA: Balochistan Chief Minister Mir Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti speaking to the participants of 14th National Workshop on Balochistan.

Backwardness not basic reason behind insurgency in Balochistan: asserts CM

Mir Sarfaraz Bugti says any Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki or any other didn't keep Balochistan backward, rather there's hand of own people in it; says steps being taken to bridge gulf between State and youth in province on priority basis

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QUETTA: The Chief Minister Balochistan, Mir Sarfaraz Bugti has categorically stated that backwardness is not the basic reason behind insurgency in the province, and added that any Punjabi, Sindhi, Siraiki or any other has kept the province backward, rather there's hand of the own people in it.

He said that backwardness in the province is not because of the people coming from outside, rather it is because of own people.

The Chief Minister also stressed the need to make the real concept of Balochistan compatible with facts.

He also stressed that there's a need to correct the historical facts.

The Chief Minister was addressing the participants of 14th National Workshop Balochistan here on Tuesday.

The Chief Minister said that the merger of Balochistan in Pakistan was made with mutual consent and the narrative of forced accession is just wrong propaganda.

He said that the operation was conducted against the insurgency in limited area and that at the limited level.

He said that it is just wrong to attribute the operation in limited area as operation in the whole

province.

He stressed the need to correct the historic facts.

Referring to the province, Chief Minister said that Balochistan is being pushed towards instability in three ways.

While resentment is being spread by killing innocent people through violence, he mentioned adding that hatred is being spread against the State through baseless propaganda on social media.

Moreover, social instability is being created through the negative social tricks, he added.

He said that the unbalanced development is the issue of whole country. He

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RAWALPINDI: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and COAS General Asim Munir attend the funeral procession of the martyred Rangers officials.

US urges Pak to respect human rights, PTI protesters' right to demonstrate

WASHINGTON (INP): The United States has urged Pakistani authorities to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the PTI protesters' right to demonstrate peacefully, US State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said on Tuesday.

As the PTI convoys from various parts of the country are enroute Islamabad to demand the release of its incarcerated founder Imran Khan, the federal government has vowed to not let them reach their desired destination in the capital, D-Chowk.

Containers and barbed wires have been strategically placed to impede PTI supporters, while heavy police deployments indicate that the authorities are determined to use force, if

need be. In the State Department briefing earlier on Tuesday, Miller was asked to comment on the PTI supporters' protest as well as their reported clashes with the police. "In Pakistan and around the world, we support freedom of expression, peaceful assembly, and association," the spokesperson said.

"We call on protesters to demonstrate peacefully and refrain from violence, and at the same time, we call on Pakistani authorities to respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to ensure respect for Pakistan's laws and constitution, as they work to maintain law and order." The statement comes after clampdown on PTI's 'do or die' protest in the federal capital.



QUETTA: Provincial Minister for Health Bakht Muhammad Kakar presides over the meeting to ensure medicine supply in hospitals. Secretary Health Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Panezai is also present.

Imran urges supporters to stand firm until demands are met

RAWALPINDI (INP): Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) founder Imran Khan has lauded his party's supporters in Islamabad and D-Chowk, urging them to remain steadfast in their protests until their demands are met.

In a statement shared via his official X account, Khan expressed his gratitude to the Pakistani nation and PTI activists for standing up for their rights and engaging in peaceful protests against what he described as a "mafia" that has taken control of the country.

"I salute the Pakistani nation and PTI workers who are standing for their rights, protesting peacefully, and demanding real

freedom in the face of the mafia imposed on this country," Khan wrote.

The PTI founder stated that his message to his team was clear: "Fight until the last ball, and we will not back down until our demands are fulfilled." He reiterated the party's resolve to push forward with their protests, regardless of the opposition.

Khan accused the authorities of violence against protesters, claiming that police and Rangers forces, under the direction of interior Punjab Chief Minister Mohsin Naqvi, fired upon PTI workers and used tear gas, resulting in injuries. He demanded accountability for the actions taken against the demonstrators.



MOSCOW: Speaker National Assembly Sardar Ayaz Sadiq being welcomed at Moscow on his arrival by Vice Chairman of Russian State Duma Mr. Alexander Babakov.

GoB grieved over martyrdom of Rangers' cops in attack of miscreants in Islamabad

QUETTA: The Government of Balochistan has expressed grief and sorrow over martyrdom of the personnel of Rangers in attack made by the miscreants in Islamabad.

In a statement issued here on Tuesday, the spokesman of provincial government, Shahid Rind expressed condolence with the bereaved families of martyr cops of Rangers.

He said that personnel of Rangers embraced martyrdom while performing their duties.

He stressed to take action against the elements involved in the violence, according to the law and constitution.

He also demanded to lodge FIR against the elements involved in killing of the cops of Rangers, who otherwise were deputed for restoration of peace.

Saim Ayub, Abrar Ahmed help Pakistan thrash Zimbabwe in second ODI

BULAWAYO (INP) - Pakistan defeated Zimbabwe by 10 wickets in the second ODI to level the three match series 1-1.

Chasing a modest target of 146 runs, Pakistan opener Saim Ayub smashed his maiden century, remaining unbeaten with 117 runs, while his partner Abdullah Shafique contributed 32 runs. The duo achieved the target in the 19th over.

Earlier, Zimbabwe had set Pakistan a target of 146 runs. The host were bowled out for 145 runs in 32.3 overs. Debutant Abrar Ahmed took 4 wickets for Pakistan.

Zimbabwe batters displayed a poor bat-

ting performance as openers Joylord Gumbie (5) and Tadiwanashe Marumani (4) were dismissed early. The third-wicket partnership added 38 runs, but Devon Myers (33) and captain, Craig Ervine (18) were also dismissed.

After that, no Zimbabwean batter was able to withstand the Pakistani bowlers. Sikandar Raza scored 17, Sean Williams 31, Brian Bennett 14, Blessing Muzarabani 11, Brandon Mavuta 3, and Richard Ngarava 2 runs before being out.

For Pakistan, Abrar Ahmed claimed 4 wickets, while Salman Ali Agha took 3, Saim Ayub and Faisal Akram took

1 wicket each.

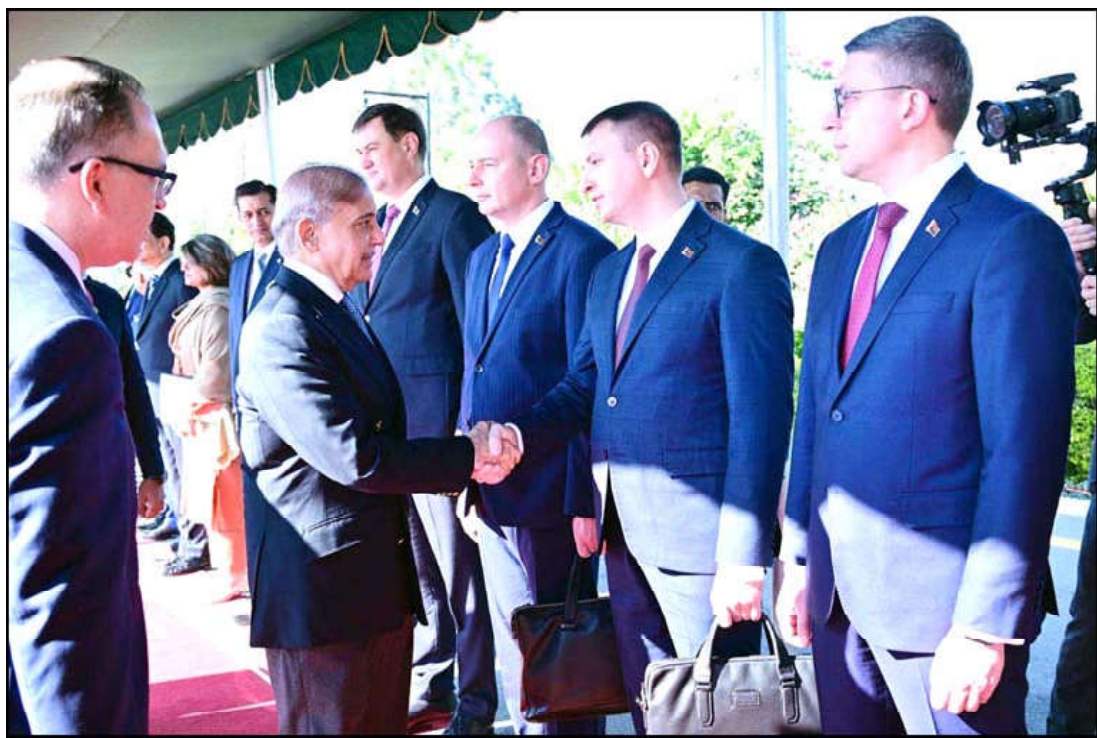
Two changes were made to the team, with Tayyab Tahir replacing Haseebullah Khan, and Abrar Ahmed coming in for Mohammad Hasnain. Both players would make their debuts today (Tuesday) in Bulawayo.

Zimbabwe must win today's match to secure their first-ever ODI series victory against Pakistan, while Pakistan must win today's match to save itself from losing the first-ever series from Zimbabwe.

Pakistan lost the first ODI against Zimbabwe by 80 runs under the DLS method. Zimbabwe lead the three-match series 1-0.

Zimbabwe XI:
Joylord Gumbie, Tadiwanashe Marumani, Dion Myers, Craig Ervine ©, Sean Williams, Sikandar Raza, Brian Bennett, Brandon Mavuta, Richard Ngarava, Blessing Muzarabani, Trevor Gwandu

Pakistan XI:
Mohammad Rizwan ©, Saim Ayub, Abdullah Shafique, Kamran Ghulam, Tayyab Tahir, Salman Ali Agha, Mohammad Irfan Khan, Aamer Jamal, Faisal Akram, Abrar Ahmed, Haris Rauf.



ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and President of Belarus H.E. Aleksandr Lukashenko introducing their respective delegations.

SP Chagai for action against criminal elements to maintain peace

QUETTA (APP): Superintendent of Police (SP) Chagai Syed Fazil Shah Bukhari on Tuesday said that strict action would be taken against criminal elements and drug peddlers to maintain law and order situation in the area.

He said this while assuming charge of his post SP Chagai.

The newly appointed SP Syed Fazil Shah Bukhari was greeted by a police contingent upon his arrival at the SP office.

DSP Abid Sherzai, SHO Dalbandin Abdul Qadir Mengal Office

Superintendent Shakeel Ahmed Baloch and other officers were also present.

After assuming charge, a meeting was called immediately. In the meeting, all DSPs and Investigations officers were directed to further improve their performance. The SP Chagai said that the police should intensify the checking process at all the routes.

He said that the police should immediately resolve the legitimate complaints of the people coming to the police stations and ensure their every possible assistance.

Speakers at webinar demand end to Indian atrocities on women in IIOJK

ISLAMABAD (INP): Speakers in a webinar expressed deep concern over the ongoing atrocities, sexual violence, and human rights violations against women in Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The webinar, organized by Friends of Kashmir International on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, was attended by various global and Kashmiri leaders who called on the international community to take immediate action to address these issues.

Mushaal Hussain Malik, Chairperson of the Peace and Culture Foundation, emphasized that sexual and mental abuse of

women in IIOJK is an unforgivable crime. She noted that Kashmiri women, through their courage and sacrifices, are resisting oppression, but they need international support to continue their struggle.

Ghazala Habib, Chairperson of Friends of Kashmir International, pointed out that women in Kashmir are systematically subjected to violence and oppression, and she called for the immediate intervention of the international community to stop these atrocities.

Legal and international affairs expert Dr. Asma Khwaja stated that the actions of Indian forces are a blatant violation of international human rights laws,

and there is an urgent need for strong measures against these violations.

Ali Raza Syed, Chairman of the Kashmir Council EU, urged the European Union to play a proactive role in stopping the violation of women's rights in IIOJK.

The webinar was attended by several other participants, including Abdul Hamid Lone, Mohammad Haroon Abbas, Naila Altaf Kiani, Rana Basharat Ali Khan, Professor Taqdees Gilani, Shaheen Kausar Dar, Nazish Khattak, Mirza Asif Jeral, Tayiba Khurshid, Sadia Sattar, Nazneen Gilani, Rimsha Malik, Hina Baasheer, Ayesha Kirmani, Asim Zaeb, and Nazia Sheikh.



BEIJING: Ambassador of Pakistan to China, Mr. Khalil Hashmi welcomed Mayor Liu Jianjun, including 29 agro enterprises, of Weifang city in Shandong province to the 3rd Pakistan-China B2B Investment Meeting on fruits, vegetables and animal fodder sector in Beijing.

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Associated Press and took his camera. He sustained head injuries and was treated in a hospital.

Earlier the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) convoy, led by Bushra Bibi, the wife of Imran Khan, is approaching Islamabad's Zero Point, which has been taken under the control of Pakistan Army soldiers.

The Ministry of Interior earlier during the day had announced the deployment of the Pakistan Army under Article 245 of the Constitution in response to escalating security concerns in Islamabad.

Naqvi said that the PTI wanted "bodies to advance their disruptive agenda" but the authorities would not give them the chance. He warned that if the police fire bullets in response to the protesters' firing, they could not even cross

Pathargarh, yet the law-enforcement personnel exercised restraint.

"No one has ever been given permission to protest in D-Chowk. We offered them to give application and sit in Sangiani," Naqvi said during his D-Chowk visit.

"My information is that they got approval from Imran Khan but we haven't got a final answer from PTI," he added.

"I'm saying again the Belarus president is here in Pakistan, so do not cross the Red Line. Otherwise, we will have to take extreme steps, including invoking Article 245 [calling in the army], imposing curfew or any other extreme steps," the minister continued.

APP adds: At least four personnel of Rangers embraced martyrdom while five others and police personnel sustained seriously

injuries when miscreants rammed a vehicle into them at Srinagar Highway in the wee hours of Tuesday.

According to security sources, four personnel of Rangers and two of police have been martyred so far in attacks on law enforcement agencies by PTI miscreants. Over 100 police officials have also been injured and many of them sustained severe injuries, they further said.

The security sources said that under Article 245 of the constitution, Army has been summoned to deal with the miscreants and troublemakers with iron hands. Shoot at sight orders have also been issued, they said.

The security sources further said that all necessary measures were being taken to deal with anarchists and miscreants in response to any act of terrorism.

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The government has made a clear decision that there will be no negotiations with those on the sit-in."

He detailed the actions taken by the government forces, stating that not only had the protesters been removed from D-Chowk, but they had been pushed back "two roundabouts away."

Naqvi accused the PTI protesters of trying to provoke violence, claiming that their objective was to cause casualties, a situation the government worked hard to avoid.

"We saw the type of people who came in these protest caravans," he remarked. "Their goal was to provoke violence and create martyrs, but we managed to clear the area without any loss of life," he added.

He also referred to Bushra Bibi, wife of PTI founder Imran Khan, as being responsible for instigating the unrest. "The person responsible for the loss of life and property is one woman," Naqvi said, without explicitly naming Bibi, adding that the authorities would "deal with her accordingly."

Information Minister Atta Tarar joined Naqvi in condemning the protesters, accusing PTI of using children as human shields and attempting to stir violence.

During the press conference, he displayed marbles and shells used by the protesters to attack law enforcement, further highlighting the escalating nature of the protests. He said, "Today, we dealt with them, and we have pushed them two roundabouts back. No one can free any-

one by force here."

The minister also accused PTI of orchestrating the protest with the help of foreign elements, claiming that Afghan nationals had been recruited to join the demonstration. He specifically named a "daily wage worker from Swat" and a 16-year-old Afghan boy as examples of foreign participation.

In a direct challenge to PTI and Bushra Bibi, Tarar demanded that she bring forward her family members, including her sons Qasim and Suleman, for further confrontation.

He declared that the government had repelled PTI's assault, and no negotiations would be entertained. "There are cases in the courts; what is there to talk about? Can we offer an NRO or a deal?" he remarked.

Tarar warned against testing the state's patience, accusing Bushra Bibi of seeking to take "blood and bodies" in her pursuit of political goals. "She should have the courage to lead from the front. We are still standing at D-Chowk," he added.

The information minister stated that while firing a gun may seem easy, the government would not allow protesters to receive the deaths they were seeking. "We will not give them martyrs," he said. "Let's find out whose hands are stained with the blood of the police and Rangers martyrs."

He concluded by daring the PTI protesters to advance, stating, "Come forward, we are ready. Anyone who tries to come here will face a strong response."

Pakistan Shaheens, Sri Lanka A last two 50-over matches postponed

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Pakistan Cricket Board, in consultation with Sri Lanka Cricket, has postponed the last two 50-over matches of the Pakistan Shaheens-Sri Lanka A series due to a political activity in the federal capital.

The last two matches were scheduled for Wednesday and Friday at the Rawalpindi Cricket Stadium. Both boards will collaborate to finalise new dates to complete the series, said a press release.

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QUETTA: Parliamentary Secretary Haji Barkat Ali Rind meeting with Provincial Minister for Communication and Works Mir Saleem Ahmed Khosa.

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said that measures are being taken to bridge the gulf between State and youth in the province.

The Chief Minister also mentioned that implementation has been started on first Youth Policy after its formulation.

In addition to this, it has been decided to grant scholarships to the students of Balochistan for Ph.D from 200

prominent universities of the world.

Similarly, the Provincial government would bear 16 years' educational expenditures of the topper students from each district.

While on the other hand, we are going to send 30,000 youngsters to abroad after making them skilled in next three years.

He also reiterated the government's offer of interest free loans to youth for their business plans.

He said that we are also working for bringing improvement in governance in the province. He said

that we would restore trust if youth on the State by improving governance.

He asserted that now youth of the province has to decide that whether they would become part of the abortive war or move ahead in educational and social development.

We have stopped selling of government jobs in the province, he said adding work is continued to re-open the closed schools in the province.

He said that 100 closed schools have been reopened in Pishin district.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah meets with the 51th Specialized Training Program officers of the Initial Command Course at CM House.

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derstandings into practical agreements and actions.

The prime minister told the media that the two sides would sit together later in the day to finalise the roadmap for cooperation in agriculture, joint ventures, mining and minerals, IT and possibilities for heavy machinery manufacturing. This will follow another discussion in Minsk to finalize and make arrangements for agreements to be signed in February next year by him and President Lukashenko to convert them into concert actions.

The prime minister said that their meeting also featured a discussion on the heart-wrenching situation in Gaza where 45,000 people had been killed while the ceasefire could not yet take place despite the UN resolutions and the ruling by the International Court of Justice.

Expressing gratitude to the Belarusian president for the Kashmir cause, he said global peace would remain a far cry until the issues were resolved.

In his remarks, Presi-

dent Lukashenko said both sides discussed the ways to realize the MoUs signed by two sides and also appreciated Prime Minister Shehbaz's vision and approach to turning the bilateral understanding into actions.

He said Pakistan and Belarus had decades-old political and diplomatic relations which necessitated to monetise these ties for the benefit of the two peoples and utilise immense potential.

He expressed his country's willingness to share technology with Pakistan in different areas of expertise and also assured support to work on the agreed areas of cooperation.

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif and President of Republic of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko on Tuesday emphasized the importance of advancing political dialogue and strengthening inter-parliamentary relations.

They also focused on expanding trade and economic cooperation, adopting a collaborative approach to regional economic integration and con-

nectivity and enhancing the legal framework to facilitate bilateral collaboration, said a joint statement between the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Republic of Belarus.

President of the Republic of Belarus Aleksandr Lukashenko had arrived on an official visit to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan at the invitation of Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.

During the visit, the two leaders comprehensively reviewed the full range of bilateral relations and reaffirmed their mutual commitment to deepening friendly ties between the two countries across political, trade, economic, cultural, social, and other areas.

This year marked the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and Belarus. Both sides acknowledged that their relationship had grown into a durable, broad-based, and comprehensive partnership of increasing significance.

Pakistan congratulated Belarus on its full membership in the Shanghai Coop-

eration Organization (SCO), with Belarus noting Pakistan's early support for its accession.

The prime minister appreciated the active participation of the prime minister of Belarus in the SCO Council of Heads of Governments meeting, hosted by Pakistan in October 2024. The two sides agreed to work closely within this important forum to further strengthen their cooperation.

Recognizing Belarus's advanced agricultural manufacturing capabilities and the needs of Pakistan's agriculture-based economy, the two sides agreed to promote the establishment of joint ventures in the agriculture and industrial sectors, including for the production of high-tech and large-scale agricultural machinery.

Both sides also agreed to collaborate in sales, manufacturing and servicing of vehicles, including through partnerships between private and public organizations of both countries.

This initiative aimed to leverage the strengths of both countries in automo-

tive manufacturing and technology, boosting industrial growth and innovation.

Both sides also agreed to cooperate in expanding the network of sales and services of Belarusian agricultural machinery in various Pakistani cities, including through partnerships with Pakistani private and public organizations.

Additionally, they considered initiating educational programs in sphere of agricultural machines manufacturing.

During the visit, the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) and the Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI), in collaboration with the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BelCCI), organized a Belarus-Pakistan Business Forum.

The event saw participation from over thirty Belarusian companies and nearly one hundred Pakistani counterparts from various sectors, fostering valuable interactions and potential business opportunities.

The two leaders ex-

pressed their satisfaction at the successful organization of the forum.

They also agreed to encourage both government and private sectors to collaborate and organize series of seminars on "Doing Business with Each Other" aiming to reduce trade barriers and facilitate market access.

To enhance trade linkages, both sides welcomed signing of an MOU between the National Logistics Corporation (NLC) and Beltamozhservice and agreed to encourage other stakeholders, including logistics companies, to develop optimal maritime and land routes for efficiently delivering goods to each other's markets.

This initiative aims to streamline transportation, reduce costs, and improve the overall efficiency of trade between the two countries.

Recognizing the immense potential for expanding collaboration in science and technology, and noting the progress made over the past decade, both sides agreed to establish stronger ties between their scientific communities.

TENDER NOTICE

The Section Officer Services And General Administration Department (S&GAD) invites bids from eligible Bidders for supply of following objects. **Tender Fee +1 (Green Challan) Rs.1000/-**

S.No.	Name of Objects	Bid Security
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Issuance of tender Documents: From the date of publication of NIT to 10/12/2024, during office hours on working days. **Last Date of bid submission:** The Tenders must be submitted latest by 10/12/2024 till 12:00 PM at the office of the undersigned. **Tender opening:** All tenders will be opened on same day at the office of the under-signed at 01:00PM. **on EPPS System Address: Section Officer (B&A) Services And General Administration Department (S&GAD).**

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif hosts a banquet in the honor of President of Belarus, Aleksandr Lukashenko at Prime Minister's House.

PTI's involvement in lawlessness puts its political party status in doubt: Irfan

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senator Irfan Siddiqui, the parliamentary party leader of PML-N in the Senate and chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, on Tuesday questioned PTI's status as a political party due to its involvement in terrorism, lawlessness, and anti-Pakistan actions.

In a statement shared on his social media platform X, Siddiqui said the time has come for clear and decisive action regarding PTI, warning that any further delay could be very costly.

Siddiqui stressed that PTI's actions, especially after May 9, 2023, have gone too far, and it is now

time for a clear and decisive decision regarding the party's status.

Soon, a decision must be made on whether a group that fosters insecurity, lawlessness, sedition, corruption, murder, destruction, and an anti-Pakistan agenda deserves to be recognized as a "political party."

He emphasized that Pakistan has never seen a political party that has waged war against the federation using provincial power, resulting in the deaths of officials and injuries to hundreds.

"In Pakistan's 77-year history, which political party has used provincial power to wage war against

the federal government, open fire, deploy tear gas, kill several officials, and injure hundreds?"

Siddiqui stated that PTI ceased to be a political party after May 9, 2023, yet it was granted an extended reprieve. As a result, a ruthless force carrying a political agenda has reached Islamabad, spilling blood and bringing with it a May 9 that far surpasses the original event.

When the state, fulfilling its constitutional duty by handling funerals and collecting the bodies, responds, the riotous group cries out for "political rights" under the guise of persecution.



ISLAMABAD: A motorcycle burned by supporters of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party during protest at D-Chowk, in the Federal Capital.

IHC upholds SECP orders against Moti

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Islamabad High Court has delivered a landmark verdict, upholding the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan's (SECP) orders against the legal heirs of Siddiq Moti.

The Court dismissed the appeal filed against the decisions of SECP's Securities Market Division and its Appellate Bench. The judgment, issued on November 19, 2024, reaffirms SECP's regulatory authority and underscores the importance of safeguarding investor securities.

The case originated from a complaint alleging unauthorizedly transferred shares by brokerage house of Siddiq Moti from sub-accounts maintained by the complainant with Central Depository Company. The

SECP, following an investigation, determined that these transactions were carried out in violation of the Central Depositories Act, 1997 and the findings were subsequently upheld by the SECP's Appellate Bench in 2015. The Islamabad High Court found no legal or procedural flaws in SECP's handling of the case. It observed that broad authorization clauses in account-opening forms do not grant brokers the authority to transfer securities from clients' sub-accounts without explicit and specific approval.

The court emphasized that factual determinations made by SECP and its Appellate Bench, as specialized regulatory bodies, cannot be overturned in a second appeal unless substantial legal errors are clearly established.

PPPPSG expresses grief over Srinagar Highway tragedy

ISLAMABAD (APP): Syed Nayyar Bukhari, Secretary General of Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians (PPPP), on Tuesday expressed deep sorrow and regret over the tragic martyrdom of Rangers and Police personnel on Srinagar Highway.

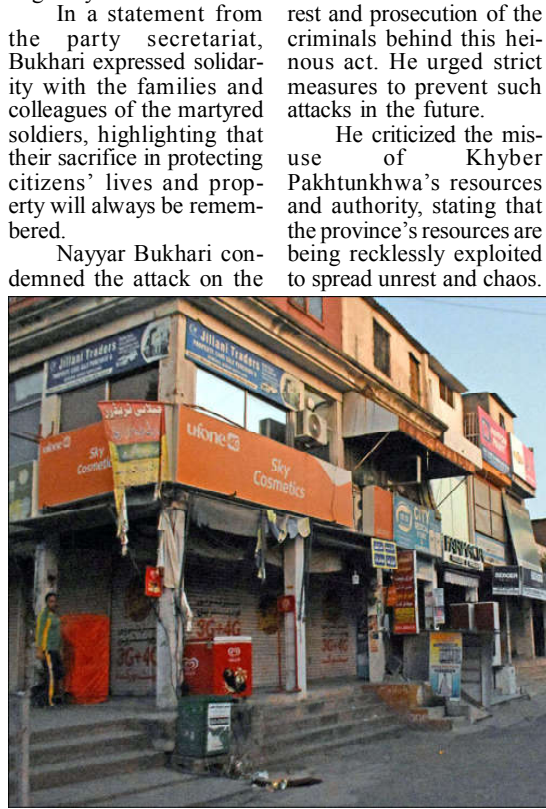
In a statement from the party secretariat, Bukhari expressed solidarity with the families and colleagues of the martyred soldiers, highlighting that their sacrifice in protecting citizens' lives and property will always be remembered.

Nayyar Bukhari condemned the attack on the

Rangers, terming it an unforgivable act of terrorism. He urged the authorities to track down the perpetrators who drove their vehicle into the Rangers and bring them to justice without delay.

Nayyar Bukhari demanded the immediate arrest and prosecution of the criminals behind this heinous act. He urged strict measures to prevent such attacks in the future.

He criticized the misuse of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa's resources and authority, stating that the province's resources are being recklessly exploited to spread unrest and chaos.



ISLAMABAD: Markets fully closed amid PTI protest in the Federal Capital.

Litigants face problems in IHC due to PTI protest

ISLAMABAD (APP): The litigants in Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Tuesday faced severe problems due to the protest of Pakistan Tehreek e Insaf (PTI) in the capital. Chief Justice Aamer Farooq could not be available on this day, too, due to which the cause list of court-I has been cancelled. The division bench comprising Chief Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Saman Razafti could not hear the intra court appeal of Punjab and Chief Commissioner ICT regarding the ban on prisoners.



ISLAMABAD: Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi visits the D-Chowk to boost the morale of the security personnel.

Islamabad admin denies fuel shortage reports

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad's district administration on Tuesday dismissed the reports of fuel shortage in the city due to road closures and called the news regarding it "fabricated and baseless."

A spokesperson for the Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration said that there is enough stock at petrol stations to meet demand and residents should not be concerned about any disruption in supply.

"The petrol stations in Islamabad are well-stocked, and the reserves are enough to last for at least five to six days," the spokesperson said and added, "There is no truth to claims of an impending fuel crisis."

Interior Minister visits D-Chowk to review security arrangements

ISLAMABAD (APP): Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Tuesday visited D-Chowk to review the security arrangements upto Shaheed Millat Chowk.

Despite the ongoing shelling by miscreants, Mohsin Naqvi reached Shaheed Millat Chowk and met with the personnel on duty.

The Interior Minister stood by the personnel during the shelling, boosting their morale, urging them to bravely counter the miscreants.

He individually met with the personnel of Rangers, FC, Police, and Sindh Police, appreciating their enthusiasm. The personnel on duty chanted slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad".

Talking to the personnel, Interior Minister said: "You are all soldiers of Pakistan, and you have to deal with the miscreants according to the law."

IG Islamabad Police, Chief Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and other relevant officials accompanied the Minister.

NUST showcases innovative technologies at IDEAS 2024

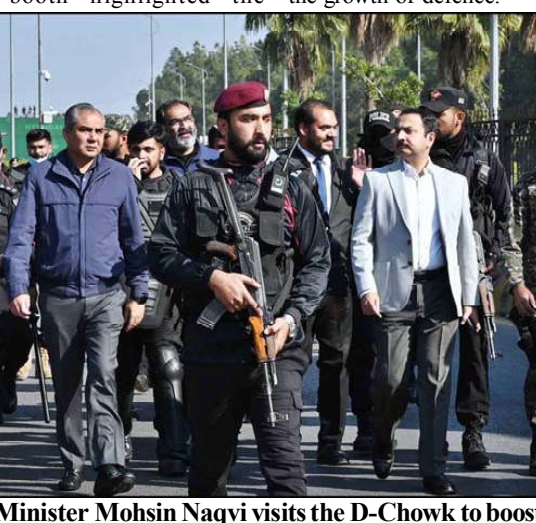
ISLAMABAD (APP): The National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) made its mark at the 12th edition of the International Defence Exhibition and Seminar (IDEAS 2024), held recently at the Karachi Expo Centre.

As a leading institution in technological research and development, NUST's participation was a highlight, with its pavilion featuring three specialized booths: Defence Technologies, NUST Technologies and Emerging Technologies.

According to the NUST, the Defence Technologies booth showcased NUST's advanced research in defense solutions, while the NUST Technologies booth highlighted the

university's contributions to advancements in various technological fields.

The Emerging Technologies booth featured innovative projects that reflect the university's commitment to pushing the boundaries of innovation, from AI-driven solutions to sustainable tech applications. IDEAS 2024 saw a diverse array of local and international delegates from over 70 countries, alongside representatives from national and global organizations. This year's event set the stage for meaningful collaborations in research and innovation. NUST's active participation underscored its role in fostering global partnerships and contributing to the growth of defence.



ISLAMABAD: NA speaker expresses solidarity with families of slain Rangers, police personnel.

SC constitutional bench in houbara bustards case dissolved

ISLAMABAD (INP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan constitutional bench, tasked with hearing the case against the hunting of Talor (Houbara Bustards), was dissolved after Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail excused himself from the case. Justice Mandokhail cited prior involvement in a related case at the Balochistan High Court (BHC) as the reason for his refusal.

During an earlier hearing on Tuesday, the five-member constitutional

bench, led by Justice Aminuddin Khan, had taken up the matter. Additional Attorney General Amir Rehman informed the court that the concept of Houbara Bustard hunting is akin to trophy hunting for the Markhor.

Justice Jamal Mandokhail, however, pointed out the differences between Houbara Bustard hunting and Ixobrychus troglodytes trophy hunting. Justice Musarrat Hilali highlighted that Houbara Bustards are migratory birds.

Recognizing the immense sacrifice of the Shaheed personnel, the Speaker praised their professionalism and dedication to duty, highlighting their ultimate sacrifice in the service of the nation.

"The brave martyrs laid down their lives while fulfilling their responsibilities, and their sacrifices will always be remembered," he added. The speaker also directed authorities to ensure that the injured personnel receive the best medical care possible, emphasizing the importance of their swift recovery.

"I stand in solidarity with the grieving families of the martyrs," he said.

Engineer Amir Muqam expressed heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of the martyrs.

Nation salutes the martyred personnel, Amir Muqam.

Federal Minister paid tribute to police constable Mubashir, who was martyred in the violence of protesters near Hakla.

Protesters who resorted to violence will be brought to justice, Engineer Amir Muqam.

National Curriculum Summit 2024 inaugurated at AIU Ahsan vows educational reforms to meet 21st-century needs during PML-N tenure

ISLAMABAD (APP): Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal expressed a strong commitment on Tuesday to reform Pakistan's memorization-based education system and develop a world-class curriculum during the current tenure of the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) government.

"With the support of all stakeholders and experts, we will develop a curriculum that aligns with 21st-century requirements," he said while ad-

ressing the National Curriculum Summit titled "Empowering the Future by Reviewing Existing Curricula to Integrate Skill and Technology," organized by the National Curriculum Council (NCC) and the Inter-Board Coordination Commission (IBCC).

The minister said the government was pursuing a goal of equipping the country's youth with modern education, enabling them to compete internationally and contribute to national development.

Ahsan Iqbal also ex-

pressed a desire to establish a state-of-the-art Teachers' Training Center to improve education quality and produce skilled professionals who meet contemporary needs. The Ministry of Education has already been tasked with this initiative.

He said the PML-N government had initiated this project during its previous tenure but was unable to complete it due to political instability.

The center, in collaboration with provincial education departments, is expected to be the best in



ISLAMABAD: Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development & Special Initiatives addressing National Curriculum Summit 2024 on the theme "Empowering the Future by Reviewing Existing Curricula to Integrate Skills and Technology at Allama Iqbal Open University."

IHC adjourns lawyers' plea to attend PTI founder's trial

ISLAMABAD (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) Tuesday adjourned the hearing till December 3, filed by four lawyers seeking to attend the open jail trial of PTI founder.

Justice Arbab Muhammad Tahir heard the case wherein petitioner Shaheena Shahab appeared before the court. Advocates including Mirza Asim Baig, Atiq Rehman and Anna Ali were also among the petitioners.

The petitioners said that the trial court's judge Shahrukh Arjamand allowed them to attend the hearing in jail but they were not permitted by the jail authorities.

The IHC fixed the case for hearing on December 3.

Mehbooba decries attacks on Minorities especially Muslims

ISLAMABAD (APP): Former Chief Minister of Indian illegally occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and PDP President, Mehbooba Mufti, has expressed grave concern over the escalating threats faced by the Muslims, largest minority in India, particularly in light of the ongoing violent attacks on their dignity, lives, livelihoods, and places of worship.

Mufti stated in a statement of condemnation in occupied Srinagar that these attacks were a stark violation of the Indian constitution's alleged guarantees of equal rights and dignity for all citizens, irrespective of their background, says a report reaching here Tuesday from across the line of control.

"The recent violence in Sambhal area of Indian

Uttar Pradesh state, where four innocent lives of minority Muslim community were tragically lost, serves as a painful reminder of the reality minorities were facing across the country," Mufti said. She highlighted the alarming pattern of violence against the Muslims, major minority community in India.

She pointed out the disturbing trend of searching for temples beneath mosques, which continues despite a clear Indian Supreme Court ruling maintaining the status quo of religious places as they existed in 1947.

Mufti further highlighted the erosion of the Indian constitution and the ruining of the rule of law, warning that if this trend continues India's identity could be at severe risk, she warned, the report added.

Muqam strongly condemns attack on Rangers, police personnel

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan and SAFRON Engineer Amir Muqam strongly condemned the attack on Rangers and police personnel on Srinagar Highway by miscreants.

Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs paid tribute to four martyred Rangers personnel and police constable Mubashir, said a press release.

Amir Muqam expressed heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of the martyrs.

Engineer Amir Muqam prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured personnel.

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Daniyal flays martyrdom of police constable, attack on Rangers

ISLAMABAD (APP): Federal Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Broadcasting, Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry, on Tuesday condemned the martyrdom of a Punjab Police constable and the attack on Rangers personnel on Srinagar Highway by PTI miscreants.

In a statement, Barrister Daniyal Chaudhry paid tribute to the martyrs and extended his condolences to the grieving families.

Vowing to take strict action against the culprits, Chaudhry stated that the government would ensure

the perpetrators of the attack are brought to justice.

"The nation salutes the bravery of the martyrs who gave their lives in the recent attack, which was aimed at sabotaging the visit of the President of Belarus," Chaudhry said.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment to preventing anti-state elements from succeeding in their malicious designs.

"Those behind these attacks will be held accountable, and the sacrifices of the martyrs will not go in vain," he added.



ISLAMABAD: People face problems to traveling in city due to container placed for PTI protest.

Rise of Hindutva terrorism poses grave threat to India's minorities

ISLAMABAD (APP): The rise of Hindutva ideology in India, promoted by the Bharatiya Janata Party led Modi regime, has been linked to a surge in religious extremism and terrorism.

According to Kashmir Media Service, political experts and civil rights activists, who wish to remain anonymous due to fear of reprisals from the Hindutva regime, are sounding the alarm. They warn that the Hindutva ideology is being exploited to justify violence against religious minorities, particularly Muslims.

According to experts, the history of the BJP and other right-wing Hindu organizations is deeply rooted in violence and bigotry. Since coming to power, the BJP has un-

leashed violence against India's religious minorities, with Sangh Parivar activists given a free hand to implement their Hindutva agenda.

"This is a form of religious terrorism, where the oppression of religious minorities is a practical manifestation of the Hindutva ideology," says a political expert disclosing just last name as Ghatade.

"The world must come forward to confront Hindutva terrorism and hold the Indian government accountable for its role in promoting this ideology."

Civil rights activists are also concerned about the impact of Hindutva ideology on Indian society. "The BJP is working to make India a Hindu state where minorities will be forced to

live as second-class citizens," says a prominent activist.

"Hindutva activists are using violence to impose Hindu culture on religious minorities across India."

The Indian government and judiciary have been shielding groups sympathetic to its Hindu-nationalist agenda. "This is a clear case of state-sponsored terrorism, where the government is using its power to promote a particular ideology and suppress dissent," says a political analyst.

As the situation in India continues to deteriorate, experts and activists are calling for international intervention to stop the spread of Hindutva terrorism.

CM Murad urges WAPDA to allocate 50 MGD of additional water for Karachi

KARACHI (APP): The Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, in his meeting with the Chairman Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), Lt Gen (R) Sajjad Ghani at CM House, discussed several critical projects, including the K-IV project, Right Bank Outfall Drain (RBOD) and urged him to provide additional 50 MGD water from Hub Dam to meet the needs of Karachi.

The meeting was attended by Minister Local Government Saeed Ghani, Minister Irrigation Jam

Khan Shoro, PSCM Agha Wasif, Secretary Irrigation Zareef Khero, PD K-IV Amir Mughal.

At the outset, Mr Shah said that the Sindh government is in the process of constructing a parallel canal aimed at enhancing the water supply infrastructure and ensuring a more reliable source of water for the city. He urged him to allocate the provision of 50 MGD of additional water from the Hub Dam for Karachi. The Chairman of WAPDA suggested the CM direct the water board

to submit a written request. Mayor Karachi, Murtaza Wahab, stated that the request had already been made.

The Chairman of WAPDA informed the CM that the water board owed Rs1 billion to WAPDA for the maintenance of the Hub Canal. The CM responded that his government would settle the outstanding dues, instructing Minister Local Government Saeed Ghani to send him a summary for the purpose, a communicate said.

The Greater Karachi Bulk Water Supply Scheme

K-IV (Phase-I) is planned to supply 260 MGD bulk water to the mega city of Karachi at three termination points - Pipri, NEK, and Manghopir from its source at Keenjhar Lake, Thatta. The WAPDA is executing the project, and its completion date is June 2026.

On the other hand, the Sindh government is working on the distribution and augmentation system, establishing a power supply arrangement of 50 MW, and managing land acquisition and clearance of the right-of-way (ROW).



LAHORE: Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan in a group photo with delegation of the business community led by Humayun Iqbal Mir at Governor House. Senior PPP Lahore leader Aslam Gill is also present on the occasion.



KARACHI: Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah meets WAPDA Chairman Lieutenant General (Retd) Sajjad Ghani at CM House.

Govt to launch solarization program, aiming to benefit 500,000 households: Nasir

SUKKUR (APP): Provincial Minister for Energy, Planning and Development, Syed Nasir Hussain Shah has said that numerous complaints have been received regarding the Peoples Housing Program in the Sukkur division and directed that irregularities be removed and FIRs be registered against those involved.

He asked the Deputy Commissioners of all three districts, including Sukkur, Ghotki, and Khairpur, Sindh Rural Support Organisation (SRSO) and HANDS- a non-government organisation to take the lead in this regard as flood victims are a weak segment of society who are not position to make any complaint or Lodge FIRs.

The minister directed this during a meeting at the Commissioner's Office in Sukkur regarding the Peoples Housing Program and Solarization Program.

He said that the reconstruction of houses for flood-affected individuals is the vision of

Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari. Although other provinces also suffered significant destruction and damages due to the floods, the reconstruction of houses has only started in Sindh, under the instructions of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, he added. He said that Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and the Sindh Cabinet members are making efforts to implement the chairman's vision. He said that Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has given strict instructions to give ownership to people's housing program. He said that there is no issue of funds in the Peoples Housing Program. He said that the delay occurred due to the non-opening of the bank accounts of flood victims. He said that there is no shortage of funds and the Sindh government had already released its share of funds in the first year of this program adding that donor agencies have also transferred.



KARACHI: An AI teacher introduced with new technology, sits in her chair at a private school in Karachi. A new era of education begins in Pakistan! Ainee, the country's first AI-powered teacher, takes the stage at a Karachi school. This innovative technology will assist 5th graders in math, science, and languages, providing personalized learning experiences. This AI-powered robot teacher was introduced.

Marriyum chairs meeting to mark comprehensive plan to combat smog

LAHORE (APP): Senior Provincial Minister Marriyum Aurangzeb held a meeting with a delegation from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to discuss comprehensive measures to combat smog. The delegation was led by Emma Xiaonqin. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held on regulations, action plans, technology, infrastructure, and short, medium and long-term projects aimed at addressing smog.

Marriyum Aurangzeb stated that over the past eight months, all Punjab institutions have been actively engaged in tackling smog and climate change. Under the Multi-sectoral Action Plan, strict action is being taken against violations of smog regulations, and the Environmental Protection Department has been equipped with modern technology. Six AQI

monitors have already been installed to measure smog, with 30 more set to be installed soon. Additionally, experts are being sent to Beijing for training in e-vehicle technology. To address crop burning, farmers are being provided super seeders at a 60% subsidy, and factories are receiving financial and technical support to install emission control systems. She further highlighted that smog has been included in school curricula, and universities have initiated research and studies on the issue. As part of the efforts, 800 brick kilns have been demolished to facilitate their conversion to modern zigzag technology. A ban has been imposed on plastic usage, vehicle fitness certifications have been made mandatory, and a smog observatory along with digital monitoring has been established.

CM grieved over martyrdom of four Rangers' personnel

LAHORE (APP): Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif while expressing a deep sense of sorrow over the martyrdom of four Rangers' personnel, said the martyrs were someone's sons and brothers, injustice was done.

She strongly condemned an attempt of the miscreants to crush Rangers' personnel with a vehicle.

Madam Chief Minister said, "Is killing and injuring others considered peaceful protest?" She added, "The miscreants are writing a bloody chapter in political history."

Dengue bouts continue in KP as Peshawar mostly affected

PESHAWAR (APP): The dengue virus remained on prowl in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa with the provincial metropolis reported as the most affected district, said a report of KPK Health Department on Tuesday.

The reports said that the number of people affected with dengue virus was 2891 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa wherein Peshawar remained at the top with 978 cases during the current year.

The number of active dengue cases in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was 446, the report said, adding that from Mansehra district 235 cases were reported and from Abbottabad 212 cases while from Hangu district 197 dengue cases were reported.

The report said high fever, aches in the backbone and legs, strong headache and vomiting were among the initial symptoms of the dengue fever. With further intensity in fever, the patients may also experience bleeding from gums and nose.

The dengue fever also causes dizziness and breathing problems besides affecting the blood flow and heartbeat.

Punjab Governor says: Business community playing a major role in the economic improvement of the country

Independent Report
LAHORE: A delegation of the business community led by Humayun Iqbal Mir taken with Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan at Governor House Lahore. Senior PPP Lahore leader Aslam Gill was also present on the occasion. During the meeting, the delegation demanded that the Governor Punjab lift restriction on closing markets at 8 pm. Speaking on the occasion, Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan said that the business community is

playing a major role in the economic improvement of the country. He said that stakeholders should be taken on board while making any policy. Governor Punjab said that strengthening the business community is vital to improve the economy as well as to create employment opportunities. He said that a large number of the business community pays taxes, adding that tax payers should be respected. Punjab Governor further said that

the PTI's protest is not a solution to the problems, they should come to the negotiating table. Punjab Governor said that the visit of a high-level delegation from Belarus to Pakistan is good news for the country's economy. He said that protest call of PTI is not in the national interest. Punjab Governor further said that all political parties should be on the same page regarding the country's economy.

On this occasion, the delegation told the Punjab Governor that the closure.



KARACHI: Mission leader FOUR PAWS Dr. Amir Khalil briefing the media about shifting of elephant 'Madhubala' from Karachi Zoological Garden to Safari Park.

Kundi flays martyrdom of Rangers personnel on Srinagar highway

PESHAWAR (APP): Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Faisal Karim Kundi, on Tuesday strongly condemned the martyrdom of Rangers and police personnel on the Srinagar Highway Islamabad, emphasizing that their sacrifices will never be in vain.

In a statement, Governor Kundi expressed his deep sorrow and solidarity with the families and colleagues of the martyrs, sharing in their grief.

"The sacrifices made by these brave personnel will never be forgotten," he said, stressing the importance of their service to the nation.

Kundi further pointed out that the masterminds behind the May 9 incidents continue to pose a threat to the state, saying, "The

masterminds behind May 9 attacks are still assailing the state today."

He labeled the recent attack on Rangers personnel, where a vehicle was driven into them, as part of a larger agenda of a hostile group. "Running over Rangers personnel with a vehicle is a mission of anti-state elements," he added.

The Governor also accused certain political groups of fostering terrorism, particularly highlighting the role of a party that has been accused of supporting militants in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa while engaging in terrorism in Islamabad.

"The party that has been fostering terrorists in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is engaged in terrorism in Islamabad as well," Kundi remarked.

Resolution demanding ban on PTI submitted in Punjab Assembly

LAHORE (APP): A resolution demanding a ban on the PTI has been submitted in the Punjab Assembly.

The resolution was submitted by PML-N member Hina Pervez Butt, in which it was said that this house strongly condemns the PTI's attack on the federation in droves. The text of the resolution said that the

chief executive of a province and the former first lady are attacking the federation in droves.

The resolution states that miscreants and rioters injured police personnel and set vehicles on fire, a specific group has caused damage to the lives and property of the people under a well-planned conspiracy.

7th Maritime Security Workshop commences

LAHORE (APP): Seventh edition of the Maritime Security Workshop (MARSEW-7) aimed at enhancing knowledge and understanding of maritime security, geopolitical dynamics in the broader Indian Ocean region and the Blue Economy besides exploring Pakistan's untapped maritime potential commenced on Tuesday at Pakistan Navy War College.

The workshop was inaugurated by the Commandant of Pakistan Navy War College, Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood, said a news release issued by the Directorate General of Public Relations (Pakistan Navy).

MARSEW is a national-level forum organized under the auspices of the Pakistan Navy, with the theme "Secure Seas, Prosperous Pakistan."

The workshop seeks to highlight the challenges and opportunities in Pakistan's maritime sector and its critical role in supporting the national economy. This forum provides a shared platform for participants from the public and private sectors, including senators, parliamentarians, senior bureaucrats, maritime industry professionals, business leaders, academia, think tanks, and media representatives, to deliberate on pressing national maritime issues.

A total of 38 participants from the public, private, and military sectors are taking part in MARSEW-7.

In his welcome address, Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood outlined the purpose of the workshop, emphasizing the need for Pakistan's intelligentsia to shift its strategic focus towards the sea.

craft a sustainable peace framework. He assured participants that the government would implement their suggestions and recommendations effectively. He condemned the violence stating that such acts of inhumanity must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. Anti-state and anti-social elements responsible for unrest in Kurram district would be brought to justice, he said.

Commissioner Kohat Division, Syed Mutasim Billah Shah announced that all future meetings of Peace Jirga would continue in Kohat ensuring an ongoing consultation process to address pressing concerns and reinforce communal harmony.

CS reiterates govt commitment to ensure rule of law

PESHAWAR (APP): Chief Secretary (CS) Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Nadeem Aslam Chaudhary has underscored the critical importance of restoring peace and stability in Kurram district reiterating the government's strong commitment to ensuring the rule of law.

He was addressing a Grand Peace Jirga that was convened at Commissioner House Kohat to deliberate on prevailing situation in Kurram district and devise a roadmap for enduring peace.

The Jirga was attended by leading religious figures of Sunni and Shia sects.

The Chief Secretary emphasized that a consultative process with local elders was integral to

craft a sustainable peace framework. He assured participants that the government would implement their suggestions and recommendations effectively. He condemned the violence stating that such acts of inhumanity must be condemned in the strongest possible terms. Anti-state and anti-social elements responsible for unrest in Kurram district would be brought to justice, he said.

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PA resolution condemns attack on security personnel

LAHORE (APP): A resolution condemning the incident of crushing rangers personnel by PTI supporters under a vehicle has been submitted to the Punjab Assembly by PML-N MPA Hina Pervez Butt.

The resolution states that this house strongly condemns the act of crushing three rangers and a police officer under a vehicle on Srinagar Highway by miscreants. It said that the "extremist organisation" Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) orchestrated a calculated attack against the federation. The resolution adds that extremist groups targeted security forces and damaged more than 20 police vehicles.

The resolution demands the federal government to take strict action against these extremists and ensure the safety and protection of citizens' lives and property.



Commandant Pakistan Navy War College Rear Admiral Azhar Mahmood addressing the inaugural session of 7th Maritime Security Workshop being held under auspices of Pakistan Navy at Lahore.

Preparations underway for polio campaign in Battagram

BATTAGRAM (APP): Deputy Commissioner Battagram Asif Ali Khan Tuesday chaired a meeting to finalize preparations for the upcoming polio campaign in the district.

The meeting was attended by District Police Officer Ayaz Khan, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Additional Assistant Commissioners, health department officials, WHO representatives, and other relevant stakeholders.

During the session, the PEI focal person presented a detailed briefing on various aspects of the campaign. Deputy Commissioner Khan instructed monitors to closely oversee all campaign activities and ensure a thorough review of the preparations.

He also directed the District Police Officer to provide timely and adequate security for the frontline polio workers.

'Suthra' Punjab Outsourcing of sanitation system in progress for four UCs

RAWALPINDI (APP): The outsourcing of the cleanliness and sanitation system under the 'Suthra' Punjab programme is in progress in four Union Councils (UCs) and zero waste would be ensured in cities and villages through the 'Suthra' Punjab programme. According to a district administration spokesman, the 'Suthra' Punjab programme was launched on the directives of Chief Minister Punjab and it is a gift for the people.

Rawalpindi Waste Management Company is taking solid steps regarding 'Suthra' Punjab programme, he added.

The environmental friendly sustainable measures are being taken under 'Suthra' Punjab programme, he informed.

All the required resources are being provided by the Punjab Government, after which

there should be no problem in ensuring 100 percent cleanliness. He said that outsourcing cleanliness and sanitation systems in rural areas would ensure manual, and mechanical sweeping, waste collection, drain cleaning and waste disposal. Local government departments would monitor the outsourcing system digitally, he said.

The monitoring would include biometric attendance, vehicle tracking management system, vehicle weighing at dumping site, digital monitoring of the fleet and container clearance through geo-tagging and prompt resolution of the complaints, he informed.

At the district level, a control room under the supervision of Assistant Commissioners is being built in the Deputy Commissioners' Office and in each Tehsil.



RAWALPINDI: Passengers rush to the railway station due to the closure of transport amid PTI protest.

Israel pounds Beirut suburbs as Lebanon says 31 dead nationwide

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BEIRUT: Israeli strikes pummeled south Beirut, Lebanese official media said, and health authorities reported 31 people killed across the war-hit country, most of them in the south. Israel's military said in a statement Monday afternoon it had hit "approximately 25 terror targets" belonging to Hezbollah across Lebanon, including in Nabatiyeh, Baalbek, the Bekaa Valley and southern Beirut and the city's outskirts. AFP TV images showed palls of smoke over the capital's southern suburbs after strikes that began in the morning after successive Israeli military warnings to evacuate. Lebanon's state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported a fourth wave of Israeli raids in south Beirut on Monday evening,

saying "enemy warplanes launched strikes on (the) Haret Hreik and Shiyah" districts. The attacks came after a weekend of heavy raids in the area, despite ongoing international ceasefire efforts. Early Saturday, a deadly strike on central Beirut's densely populated Basta neighbourhood killed at least 29 people, the health ministry said. Israel's army said Monday it had struck a Hezbollah command centre there, though an official with the Iran-backed group denied reports that a senior member had been targeted. The NNA reported Israeli strikes on Tyre and Nabatiyeh after Israel issued evacuation warnings for parts of the main southern cities. Lebanon's health ministry said Israeli strikes killed at least 31 people on Monday.

A statement listed "the casualty toll of Israeli enemy strikes on a number of Lebanese cities and towns" in the east, south and near Beirut, with most people killed in the south and four killed in the east. The NNA also reported "a drone strike that targeted a residential complex" in a Druze-majority town on the outskirts of Beirut, without prior evacuation calls. Lebanon's Druze community follows an offshoot of Shiite Islam, and its heartland around Mount Lebanon has largely been spared in the current hostilities. The education ministry suspended classes on Monday in schools, technical institutes and private higher education institutions in Beirut and a number of surrounding areas, citing "the current dangerous conditions".



A man moves a scooter amid the rubble, in the aftermath of Israeli strikes on Beirut's southern suburbs, amid the ongoing hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces, in Lebanon.

Iran's Khamenei says ICC warrant for Netanyahu 'not enough'

Monitoring Desk
TEHRAN: Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Monday that a war crimes case against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the Gaza war was insufficient and that he deserved a "death sentence". In his first remarks since the International Criminal Court (ICC) issued an arrest warrant for Netanyahu last week, Khamenei told a Tehran meeting that it was "not enough". His country, Israel's arch nemesis, backs armed movements in the region

including Palestinian militant group Hamas, whose October 7, 2023 attack sparked the war. The ICC's judges said there were "reasonable grounds" to believe that Netanyahu and his former defence minister Yoav Gallant bore "criminal responsibility" for using starvation as a method of warfare and intentionally attacking civilians in the Gaza Strip. "They issued an arrest warrant for him, it's not enough," said Khamenei, speaking to a group from the Basij paramilitary force which is linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Moscow assures Taliban of removal from negative list

Monitoring Desk
KABUL: Top Russian security official Sergei Shoigu visited Afghan government officials on Monday, assuring them Moscow will soon remove the Taliban from its list of banned organisations, Kabul said. The Russian delegation's visit coincides with ongoing diplomatic efforts by China and Iran. Special envoys from these nations are currently in Kabul, marking a rare political gathering of representatives from three US rivals since Donald Trump's recent election victory. Shoigu, the secretary of Russia's Security Council, met an Afghan cohort in Kabul headed by Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Abdul Ghani Baradar. He "expressed Russia's interest in increasing the level of bilateral cooperation with Afghanistan," Baradar's office said in a statement released on social media site X.

Trump vows big tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: US President-elect Donald Trump on Monday said he intended to impose sweeping tariffs on goods from Mexico, Canada and China, prompting a swift warning from Beijing that "no one will win a trade war." In a series of posts to his Truth Social account, Trump vowed to hit some of the United States' largest trading partners with

duties on all goods entering the country. "On January 20th, as one of my many first Executive Orders, I will sign all necessary documents to charge Mexico and Canada a 25 per cent tariff on all products coming into the United States," he wrote. In another post, Trump said he would also be slapping China with a 10pc tariff, "above any additional Tariffs".



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Foreign Minister of France, Jean-Noel Barrot, Foreign Minister of Canada, Melanie Joly, Foreign Minister of Italy, Antonio Tajani, Foreign Minister of Japan, Takeshi Iwaya, Foreign Minister of Germany, Annalena Baerbock, Britain's Foreign Office Political Director Christian Turner.

Gazans at long-term risk from war remnants: NGO

Monitoring Desk
JERUSALEM: International humanitarian NGO Danish Refugee Council warned on Monday that Gazans are at long-term risk from unexploded and unused ordnance in the densely populated Palestinian territory. "These remnants of war, which fail to detonate upon impact or may have been abandoned during warfare, pose a long-term threat to civilian populations, often causing injuries and deaths long after the fighting ceases," said DRC's Corinne Linnear. The NGO, which has a presence in the Gaza Strip, said in a report that ammunition, exploded or otherwise, can be found in many populated areas of the territory. The report said 70

percent of Gazans have returned to areas where there has been active combat, raising the risk of their coming into contact with explosive materiel. With the territory in the grip of a humanitarian crisis and very little aid getting in, Gazans in desperate need of basic goods have "sifted through rubble for essential supplies" but where they can also encounter munitions. Longer-term healthcare services are also nearly non-existent, DRC said. "Only 19 percent of explosive ordnance victims receive emergency first aid, and long-term medical support is virtually non-existent," the report said, noting that children are especially at risk because they can confuse munitions with toys.

UK travel disrupted as Storm Bert fallout continues

Monitoring Desk
LONDON: Britain's roads and railways were hit by closures on Monday after Storm Bert battered the country over the weekend, causing widespread flooding and killing four people. There were more than 200 flood warnings and flood alerts in place across England and Wales, while trains from London to the southwest were cancelled and rail services in central England were severely disrupted. "Do not attempt to travel on any route today," Great Western Railway, whose trains connect London to Bristol and Cornwall, said on X. Among those killed during the storm were a dog walker in North Wales and a man who died when a tree hit his car in southern England.

Namibia to vote in toughest election yet for ruling party

Monitoring Desk
WINDHOEK: Namibians will vote on Wednesday in what is expected to be the most competitive election yet for the ruling SWAPO party, which has governed the southern African nation for 34 years. If SWAPO candidate Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah wins, she will become the country's first female president. A SWAPO loss would mean the first transition of power to a new party since Namibia gained independence from apartheid South Africa in 1990. High unemployment, corruption allegations and inequality have eroded SWAPO's support, which fell to 56% in the 2019

presidential election from 87% in 2014. There are no reliable polls on how it might fare this time. The frontrunner among 14 opposition candidates is Panduleni Itula, a former dentist who won 29% of votes in 2019 after splitting from SWAPO and now leads a new political party, the Independent Patriots for Change. Namibians vote separately for members of parliament and for the president, who needs more than 50% of votes to win. "This will be the most challenging and significant election after the first one of 1989," Rui Tiyende, a lecturer at the University of Namibia, said.

Irish PM's party slips to third place in pre-election poll

Monitoring Desk
DUBLIN: Irish Prime Minister Simon Harris' Fine Gael party has slipped into third place after losing a quarter of its support in less than two weeks, according to one of the final opinion polls before Friday's general election. Support for Fine Gael has fallen to 19% from 25%, the Irish Times/Ipsos B&A poll showed on Monday. Fine Gael's main coalition partner Fianna Fail was up two points to 21%, while opposition party Sinn Fein was up one point to 20%. The poll comes after a series of campaign missteps by Harris, including walking away from a care worker who was complaining about conditions.



Members of the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) protest in the streets as they make their way to the Constitutional Court, where the political party is challenging the National Assembly's rejection of a report that could have led to impeachment proceedings against President Cyril Ramaphosa due to the Phala Phala scandal at his private game farm in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Focused on domestic defence, Germany works on expanded civilian shelter proposal

Monitoring Desk
BERLIN: Germany is currently working on a proposal to expand the number of shelters available for civilians by looking at public and private facilities that could be converted if necessary, according to the German interior ministry. Basements, underground car parks and subway stations could be converted into shelters, with a special app detailing where the closest bunker is, said the ministry spokesperson on Monday. Bild newspaper, which reported on the so-called "bunker plan" earlier on Monday, said the concept was being developed in response to the worsening international threat situation. However, the spokesperson did not mention the current situation and also did not say when the concept would be ready. Civil protection organizations in Germany have been calling for a faster expansion of shelters, which includes the construction of structures in which up to 5,000 people.

Republican Rand Paul opposes Trump talk of using military in deportations

Monitoring Desk
WASHINGTON: Republican US Senator Rand Paul voiced opposition on Sunday to the idea of using the military to carry out mass deportations of people living in the country illegally after President-elect Donald Trump signaled last week that he plans to do so. "You don't do it with the Army because it's illegal," Paul said on CBS's "Face the Nation" program. "If they send the Army into New York and you have 10,000 troops marching carrying semi-automatic weapons, I think it's a terrible image, and I will oppose that." A 19th century US law prohibits federal troops from being used in domestic law enforcement except when authorized by Congress. Paul, at times a maverick within his party, noted that he supports the idea of deporting people living in the United States illegally who have criminal records, but said that law enforcement authorities are better equipped than the military to carry out that role and to heed the US Constitution's Fourth Amendment prohibition on unreasonable searches and seizures. There is a "distrust of putting the Army into our streets" among Americans, Paul said.

G7 ministers discuss ceasefire efforts in Mideast

Monitoring Desk
FIUGGI: Italian Foreign Minister Antonio Tajani said he was "optimistic" for a cessation of hostilities in Lebanon, as Middle East tensions dominated a G7 meeting near Rome. The Group of Seven foreign ministers also discussed the International Criminal Court's arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Hamas military chief. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken attended the talks in the towns of Fiumicino and Anagni with ministers from Britain, Canada, Germany, France, Japan and host Italy. "I am optimistic about Lebanon," Tajani told a press conference as international efforts for a

ceasefire intensify—even if it was "more complicated than Gaza". "We are strongly committed to strongly pushing Israel and Hamas to end this war in Palestine," he said. Tajani hinted however at difficulties in reaching "an unambiguous position on the International Criminal Court decision". The ICC issued warrants against Netanyahu and his former defence minister Yoav Gallant as well as Hamas' Mohammed Deif on Thursday. They have been accused of crimes against humanity and war crimes in Israel's war on Hamas in Gaza, triggered by the militant Palestinian group's October 7, 2023 attack.

Top EU diplomat says Israel has 'no excuses' to refuse a ceasefire with Hezbollah

Monitoring Desk
FIUGGI: The European Union's top diplomat said Tuesday there were "no excuses" for Israel to refuse to accept a ceasefire with the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, saying all its security concerns had been addressed in the U.S.-French-brokered deal. Josep Borrell, the outgoing EU foreign policy chief, called for increased pressure on Israel to blunt extremists in the government who are refusing to accept the deal. Speaking on the sidelines of a Group of Seven meeting in Italy, Borrell warned that if a ceasefire is not implemented, "Lebanon will fall apart." Israeli officials said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's security Cabinet was set to convene Tuesday to discuss a proposed ceasefire. Among the issues that remain is an Israeli demand to reserve the right to act should Hezbollah violate its obligations under the emerging deal.

Borrell said under the proposed agreement, the U.S. would chair a ceasefire implementation committee, with France participating at the request of Lebanon. "On the proposed agreement brokered by the U.S. and France, Israel has all security concerns (addressed)," Borrell told reporters in Fiumicino, Italy. "There is not an excuse for not implementing a ceasefire. Otherwise, Lebanon will fall apart." Israeli bombardment has killed more than 3,500 people in Lebanon and wounded more than 15,000, according to the Lebanese Health Ministry. On the Israeli side, about 90 soldiers and nearly 50 civilians have been killed by rockets, drones and missiles in northern Israel and in the fighting on the ground in Lebanon. The G7 meeting of foreign ministers from the world's leading industrialized nations, the last of the Biden administration, was dominated on Monday by the Mideast wars in Gaza and Lebanon.

Austrian far right shows strength with state election win in Styria

Monitoring Desk
VIENNA: Austria's far-right Freedom Party won a state election in Styria for the first time on Sunday in an echo of September's general election and a new show of strength while national coalition talks continue without it. Sunday's election in Styria, home to Austria's second city, Graz, raises pressure on party leaders currently attempting to forge the country's first three-way government since 1949. It is only the second state election which the eurosceptic, Russia-friendly Freedom Party (FPÖ) has ever won, the first having been Carinthia, the fiefdom of then-FPÖ leader Joerg Haider in his heyday in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

"There's been a landslide in Styria. I didn't expect such a resounding result," the FPÖ's deputy leader in Styria, Stefan Hermann, told national broadcaster ORF. It is the first time since World War Two that neither the ÖVP nor the Social Democrats (SPÖ) have won in the state bordering Slovenia where actor Arnold Schwarzenegger was born. The FPÖ will need a coalition partner to secure a majority in Styria's state assembly and form a government. Nationally, FPÖ leader Herbert Kickl continues to lambast efforts to form what he calls a "coalition of losers" by the parties that came second, third and fourth in September's election.

Death toll from mosque survey clashes in India's Uttar Pradesh rises to 6

Monitoring Desk
NEW DELHI: The death toll from violent protests in India sparked by a survey into whether a centuries-old mosque was built on a Hindu temple has risen to six, an official said on Tuesday. Around 20 police officers were also wounded during the violence on Sunday in Sambhal in India's northern state of Uttar Pradesh, district magistrate Chirag Goyal told AFP. Street battles broke out in a bid to block a team of surveyors from the government's Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) from entering the Shahi Jama Masjid in Sambhal. The six Muslim men were killed by gunfire — with Goyal saying they were shot by fellow protesters. "The six killed were caught in crossfire by rioters using homemade pistols," he said. "The police only fired tear gas and rubber bullets." Two people were initially reported dead on Sunday, but more details emerged later, while others later died of their wounds. Goyal said 25 people had been arrested following the violence.

Right-wing Hindu groups tend to lay claim to several mosques they allege were built over Hindu temples during the Muslim Mughal empire centuries ago. The survey in Sambhal was ordered by a local court, after a petition from a Hindu priest this month claimed it was built on the site of a Hindu temple. Within hours the court ordered a survey of the mosque, a decision protested by local Muslim residents. The first survey was undertaken on November 19. A second survey four days later, which included taking photos and video of the mosque's features, triggered the violence. The hilltop Shahi Jama Masjid was built in 1526 during the rule of Mughal emperors Babur and Humayun, according to historians, with renovations during the 17th century. Hindu nationalist activists were emboldened earlier this year when Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated a grand new Hindu temple in the northern city of Ayodhya, built on grounds once home to the centuries-old Babri mosque.



State police personnel deployed outside the Shahi Jama Masjid following religious violence in Sambhal.

