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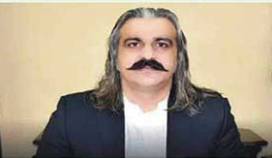
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KP CM Gandapur gets bail in two cases of May 9 riots



ISLAMABAD
The Anti-Terrorism Court (ATC) has granted bail before arrest to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister Ali Gandapur in two cases related to the May 9 riots incident. The bail was granted by ATC's Judge Malik Ijaz Asif. Ali Gandapur's counsels, Advocate Muhammad Faisal Malik and Sardar Abdur Razzaq appeared before the court. The bail was granted in cases registered at New town police station and Civil Lines police station. On Wednesday, the court approved bail in eleven cases against KP CM Ali Gandapur in connection with the May 9 riots incident. The ATC announced the reserved verdict on bail before arrest for PTI leaders, including Shibli Faraz, Raja Basharat, Zartaj Gul, and others.

IHC orders Zartaj Gul to appear with record in ECL name removal case



ISLAMABAD
The Islamabad High Court (IHC) has sought record from Zartaj Gul's counsel on a petition seeking her name removal from the Exit Control List (ECL). IHC's Justice Tariq Mahmood Jahangir heard the case of Zartaj Gul's name removal from ECL. During the hearing, the state counsel stated that Zartaj Gul's name had been included in the Provisional National Identification List (PNIL). Upon inquiry from court, the state counsel informed that her name was included in PNIL on the order of the Islamabad and Punjab police, and the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) was responsible for it. Also read: PTI's Shibli Faraz, Raja Basharat, Zartaj Gul secure bail in May 9 cases. The state counsel added that five cases were registered against Zartaj Gul in Islamabad and Punjab. The petitioner's counsel, Advocate Usama, disclosed that Zartaj Gul had been granted bail in those cases. He reiterated that the name was being included in the PNIL despite being on bail.

SC takes suo motu notice of Vawda's presser against Justice Sattar



ISLAMABAD
The Supreme Court has taken suo motu notice of Senator Faisal Vawda's press conference aimed at Islamabad High Court (IHC) Judge Babar Sattar, in which he demanded evidence of alleged interference in judicial matters. A three-judge bench led by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Justice Qazi Faez Isa will hear the matter on Friday (tomorrow). The Express Tribune learnt on Thursday. The development comes hours after IHC responded to Vawda's letter seeking clarification on Justice Sattar's citizenship. The court clarified that as per the Constitution of Pakistan, citizenship or residence permit of another country does not bar a lawyer from becoming a judge.

Parliament should be dissolved if ordinances are to be introduced, says CJP Qazi Isa

The PTI founder did not get an opportunity to advance the arguments during May 16 proceedings



ISLAMABAD
If ordinances are to be introduced, then parliament should be dissolved, Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa remarked on Thursday, as the Supreme Court resumed hearing of arguments in the National Accountability (NAB) Ordinance 1999 amendment case. The incarcerated founder of the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) joined the proceedings through video link from Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail in light of the court order issued on the previous hearing. "Through ordinances, the will of one person is imposed on the entire nation. Isn't this against democracy? Shouldn't the president of the country provide

detailed justifications along with the ordinances," the CJP said. A five-member SC bench, headed by Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) Qazi Faez Isa and comprising Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Jamal Khan Mandokhail, Justice Athar Minallah and Justice Hasan Azhar Rizvi, heard the case. Unlike previous hearings, today's proceedings were not live-streamed, but images of the PTI founder went viral on social media. The news of PTI founder's viral image in the court which ordered an investigation to penalise the rules violator. T H U R S D A Y ' S P R O C E E D I N G S At the outset of the hearing,

Advocate Khwaja Haris came to the rostrum. The chief justice said he (Haris) was a counsel in the original case and his absence was strange. The CJP said the court would like to hear his stance. Haris said he would assist the court in the matter. GOVT LAWYER ADVANCES ARGUMENTS Advancing his arguments, federal government's lawyer Makhdoom Ali Khan argued that the NAB amendment case was sub-judice before the IHC. At this point, Justice Isa asked him to present his arguments loudly so that the PTI founder could hear him on the video call. Justice Minallah asked the lawyer, "Was the petition pending before the high court accepted for hearing?"

PM Shehbaz visits AJK, meets leadership after protests rock region

MUZAFFARABAD
Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday arrived in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) for a day-long visit to meet the political leadership and address the members of the AJK cabinet. This is the first visit by the premier to the region after it was rocked by violent protests over high electricity tariffs and wheat prices.



and violence. He expressed condolences over the death of civilians and police personnel during the protests and announced support for the grieved families under the

Shuhada Package. The premier while addressing the special cabinet meeting of the AJK asked his AJK counterpart to establish a committee for essential consultations with relevant Pakistani ministries regarding issues like water charge, Neelum Jhelum, and others for the benefit of the AJK people. He instructed the relevant authorities to immediately complete the construction of the bridge of the Mangla Phase-2 project. Regarding Neelum Jhelum, he said Federal Secretary Wafiq Syed Ali Murtaza and Minister for Kashmir Affairs Amir Muqam would discuss the matter with the Kashmiri leadership to formulate short, medium, and long-term solutions.

that in this situation, there was no justification for registering a separate case against the former Rawalpindi commissioner. Two lawyers from Rawalpindi had filed the petition seeking the registration of a case against former commissioner. In a Feb 18 presser, the former commissioner admitted that elections in his division were "rigged". The commissioner accused Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Sikandar Sultan Raja of being complicit in the rigging and asserted that.

Rawalpindi court bins plea for initiating case against former commissioner Liaquat Chattha



RAWALPINDI
The Rawalpindi Sessions Court on Thursday dismissed a petition seeking the registration of a case against former Rawalpindi commissioner Liaquat Ali Chattha. Additional District and Sessions Judge Hakim Khan issued a two-page written order on the petition. In its order, the court observed that apart from the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP), a departmental inquiry was also being conducted against the former commissioner. If the allegations were proven in the ECP and departmental inquiries, a legal action was certain, the order stated, adding



Pakistan to be fully changed if 'Nawaz's fourth term' is completed: Maryam

ISLAMABAD
Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz on Thursday termed the current PML-N governments in Islamabad and Punjab as the fourth term of elder Sharif - the former three-time prime minister who could never complete the tenure due to

political interference - as she promised to serve the masses as a mission started by her father. The journey to development was halted, every time Nawaz ousted from his office through a conspiracy, Maryam told a gathering in in Phoolnagar - a rural town in Kasur district - where she inaugurated a rural health centre (RHC).

Punjab Central Business District Development Authority Government of The Punjab

INVITATION

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Interested parties with demonstrated technical and financial capabilities to execute the project will undergo evaluation during the prequalification stage according to PCBDDA PPP Regulations 2022 (Amended). During the Pre-Qualification Stage, Interested Parties are required to submit a single sealed envelope containing required information about their technical, legal, managerial and financial capacity to undertake the Project in such form, along with particulars, as specified by the Authority in the Pre-Qualification Document.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCCESSFUL PARTY
Interested Parties are requested to refer to the detailed Pre-Qualification Document for guidance.

The roles and responsibilities of the Successful Party shall be as follows:
i. Concept and Detailed Design of the Project
ii. Design, Operate & Maintain, Sale & Marketing of Project
iii. Financing And Development / Construction of Project

Interested Parties should be legally registered, having local/international experience in construction, management, sales and marketing of building complexes / multistoried buildings / real estate developments as elaborated in the Pre-Qualification Document (PQD), may apply.

The last date for procuring of the Pre-Qualification Document (PQD) is 28th of May 2024 (1400 Hours) and all submissions must be made in strict compliance with the PQD. Interested parties may obtain the PQD on a non-refundable fee. Interested Parties are required to submit a Demand Draft of PKR 250,000/- (Rupees Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Only) in favor of PUNJAB CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY attached with a signed application addressed to Director Procurement, Punjab Central Business District Development Authority.

The Pre-Qualification Documents shall be submitted no later than the 28th of May 2024, 1400 hours addressed to the Director Procurement, Punjab Central Business District Development Authority.

Pre-qualification will be carried out as per the basic eligibility criteria mentioned in the PQD. The Request for Proposal (RFP) shall be issued to the Firms that qualify the criteria laid out in the PQD.

This Pre-Qualification Document (PQD) has been prepared on the basis of an Unsolicited Proposal. Selection will be made through a transparent evaluation process. Documents having incomplete, incorrect or false information and those received after the due date shall be rejected.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
PCBDDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all submissions without assigning any reason therefor.

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Gwadar Development and Trade Facilitation

The Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, presided over a pivotal meeting aimed at boosting import activities at Gwadar Port, emphasizing the government's commitment to economic growth and regional development in Balochistan. Federal Secretary Maritime Affairs, Representatives from Ministry of Finance, Industries & Production, Fisheries Department, Ministry of

Commerce attended the meeting. Federal Minister stressed the strategic importance of Gwadar Port as a key player of Pakistan's economic prosperity and emphasized the need for concerted efforts to enhance import operations. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to this cause, citing directives from the Prime Minister to take decisive measures to enhance the

import of government goods through Gwadar Port. Furthermore, the Federal Minister emphasized the significance of previous decisions made by the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) and the directives of the Prime Minister in 2008 and 2022, respectively. These directives emphasized stimulating economic activities in Gwadar to fortify port operations and

unless the region's immense potential as a thriving economic hub. In the preliminary meeting Federal Minister directed the stakeholders to work in unison and with a commitment to realize the vision of transforming Gwadar Port into a vibrant center of trade and commerce. It was agreed that concerted efforts would be made to streamline import processes,

What is the Effect of Monsoon Season on Dates fruit?



Anmara Fareed

Date palms grow in many tropical regions of the world and have been gaining popularity in recent years. Dates are generally oval or cylindrical in shape and come in a variety of colors, from bright red to amber to dark brown, depending on variety and ripeness. Dates are rich in sugar, especially glucose and fructose, which provide quick energy. They also contain fiber, especially insoluble fiber, which aids digestion and increases the feeling of fullness. Additionally, dates contain many vitamins and minerals such as potassium, magnesium, vitamin B6 and iron. The impact of the monsoon on the palm tree, especially in oil palm growing areas, will vary depending on many factors such as rainfall patterns, humidity, temperature and humidity, and the unique growth stage of the palm tree. Monsoon rains can provide much-needed water for oil palm trees, especially in arid and semi-arid regions where water is scarce. Adequate irrigation during monsoon is good for the growth and development of date palm fruits. The timing and intensity of monsoon rains affect the development date. Adequate

rainfall during the flowering and fruiting period will encourage healthy fruit development and increase yield. However, excessive or untimely rainfall can affect the quality and quantity of the crop by causing problems such as fruit rot, fungal diseases or poor pollination. Monsoon conditions are characterized by high humidity and humidity, which can create a favorable environment for date palm-related pests and diseases. Increased humidity can lead to fungal diseases such as fusarium wilt or the development of pests such as mites and aphids. Proper control of pests, including timely use, is important to protect fruit trees and increase fruit production during the summer months. Excessive humidity during monsoon affects the quality and shelf life of dates. Increased humidity can cause dates to absorb moisture from the air, causing them to soften, become slippery, or cause mold growth, especially if they are fresh or stored. Proper drying and storage techniques are essential to maintain the quality and extend the shelf life of dates during the monsoon season. While the rainy season in general can have a positive impact on planting date by providing water and promoting fruit growth, it also creates problems such as pest and disease risk and fruit damage. Good management practices and proper maintenance are required to reduce the adverse effects of monsoon days and ensure crop success. Pakistan experienced major floods in many regions in 2022 due to heavy rains during the

monsoon season. Impact of flood on date crop in Pakistan, especially in date crop area. Crop damage Floods can cause serious damage to fruit trees by toppling trees, washing away soil, and uprooting or damaging plants. Floods can carry debris, dirt and pollutants that can affect the health and growth of oil palm trees, causing crop failure and, in severe cases, crop failure. Heavy rains and floods can cause soil erosion, affecting the stability of palm trees and their root systems. Erosion can also cause nutrient loss and soil degradation, affecting the long-term productivity of log orchards. Too much rain and flooding can saturate the soil and cause waterlogging, where too much water accumulates around the base of the palm tree. Waterlogged conditions can deprive roots of oxygen, causing root rot and other physical diseases that can weaken or kill the tree. Floods and prolonged high humidity create pressure for the emergence of fungal diseases in date palm groves. Diseases such as Fusarium wilt, Phytophthora palm, and various root rot diseases can grow in waterlogged soils and cause serious damage to palm trees. Delayed harvest and quality problems, floods can delay the harvest date because excessive moisture affects the ripeness and quality of the fruit. Flooding or high humidity lasting for days can lead to mold, rot and other problems after harvest, reducing market value and shelf life. Losses from flooding can have a significant financial impact on date palm growers, affecting their health and income. Losses from crop damage, recovery efforts and reduced profits could create financial problems for farmers and impact Pakistan's entire oil palm market. Measures to reduce the impact of climate change on crop production may include using drainage systems, using soil conservation measures, selecting solar varieties, and using insect control strategies and diseases to prevent or reduce crop yields. Additionally, government programs and efforts should help farmers and communities recover from the impact of flooding on planting day.

Reasons for Lack of Education Among Boys in Developing Countries

Sadaqat channa

Education is a basic human right and a main runner of personal, social, and economic development. Despite global efforts to improve education, many boys in developing countries still lack access to quality education. This paper examines the reasons behind the lack of education among boys in these regions. Poverty is a significant barrier to education, as families struggling to meet basic needs may prioritize earning income over sending their children, particularly boys, to school. Child labor is another issue, with many boys forced to work to support their families instead of attending school. Additionally, the lack of resources, such as textbooks and school supplies, can hinder access to education. Cultural and societal norms Gender bias often limits boys' access to education, as traditional beliefs may prioritize educating

girls over boys. Early marriage is also a concern, as boys who marry young may be unable to continue their education. Furthermore, traditional gender roles and responsibilities may prevent boys from attending school, as they may be expected to work or care for family. Recently many cases have happened in the backward areas and they have changed the mind set people. They have limited access to get education and they face many problems in getting education. Accessibility and infrastructure The distance to schools can be a significant barrier, especially in rural areas where schools may be far from boys' homes. Additionally, the quality of schools, including the availability of trained teachers and adequate facilities, can impact boys' access to education. Lack of transportation can also make it difficult for boys to attend school regularly. Conflict and instability can disrupt

education systems, forcing schools to close and displacing families. In conflict zones, education facilities may be inadequate or unavailable, further limiting boys' access to education. Displacement due to conflict can also result in a lack of documentation, making it challenging for boys to enroll in school in new areas. In the nutshell, the lack of education among boys in developing countries is a complex issue with multiple underlying causes. Addressing these challenges requires a comprehensive approach that addresses socio-economic factors, cultural norms, accessibility, and the impact of conflict and instability. By addressing these issues, we can work towards ensuring education for all boys in developing countries. "Education is the key that unlocks the golden door to freedom." —George Washington Carver.

The Power of Social Media in Building a Successful Career



ZAHEER AHMED KHOSO

In today's digital landscape, social media has become an indispensable tool for career advancement. Gone are the days of traditional networking and job searching. Social media platforms have revolutionized the way we connect, communicate, and advance in our careers. With millions of professionals and businesses online, social media offers unparalleled opportunities for networking, personal branding, and career growth. In this article, we will delve into the importance of social media in building a successful career and provide actionable tips on how to harness its power.

media to find job opportunities. Having a professional online presence is crucial in today's job market. Social media platforms allow you to create a digital profile showcasing your skills, experience, and achievements. This helps potential employers, clients, and collaborators find and connect with you. A complete and up-to-date online profile includes: - A professional headshot and background image - A concise and compelling bio - Relevant work experience and skills - Achievements and accomplishments - A consistent tone and brand voice Social media enables you to expand your professional network and connect with industry leaders, peers, and potential employers. Join relevant groups, engage in discussions, and participate in online events to build meaningful relationships and stay updated on industry trends. Some tips for effective networking on social media include: - Follow industry leaders and influencers -

Join relevant groups and engage in discussions - Participate in online events and webinars - Use hashtags to connect with others in your industry Social media allows you to showcase your expertise, values, and personality, helping you establish a strong personal brand. Share relevant content, offer insights, and demonstrate your thought leadership to attract opportunities and build your reputation. Some tips for effective personal branding on social media include: - Share relevant and valuable content - Offer insights and expertise - Showcase your personality and values - Consistently post and engage with others Social media platforms have become essential job search tools. Follow companies, recruiters, and industry leaders to stay informed about job openings and industry news. Utilize hashtags and job search groups to increase your visibility and connect with potential employers. Some tips for effective job searching on social media include:

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All departments should prepare plan to deal with possible flood during monsoon: DC Khan

Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha:
Deputy Commissioner Captain Retired Aurangzeb Haider Khan has said that all the concerned departments should prepare their own plan to deal with possible flood situation during monsoon so that any emergency situation can be dealt with immediately. He was presiding over the meeting of District Emergency Board and District Management Authority in the conference room of his office yesterday. Officers of Health, Anhar Police, Civil Defence, School Education, Livestock,

Forests, Municipal, Highways and other related departments were present in the meeting including ADCR Mohsin Salahuddin while all Assistant Commissioners participated through video link. The Deputy Commissioner said, in case of flood, all arrangements for animal fodder, evacuation of people from the river and vaccination etc. should be completed in time. In this regard, all departments should strengthen mutual communication. He asked the officers of the Anhar department to carry out a complete survey of all the safety dams adjacent to the

river area and complete the repair work in time. In the meeting, Secretary District Emergency Board and District Management Authority Punjab Emergency Service Rescue 1122 Mazhar Shah informed about the arrangements made regarding pre-flood and monsoon 2024. He said that on the occasion of pre-flood and monsoon 2024, Rescue 1122's district-wide ambulances, fire vehicles, rescue and disaster vehicles and motorbike ambulances and rescuers will perform their duty.

Construction & development of 590 roads has been started:

Soon Times Correspondent Bhera:
Provincial Minister for Law, Communications and Construction Malik, Sohahb Ahmed Bhattarh has said that a new era of construction and development has begun in Punjab. On the direction of Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif, various projects are being implemented to minimize public problems. He was talking to Rana Muhammad Sohail, a PML-N worker in the C&W department. Malik Sohahb Ahmed Bhattarh said that the development work of construction and development of 590 roads has been started across Punjab. While 11500 kilometers of roads are being repaired and rehabilitated. He said that he has set a target of completing 590 roads maintenance and repair projects this year. For the convenience of the citizens, an order has been given for the completion of SL-3 as soon as possible.



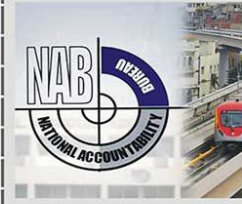
School council elections held in 1650 Govt schools of Sargodha



Soon Times Correspondent Sargodha:
Like across Punjab, school council elections were held in all 1650

government schools of Sargodha district. Students actively participated in the elections and elected their representatives. In this regard, polling was also conducted in Government Jamia Girls High School Sargodha. On this occasion, Principal Rubina Kausar said, the purpose of school council election is to promote and develop leadership skills in students. This will help the students to master decision-making, access to administrative matters and negotiation. On this occasion, Election Commissioner Atiya said that this will help in promoting responsibility among the students. Making students aware of the importance of their vote and teaching them to use it correctly will introduce democracy and democratic values to the grassroots level. In Government Jamia Girls High School Sargodha, Areej Fatima got 674 votes for president, Sawcera got 591 votes for vice president and Tayyaba Abbas got 606 votes for finance secretary.

NAB detects irregularities in Orange Line train project, seeks record from LDA



LAHORE
The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has requested details of the Orange Line Metro Train System (OLMTS) project from the Lahore Development Authority (LDA). The accountability watchdog, currently investigating alleged irregularities in the project, has sent a communication to the LDA for this purpose. The NAB has sought information on the project's physical progress and financial

status. It has specifically requested details on payments made to contractors and the disbursement of funds to the project's primary contractors. The Bureau is inquiring about the increase in the estimated cost during the defect liability period. Questions have also been raised regarding differences in the PC-1 rate of the project, the summary submitted to the former chief minister and the final approval process. Additionally, the NAB has requested GPS images of the machinery that was removed following orders from the Lahore High Court. The LDA has been asked to explain why no action was taken against the contractor.

Punjab CM, governor promise to raise living standards of people

Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE
Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz and Governor Sardar Salim Haider Khan held a meeting on Thursday at Jati Umrah, Lahore. The chief minister congratulated the governor for assuming office. They discussed matters related to development in the province. Both the CM and governor vowed to work together for sustainable development, progress of the province, and uplifting the living standard of citizens. Also read: Maryam tells MPAs resolving public issues a top priority of Punjab govt Both sides held discussions related to economic development, governance, education, health, law and order, climate



change, and other matters. They pledged to cooperate for the welfare of citizens across the province. CM Maryam Nawaz stated that all constitutional offices would be respected as the governor acted a bridge between provinces and the Centre. She highlighted that the Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP) was being upgraded and improved across the province. She informed that various projects related to education, health, road infrastructure, and IT were initiated. She emphasized that a special social protection programme was initiated to make life easier for the underprivileged. The governor stressed that every possible effort would be made to provide relief to the public. Read more: CM Maryam approves Google certification for 0.3m students He assured that the Governor House would cooperate for supremacy of constitution and law across the province.

Fawad Chaudhry secures bail in road blockade, violence incitement case

Soon Times Correspondent LAHORE
The Lahore Sessions Court on Thursday interim bail to former information minister Fawad Chaudhry in a case filed against him over road blockade and violence

incitement. The Race Course Police Station had initiated a case against Fawad Chaudhry for holding a press conference by blocking a road and inciting violence through his inflammatory speech.

PMD warns of heatwave-like conditions from Tuesday

Soon Times Correspondent ISLAMABAD:
The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) on Thursday predicted heatwave-like conditions in the country from May 21-27, with day temperatures expected to soar 4-8 degrees Celsius above normal in Punjab, Sindh, and other parts of the country. According to the PMD, a high-pressure system in the upper atmosphere will lead to heatwave-like conditions in most parts of the country, especially in Punjab and Sindh, from May 21. The situation is expected to intensify from May 23-27, with temperatures likely to remain 6-8 degrees Celsius



above normal in these regions. In Islamabad, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Balochistan, day temperatures are expected to remain 4-6 degrees Celsius above normal from May

21-27. The PMD also forecast duststorm/thundersorm-rain in upper parts of the country from May 16-19, with isolated rain expected in various cities, including Quetta, Peshawar, and Islamabad. The department has advised farmers to manage their crops accordingly and the general public to avoid unnecessary exposure to direct sunlight. The judicious use of water has also been requested from all aspects of life. The PMD has warned that extreme dry/heatwave conditions may trigger bush fires/forest fires in vulnerable areas of Punjab, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, and Northeast Balochistan.

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Multan: 16-05-2024A delegation of lawyers called on the Chairman Senate Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani at the circuit house.

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Israel PM says no humanitarian crisis as 500,000 flee Rafah



RAFAH, Gaza
Israel's prime minister on Wednesday (May 15) insisted there was no "humanitarian catastrophe" in Rafah as he announced nearly 500,000 people had been evacuated from the south Gaza city amid intense fighting.

It came as Palestinians commemorated the 76th anniversary of the "Nakba", when around 760,000 Palestinians fled or were driven from their homes during the 1948 wartime creation of Israel. Israeli forces have battled and bombed Hamas militants around Gaza's far-southern city of Rafah, but clashes have also flared again in northern and central areas which Israeli troops first entered months ago.



US questions China's no-first-use nuclear call given buildup

WASHINGTON
China has not responded to US nuclear-weapons risk-reduction proposals and Washington has questions about Beijing's call for no-first-use talks while China continues to build up its arsenal, the top US arms control official said on Wednesday.

Under Secretary of State Bonnie Jenkins told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee the US estimates China currently has 500 operational nuclear warheads and will probably have more than 1,000 by 2030. She said US officials met with Chinese counterparts last November, opens new tab to discuss arms control and proliferation, their first such talks in nearly five years.

"The meeting enabled a preliminary discussion on potential measures for managing and reducing risks," she said. "Unfortunately... the PRC has declined follow-up meeting and has not provided (a) substantive response to risk-reduction suggestions we put forward," she said.



Xi lauds China-Russia ties as Putin lands in Beijing

Chinese president pledges to work with Russian counterpart

BEIJING/MOSCOW
Chinese President Xi Jinping pledged to work with counterpart Vladimir Putin to "rejuvenate" their countries as the pair started a day of talks in Beijing, saying China would "always be a good partner" of Russia, according to Chinese state media.

Putin arrived earlier on Thursday for a two-day state visit that will include detailed talks on Ukraine, Asia, energy and trade with Xi, his most powerful political backer and fellow geopolitical rival of the United States.

"The China-Russia relationship today is hard-earned, and the two sides need to cherish and nurture it," Xi told Putin as they met at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing for their opening session.

"China is willing to jointly achieve the development and rejuvenation of our respective countries, and work together to uphold fairness and justice in the world," Xi said. "China and Russia declared a 'no limits' partnership in February 2022 when Putin visited Beijing just days before he sent tens of thousands of troops into Ukraine, triggering the deadliest land war in Europe since World War Two.

By picking China for his first foreign trip since being sworn in for a six-year term that will keep him in power until at least 2030, Putin is sending a message to the world about his priorities and the strength of his personal ties with Xi.

As they met, Putin told Xi that their co-operation was a stabilising factor.

"It is of crucial significance that relations between Russia and China are not opportunistic and are not directed against anyone," Russia'sRIA Novosti news agency cited Putin as saying.

Four dead in New Caledonia riots, France declares state of emergency

SYDNEY/PARIS
France declared a state of emergency on the Pacific island of New Caledonia on Wednesday after three young indigenous Kanak and a police officer were killed in riots over electoral reform.

The state of emergency, which entered into force at 5 am local time (1800 GMT), gives authorities additional powers to ban gatherings and forbid people from moving around the French-ruled island.

Police reinforcements adding 500 officers to the 1,800 usually present on the island, have been sent after rioters torched vehicles and businesses and looted stores. Schools have been shut and there is already a curfew in the capital.

Rioting broke out over a new bill, adopted by lawmakers in Paris on Tuesday, that will let French residents who have lived in New Caledonia for 10 years vote in provincial elections - a move some local leaders fear will dilute the Kanak vote.



"No violence will be tolerated," said Prime Minister Gabriel Attal, adding that the state of emergency "will allow us to roll out massive means to restore order."

He later signed a decree declaring a state of emergency that will last for 12 days and announced that French soldiers would be used to secure New Caledonia's main port and airport.

Authorities also decided to ban video app TikTok, which the government during a bout of riots on France's mainland last summer said helped rioters organise and amplified the chaos, attracting troublemakers to the streets.

25 arrested at University of Virginia after police clash with pro-Palestinian protesters



THE HAGUE
(Agencies)Web Desk
Six months after PVV head Geert Wilders won a stunning election victory, squabbling politicians finally clinched an agreement Wednesday on a coalition government, said the Dutch far-right leader, who will not be prime minister.

"We have an agreement among negotiators," said Wilders, who had reluctantly agreed to give up his dream of running the European Union's fifth-largest economy amid widespread uneasiness over his anti-Islam, anti-European views.

It was not immediately clear who would be prime minister to lead the right-wing coalition government and replace Mark Rutte, who is almost certain to be tapped as the new NATO secretary general.

"Discussions over the prime minister will be held at a later time," Wilders told reporters.

However, the main contender looks to be former education and interior minister Ronald Plasterk, who also played a key role in overseeing the initial talks.

Later on Wednesday, MPs for the four parties all gave their approval to the deal, the details of which were not immediately available.

In March, the four parties agreed to aim for a partially technocratic government made up of 50 percent politicians and 50 percent from outside politics.

The last time the Netherlands had such an "expert" government was in 1918 and it is "not clear how it will work more than 100 years later."

After marathon talks on Tuesday, Wilders said it would be a "historic day" if his far-right PVV Freedom Party took part in a Dutch government for the first time.

The far-right has gained in elections across Europe but has struggled to translate votes into power as other parties refuse to work with them.

Sports & Showbiz

Pakistan hockey team honoured at PM house PM Shehbaz handed Rs1 million cheque to each player



KARACHI
The runners up of the Sultan Azlan Shah hockey tournament, Pakistan hockey team, was honoured at the Prime Minister House in Islamabad.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif along with Federal Minister of Planning Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Information Attaulah Tarar, Pakistan hockey greats including Samiullah Khan, Islahuddin Shehbaz senior and others graced the event on Thursday.

Pakistan lost to Japan 4-1 on a penalty shootout after the match ended 2-2 in the normal time. The

Japanese goalkeeper made two excellent saves in the shootout which ended the Green Shirts' hopes of lifting the title.

"I pray that our hockey team continues to shine like they did in the tournament," said Olympian Samiullah. "I'm thankful to the Prime Minister and Rana Mashood for honouring the hockey team."

"I think this encouragement would be morale booster for them. They should prove that they are good player and can win more games and trophies for Pakistan."

Islahuddin was off the view that this achievement was not an overnight job.



Troubled Man Utd keep alive European hopes with win over Newcastle

LONDON
Manchester United kept alive their hopes of salvaging a dismal season by qualifying for Europe as Amad Diallo's rocket inspired a 3-2 win against Newcastle.

Erik ten Hag's side are battling to secure a seventh place finish in the Premier League, which could secure a place in next season's UEFA Conference League.

United will qualify for the Europa League if they win the FA Cup final against Manchester City on May 25. But if City triumph at Wembley then seventh will be enough for a Conference League spot.

And eighth-placed United are still in the hunt for that place after beating Newcastle to move level on points with the seventh-placed Magpies.

Goals from Kobbie Mainoo, Diallo and Rasmus Hojlund at Old Trafford have United only their third win in nine league games.

However, United's goal difference is vastly inferior to Newcastle's, meaning they must better the Magpies' result in the last game of the season.

United travel to Brighton on Sunday, while Newcastle head to Brentford.

Newcastle's defeat means fifth-placed Tottenham are guaranteed to be in the Europa League next season.

Sixth placed Chelsea won 2-1 at Brighton in Wednesday's other game to move closer to European qualification after a turbulent campaign.

United embarked on a sheepish 'lap of honour' after their final home game of the season.

And, while it has hardly been a campaign to celebrate, this was a much-needed result as Ten Hag fights to avoid the sack at the end of a season that ranks as one of United's worst in the Premier League era.

"It's important to win the last game at Old Trafford this season. The fans deserve this because they've had difficult times and always stayed with us," Ten Hag said.

Is Ayeza Khan retiring from showbiz?



ISLAMABAD (Web Desk)
As the last episode of drama series 'Jaan-e-Jahan' is just around the corner, fans want to know about the future of Ayeza Khan who in a message on Instagram had said 'Jaan-e-Jahan' was her last project.

Ayeza Khan, celebrated for her stunning performances, has been a part of several hit dramas. With a career spanning over a decade, Ayeza has charmed audiences with her acting prowess.

Currently, Ayeza is making headlines for her role in the popular drama series 'Jaan-e-Jahan', where she stars alongside Hamza Ali Abbasi. The show has garnered immense popularity, captivating viewers in both Pakistan and India.

As many as 38 episodes have aired so far and the last episode is just around the corner.

ICC 'excited' as cricket's newest stadium launched in New York

NEW YORK
The newly-built Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, near New York, Florida and Dallas as venues, was launched on Wednesday with the sport's world body "excited" to conquer new territories through the T20 World Cup in June.

The 34,000-capacity stadium, with infrastructure from the Las Vegas Formula 1 circuit and drop-in pitches prepared in Florida, will host the holy-anticipated India-Pakistan clash on June 9, among its eight scheduled World Cup games.

The showpiece 20-over event will be co-hosted by the West Indies and the United States starting June 1 with New York, Florida and Dallas as venues.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) remains happy with the focus on the India-Pakistan clash and the Nassau project as part of bringing the game to the US. "Yeah, absolutely! We can run that game anywhere and the interest in the fixture would be immense," Chris Tetley, the ICC's head of events, told reporters in a media roundtable.

"The news stories that we have seen and the media coverage in the US itself as well as amongst the cricket media around the world, I have not seen that before around an ICC event."



Tetley added: "We are really excited to bring the T20 World Cup cricket to the US and the opportunity that it presents to the sport and from what I can see there is an audience really waiting for us to come."

T20 Cricket will also feature as one of five new sports at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028.

Making a cricket stadium in Nassau remained a huge challenge for the ICC, who got in Adelaide Oval curator Damian Hough for the job.

Hough created the first drop-in pitch in Adelaide in 2013 and the latest steps at the Nassau County ground promise good cricket and balance between bat and ball. "People shouldn't be concerned about drop-in pitches," said Hough.