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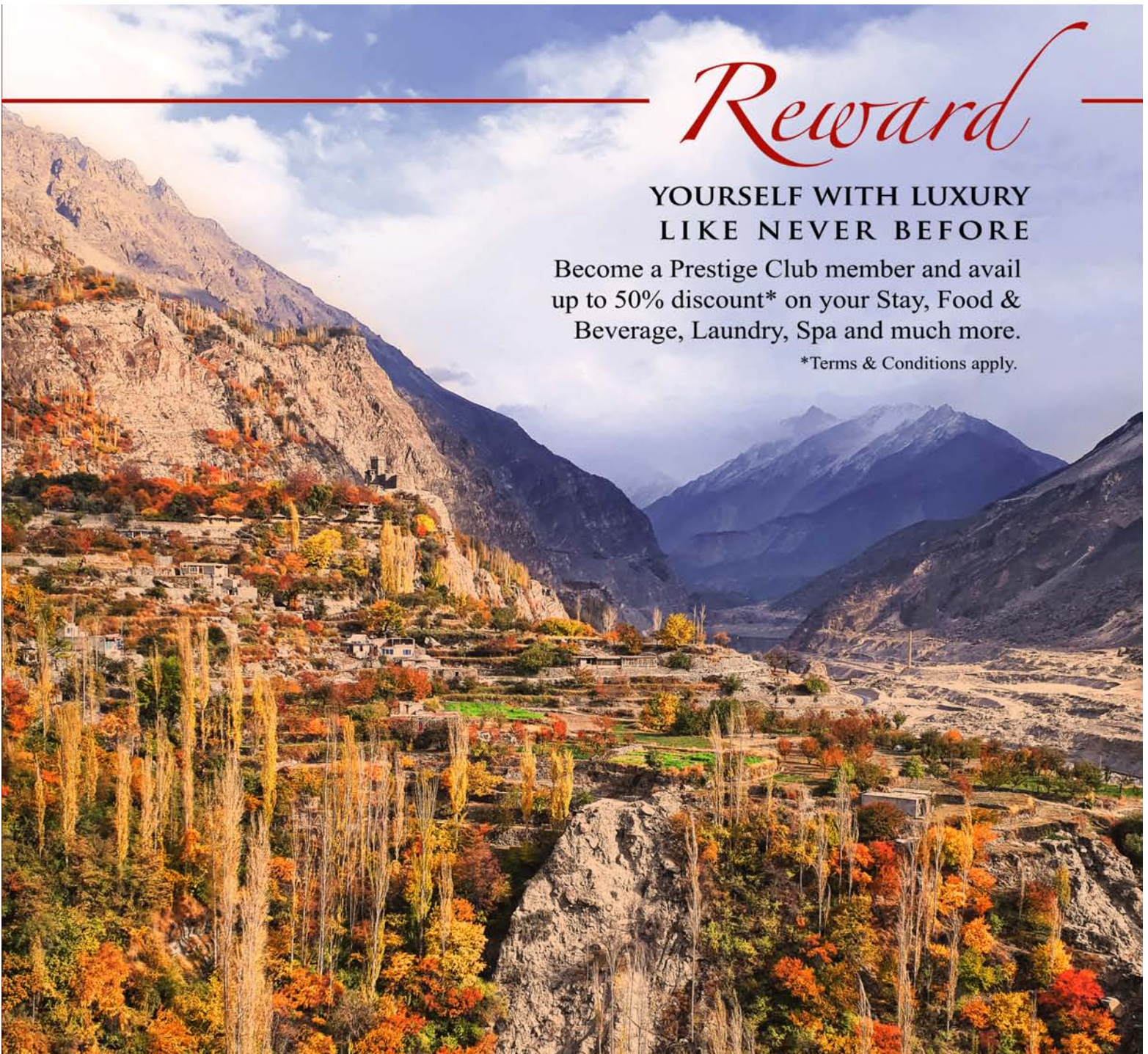
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16 President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev met with Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif in Samarkand

President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has met with Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif in Samarkand. During the meeting, President Ilham Aliyev hailed the development of bilateral relations and pointed out that Azerbaijan and Pakistan always stood by each other. The head of state said that Pakistan's support for Azerbaijan during the 44-day Patriotic War was highly appreciated.

18 PM conveys Pakistan's vision for SCO strategic direction

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's statement at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit conveyed Pakistan's vision for the strategic direction of SCO in the face of global political and economic transformation. "Pakistan's commitment to the principles and purposes of SCO Charter and to the 'Shanghai Spirit' as a core value of SCO was also reaffirmed," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release.

22 I want to get justice for my people: FM Bilawal

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari thanked the German government on Friday for its assistance for the flood victims of Pakistan, and stressed that the Pakistan looked to Europe's economic powerhouse on the issue of adverse effects of climate change.

38 Pakistan, China agree on early launch of much-awaited ML-1 project

Pakistan and China agreed on the early launch of the much-awaited Mainline-1 (ML1) project that aims at revamping the South Asian country's ageing railway infrastructure. Both sides reached the agreement during a dinner hosted by Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong for Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique.

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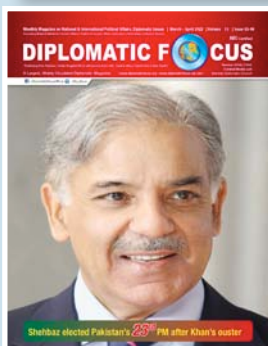
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Mian Fazal Elahi

Three back-to-back events have suddenly catapulted Pakistan into the global and regional limelight. The first, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, was in Pakistan on a two-day solidarity trip to create global awareness about the devastating impact of climate change and resultant massive floods in Pakistan. The second episode is Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's protuberant and rather flashy participation in the Council of Heads of State meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Samarkand. And third was Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's address to the 77th UN General Assembly, where he highlighted: the plight of flood-affected Pakistani people who are suffering because of the brutal climate change, the Kashmir issue, peace in Afghanistan and Islamophobia. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, the youngest Foreign Minister of Pakistan, is also playing his role, not only trying to get much needed support to tackle the devastation caused by the floods but also trying to convince the world to understand this climate change challenges. His statement, "I want justice for my people," is very important. As PM Sharif mentioned, Pakistan is responsible for less than 1% of the carbon emissions that cause global warming... What happened in Pakistan will not stay in Pakistan. As a result of the tireless hard work of the Pakistani team, the UNGA passed a resolution calling for developing nations to receive more funding to combat climate change. The resolution also showed support for Pakistan, whose third of the country is underwater as a result of unprecedented monsoon rains. Developing countries are the least responsible for climate change but the ones who suffer the most because of it. This is now echoed all over the world. In a speech to the General Assembly, Secretary General Antonio Guterres said that "For so many with so little, the effects of these floods will be felt not just for days or even months," he said, adding that this disaster is just a taste of what is to come with global warming. "Climate chaos is knocking on everyone's door, right now," said Guterres.

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Envoys presented credentials to President Alvi



By Mian Fazal Elahi

President Dr Arif Alvi received the diplomatic credentials of the ambassadors-designate of The Netherlands, Denmark, Switzerland, Finland, Zimbabwe and Senegal at a presentation of credentials ceremony at the Aiwan-e-Sadr.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Netherlands Henny Fokel de Vries, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark Jakob Linulf, Ambassador of Switzerland Georg Steiner, Ambassador of Finland Hannu Ripatti, Non-Resident High Commissioner of Zimbabwe Lt Gen (Retd) Martin Chedondo, and Non-Resident Ambassador of Senegal Saliou Niang Dieng presented their credentials and also made separate calls on the president.

Talking to the Dutch ambassador, the president said Pakistan desired to forge a long-term and multi-dimensional partnership with the Netherlands, especially in the fields of trade, agriculture, investment, energy, culture, education and people-to-people contacts.

He said the Netherlands had become the second largest export destination for Pakistani products in the European Union (EU) with a bilateral trade volume of \$2.3 billion.

He expressed the hope that the Netherlands would continue to extend its support for Pakistan's GSP plus.

Talking to the Danish ambassador, the president said that Pakistan desired to further strengthen relations with Denmark in all spheres, especially in political, economic, trade, investment and defence fields.

He proposed that Pakistani tech companies could offer their cost-effective and high-quality services and products to Denmark.

The president highlighted the importance of

ease of travelling between the two countries for further improving the bilateral economic relations as well as people-to-people contacts.

Talking to the Swiss ambassador, President Alvi said Pakistan highly valued its partnership with Switzerland in economy, trade and commerce as well as in the sphere of socio-economic development and humanitarian assistance.

He said the Swiss companies could invest in

the globe.

The president said Pakistan could learn from Switzerland's highly developed tourism and hospitality industry, besides benefitting from Swiss expertise to train human resources connected with the tourism industry.

Talking to the ambassador of Finland, the president urged to enhance interactions between the business communities as well as the chambers of commerce and industry of the two countries to fully achieve the potential of bilateral trade volume.

He said Pakistan would welcome Finnish expertise in the transport sector, including environmentally sustainable transport technologies.

Talking to the high commissioner of Zimbabwe, the president expressed Pakistan's desire to enhance cooperation in the agricultural, pharmaceutical and defence sectors.

He also underlined the need for enhancing bilateral trade volume to its fullest potential.

Talking to the ambassador of Senegal, the president said Pakistan considered Senegal an important country in the West African region, and expressed satisfaction over the excellent state of relations between the two countries.

During the meetings, the president emphasized the need for further strengthening the international partnerships for countering climate change and moving towards the goal of zero emission of greenhouse gases.

President Alvi thanked the international community for its continued support for Pakistan during the recent floods, and expressed the hope that the international community would further step up its contribution to relief and rehabilitation of the flood-hit population and reconstruction of the lost infrastructure.

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Pakistan's tourism sector which had great potential to attract tourism traffic from across



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... Clearly, the time for talk about actions has passed

Address by **H.E. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif**

Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan

at the General Debate of the
77th session of the UN General Assembly

BISMILLAH-IR-RAHMAN-IR-RAHEEM

Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

As I stand here today to tell the story of my country, Pakistan, my heart and mind have not been able to leave home. No words can describe the shock we are living through or how the face of the country lies transformed. I have come here to explain first hand, the scale and magnitude of this climate catastrophe that has pushed one-third of my country under water in a super storm that no one has seen in living memory.

For 40 days and 40 nights a biblical flood poured down on us, smashing centuries of weather records, challenging everything we knew about disaster, and how to manage it.

Even today, huge swathes of the country are still under-water, submerged in an ocean of human suffering. In this ground zero of climate change, 33 million people, including women and children are now at 'high risk from health hazards, with 650,000 women giving birth in makeshift tarpaulins. More than 1500 of my people have perished in the great flood, including over 400 children. Far more are in peril from disease and malnutrition. As we speak, millions of climate migrants are still looking for dry land to pitch their tents on, with heart-breaking losses to their families, their futures and their livelihoods.

We look for
peace with all
our neighbours,
including India

Early estimates suggest that more than 13000 kms of metalled roads have been damaged, over 370 bridges have been swept away, a million homes have been destroyed and another million damaged. More than a million farm animals have been killed. Four Million acres of crops have been washed away, stripping the people of their breadbasket, and damage of an unimaginable scale.

Mr. President,

Pakistan has never seen a more stark and devastating example of the impact of Global Warming. Life in Pakistan has changed forever.

Through this calamity, I have visited, and spent time in every corner of my devastated country. People in Pakistan ask why, why has this happened to them? When global warming rips apart whole families and an entire country



Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif met with US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN GA



Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, President of EU Commission calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif



Ms. Karistalina Georgieva, Managing Director of IMF, calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif

at this ferocious speed, it is time to ask why, and time to ask not what can be done but what **MUST** be done. The undeniable, and inconvenient truth is that this calamity has not been triggered by anything we have done. Our glaciers are melting fast, our forests are burning, and our heat waves have crossed 53 degree C, making us the hottest place on the planet, and now,

Mr. President,

Now, we live through an unprecedented monster monsoon. It is literally a monsoon on steroids, as the UN Secretary General described it most befittingly.

One thing is very clear:

What happened in Pakistan will not stay in Pakistan. As the SG so candidly says, hotspots like Pakistan fall in the ten most climate-vulnerable list of countries, but emit less than one percent of the greenhouse gases that are burning our planet. It is therefore, entirely reasonable to expect some approximation of justice for this loss and damage, not to mention building back better with resilience.

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in our collective
interest.*

Clearly, the time for talk about actions has passed. At this point I am profoundly grateful that the UN SG Antonio Guterres visited Pakistan where he spent time with climate refugees, with mothers and children in the tents, And repeatedly assured us of his support and assistance. At this point, I want to thank each and every one of the countries that have sent help, and their representatives to Pakistan to stand in solidarity with us in our most trying hour. On behalf of my nation, I once again express my sincerest appreciation to all of them.

Excellencies,

The impacts on the health and wealth of my country are beyond calculation at this point. So my real worry, is about the next stage of this challenge. When the cameras leave, and the story just shifts away to conflicts like the Ukraine, my question is, will we be left alone, to cope with a crisis we did not create?

Where and how do we begin, to rehabilitate and reconstruct, after the rescue and relief



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a bilateral meeting with H.E Mr Alexander De Croo, Prime Minister of Belgium



PM Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif attends the photo exhibition titled Floods in Pakistan-A Climate Carnage

effort which is still going on for 12 long weeks?

For many of the lives we have saved, the future is dimmed by new fragility, lost homes, decimated livelihoods, deluged croplands, permanent food insecurity and exposure to uncertain futures. Some 11 million people will be pushed further below the poverty line, while others will drift to cramped urban shelters, leaving little room for climate-smart rebuilding.

Mr. President,

For now, we have mobilized all available resources towards the national relief effort, and repurposed all budget priorities including development funds, to the rescue and first-order needs of millions. Cash transfers to the most affected, 4 million women heads of household, had begun weeks ago via our social security program, the Benazir Income Support Program, amounting to 70 billion rupees,(over \$300 million). But at this point, the gap between our urgent needs and available resources is amplified by the sheer, unprecedented scale of the disaster. Our manpower and resources are totally overwhelmed.

The question to raise here though is quite a simple one. Why are my people paying the price of such high global warming through no fault of their own? Nature has unleashed her fury on Pakistan without looking at our carbon footprint, which is next to nothing. Our actions did not contribute to this. The dual costs of global inaction and climate injustice are having a crippling effect on both our treasury and our

people, right here, right now.

Mr. President,

Make no mistake, the hour, the year of nature's reckoning is upon us!

Mr. President,

This is going to be a long haul, we can see that under the most trying circumstances, hope is the best enemy of darkness, and Pakistanis are known to be exceptionally resilient people. For my part, I am fully committed to fighting this battle for our survival, in the tents and trenches with my people, until we have rebuilt Pakistan to face the growing challenges of this century. It is high time we took a pause from the preoccupations of the 20th century to return to the challenges of the 21st. The entire definition of national security has changed today, and unless the leaders of the world come together to act now behind minimum agreed agenda, there will be no earth to fight wars over. Nature will be fighting back, and for that humanity is no match.

Mr. President,

Pakistan's urgent priority right now is to ensure rapid economic growth and lift millions out of destitution and hunger. To enable any such policy momentum, Pakistan needs a stable external environment. We look for peace with all our neighbours, including India. Sustainable peace and stability in South Asia, however, remains contingent upon a just and lasting solution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. At



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in a bilateral meeting with H.E Sayyed Ebrahim Raisi, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran



PM Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets Mr. Csaba Kőrösi, President of the General Assembly

the heart of this longstanding dispute lies the denial of the inalienable right of the Kashmiri people to self determination.

India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5th August 2019, to change the internationally recognized "disputed" status of Jammu and Kashmir and to alter the demographic structure of the occupied territory further undermined the prospects of peace and inflamed regional tensions. India's relentless campaign of repression against Kashmiris has continued to grow in scale and intensity. In pursuit of this heinous goal. New Delhi has ramped up its military deployments in occupied Jammu and Kashmir to 900,000 troops, thus making it the most militarized zone in the world. The serial brutalization of Kashmiris takes many forms: extrajudicial killings, incarceration, custodial torture and death, indiscriminate use of force, deliberate targeting of Kashmiri youth with pellet guns, and 'collective punishments' imposed on entire communities.

In a classic settler-colonial project, India is seeking to turn the Muslim majority Jammu and Kashmir into a Hindu-majority territory, through illegal demographic changes. Millions of fake "domicile certificates" have been issued to non-Kashmiris; Kashmiri land and properties are being seized; electoral districts have been Jerry Mandered; and over 2.5 million non Kashmiri illegal voters fraudulently registered. All this is in blatant violation of Security Council resolutions and international law, particularly the 4th Geneva Convention.

For our part, the Pakistani people have always stood by our Kashmiri brothers and sisters in complete solidarity, and will continue to do so until their right to self-determination is fully realized in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council resolutions.

I assure the world from this august platform, that we in Pakistan remain consistent in our commitment to peace in South Asia. India must take credible steps to create enabling environment for constructive engagement. It should demonstrate its sincerity and willingness, to walk the path of peace and



Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif meets H.E. Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of France



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets H.E Pedro Sánchez, President of the Government of Spain



Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif interacts with Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand

dialogue by reversing its illegal steps of 15 August 2019, and ending forth-with, the process of demographic change. We hope this world body and the Secretary-General will play their rightful role in urging India to implement the long pending UN resolutions.

Mr. President,

Afghanistan today presents a unique challenge. 30 million Afghans are left without a functional economy and banking system that allows ordinary Afghans to make a living to be able to build a better future. Pakistan would also like to see an Afghanistan which is at peace with itself and the world, and which respects and nurtures all its citizens, without regard to gender, ethnicity and religion. Pakistan is working to encourage respect for the rights of Afghan girls and women to education and work. Yet, at this point, isolating the Afghan Interim Government could aggravate the suffering of the Afghan people, who are already destitute. Constructive engagement and economic support are more likely to secure a positive response.

A peaceful, prosperous and connected Afghanistan is in our collective interest. As a neighbor, Pakistan has a vital stake in peace

Islamophobia is a global phenomenon... It is my sincere hope that this should lead to concrete measures by the UN and Member States to combat Islamophobia and promote interfaith harmony.

and stability in Afghanistan. We have led the humanitarian efforts to help our Afghan brothers and sisters. We must avoid another civil war, rising terrorism, drug trafficking or new refugees - which none of Afghanistan's neighbors are in a position to accommodate. Pakistan urges the international community to respond in a positive way to the UN Secretary-General's appeal for \$4.2 billion in humanitarian and economic assistance to Afghanistan; release Afghanistan's financial reserves, essential to revive its banking system.

Pakistan shares the key concern of the international community regarding the threat posed by the major terrorist groups operating from Afghanistan, especially ISIL-K and TTP as well as Al-Qaida, ETIM and IMU. They all need to be dealt with comprehensively, with the support and cooperation of the Interim Afghan authorities. In turn, the international community should address Afghanistan's dire humanitarian needs.



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif met with H.E. Mr. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan on the sidelines of 77th Session of UN GA

Mr. President,

Pakistan strongly condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Terrorism does not have a religion. It is based on dogma, fueled by poverty, deprivation, injustice and ignorance, and fanned by vested interests.

Pakistan is the principal victim of terrorism. Over the last two decades, we have suffered more than 80,000 casualties and over \$150 billion in economic losses due to terrorist attacks. Our armed forces, with the support of our people, have broken the back of terrorism within Pakistan. Yet, we continue to suffer terrorist attacks from across our borders, sponsored and financed by our regional adversary. We are determined to defeat such cross border terrorism.

Mr. President,

Islamophobia is a global phenomenon. Since 9/11, suspicion and fear of Muslims and discrimination against them have escalated to epidemic proportions. The officially sponsored campaign of oppression against India's over 200 million Muslims is the worst manifestation of islamophobia. They are subjected to discriminatory laws and policies, Hijab bans, attacks on mosques, and lynchings by Hindu mobs. I am particularly concerned by the calls for 'genocide' against India's Muslims by some extremist groups. Earlier this year, this Assembly adopted a landmark resolution, introduced by Pakistan on behalf of the OIC, designating 15 March as the International Day to combat islamophobia. It is my sincere hope that this should lead to concrete measures by the UN and Member States to combat Islamophobia and promote interfaith harmony.

Mr. President,

Pakistan is deeply concerned by the numerous conflicts across the Middle East - including in Syria and Yemen. We support all possible efforts to promote their peaceful resolution. We call on Israel to put an immediate end to the blatant use of force and flagrant violations of human rights of the Palestinian people and



Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif meets H.E. Mr. Karl Nehammer, Federal Chancellor of Republic of Austria

the repeated desecration of the Holy Al Aqsa mosque. The only just, comprehensive and lasting solution of the Palestinian question is the acceptance of a viable, independent and contiguous Palestinian State, with the pre-1967 borders, and Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Mr. President,

The Security Council and the General Assembly must be empowered to play their respective roles under the UN Charter. The Security Council must be expanded by adding 11 new non-permanent members to make it more representative, democratic, transparent, effective and accountable. Adding new permanent members will paralyze the Council's decision making, enlarge its representational deficit, and create new centres of privilege in violation of the principle of sovereign equality of Member States. The nations of the world must/ step/ back from the precipice. We must restore peace in Europe, avoid a war in Asia and resolve festering conflicts across the world. We must revive the vision which created the United Nations, a vision which is often blurred by national interests and hegemonic designs.

Pakistan is a partner for peace. We will work with all those committed to the UN Charter's principles - to restore the vision which created the United Nations and to equip this Organization with the capacity to preserve global peace and promote universal prosperity.

I thank you.

Diplomatic Focus Thru Lens



Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong meeting with Federal Minister for Industries and Production, Syed Murtaza Mahmud.



H.E Nong Rong Ambassador of the People's Republic of China called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar



Ambassador of Argentina Mr. Leopold Francisco sahores called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf



Ambassador of China to Pakistan H.E. Mr Nong Rong called on Minister of State for Petroleum Dr Mussadiq Malik



Ambassador of indonesia to Pakistan , Adam Mulawarman Tugio called on Iftikhar Ali Shallwani, Federal Secretary Ministry of Housing and Works



Ambassador of Kazakhstan Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf



Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan Yerzhan Kistafin called on Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq



Ambassador of Kazakhstan, Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin calling on chairman senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held bilateral meetings

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held bilateral meetings with his counterparts on margins of UNGA 77th session in New York and Discussed matters of bilateral interest



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held a bilateral meeting with Foreign Minister of Egypt Sameh Hassan Shoukry



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held meetings with Foreign Minister of Belarus Vladimir Makei



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari met Foreign Minister of United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari met with Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud



Bilawal Bhutto Zardari met the High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) Miguel Moratinos



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari met China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held meetings with Foreign Minister of Azerbaijan Jeyhun Bayramov



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held meetings with Foreign Minister of Hungary Peter Szijjarto



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held meetings with Foreign Minister Jeppe Kofod of Denmark



Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held a meeting with Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Ali Sabry



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held meetings with Foreign Minister of Kuwait Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah



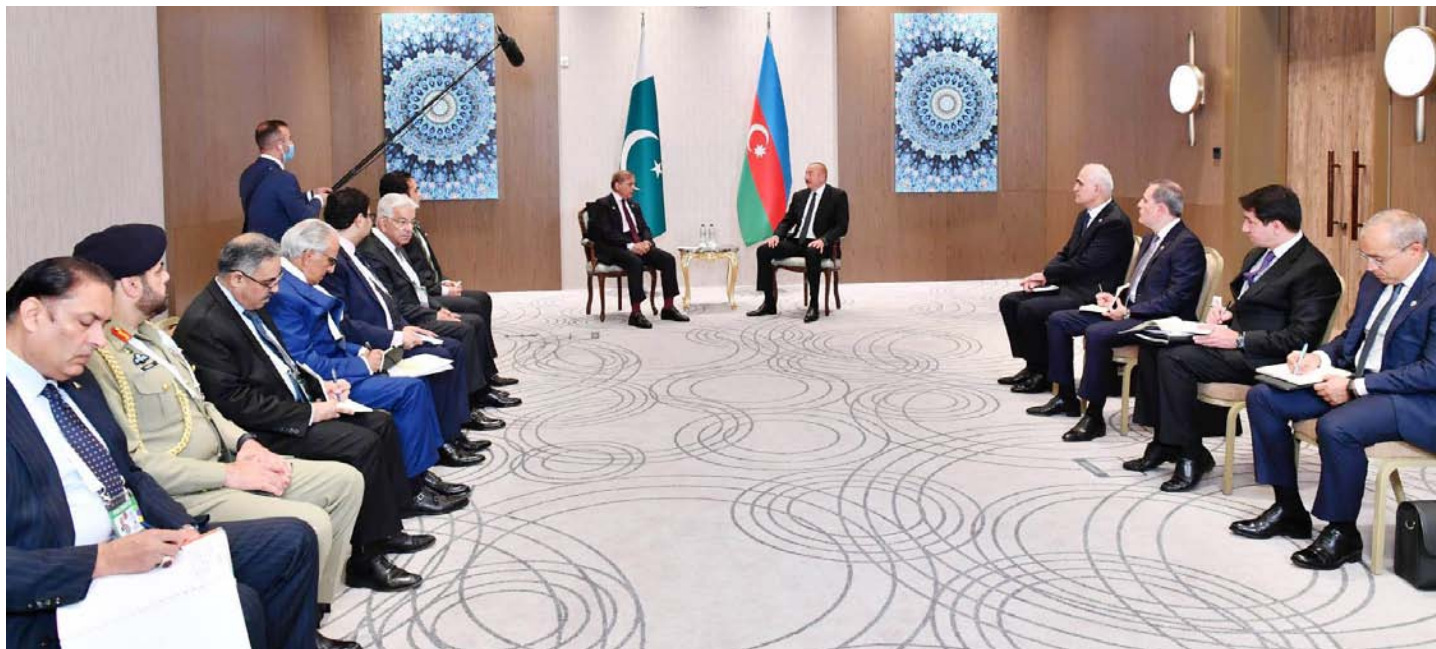
Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and his Norwegian Foreign Minister Ms. Anniken Huitfeldt



Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari held bilateral meeting with his Algerian counterpart Ramtane Lamamra



President of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev met with Prime Minister of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif in Samarkand



President of the Republic of Azerbaijan Ilham Aliyev has met with Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Shehbaz Sharif in Samarkand.

During the meeting, President Ilham Aliyev hailed the development of bilateral relations and pointed out that Azerbaijan and Pakistan always stood by each other. The head of state said that Pakistan's support for Azerbaijan during the 44-day Patriotic War was highly appreciated. President Ilham Aliyev emphasized that Pakistan was one of the three countries that did not establish diplomatic relations with Armenia during the 30-year occupation of Azerbaijani territories, which was highly appreciated by the Azerbaijani people. The head of state pointed out that the two countries cooperated closely within the international organizations, including the Non-Aligned Movement and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. President Ilham Aliyev noted that he highly appreciated Pakistan's support for Azerbaijan's initiatives as chair of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

The President of Azerbaijan emphasized that Azerbaijan, Pakistan and Türkiye were cooperating closely in a trilateral format.

The Prime Minister expressed his gratitude to Azerbaijan for its support and solidarity with Pakistan as well as provision of generous financial assistance for the flood affected people. He highlighted that this massive natural disaster caused by climate change called for urgent action by the international community to address this global threat. The Prime Minister said that Pakistan and Azerbaijan had exemplary relations, deeply embedded in common history, faith and culture. The Prime Minister reaffirmed Pakistan's principled support to Azerbaijan on Nagorno-Karabakh and congratulated on the historic success in

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liberation of its occupied territories. The Prime Minister of Pakistan expressed his condolences to President Ilham Aliyev and the people of Azerbaijan over the latest martyrs who were killed while preventing large-scale military provocations committed by the armed forces of Armenia on the state border. The Prime Minister reiterated support for Azerbaijan's right to self-defence in accordance with international law and in protection of its territorial integrity. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed his high appreciation for the moral, material and friendly support provided by President Ilham Aliyev during the floods that occurred in Pakistan and resulted in numerous casualties. "Pakistan and Azerbaijan are two hearts in one body. There are fraternal and friendly relations between Azerbaijan and Pakistan. We have firmly supported the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of Azerbaijan and will continue to support it," the Prime Minister of Pakistan said.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif invited President Ilham Aliyev to pay an official visit to Pakistan.

President Ilham Aliyev accepted the invitation with pleasure and invited the Prime Minister of Pakistan to visit Azerbaijan as well.

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif expressed his satisfaction with the meeting and conveyed President Arif Alvi's greetings to the head of state.

President Ilham Aliyev expressed his gratitude for the greetings of President Arif Alvi and asked the Prime Minister to convey his greetings to the President of Pakistan.

The head of state emphasized that Azerbaijan also supported Pakistan's rightful position on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir and stood in solidarity with Pakistan on this issue. Azerbaijan is a member of the Contact Group on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir within the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

During the meeting, the sides discussed the issues relating to transport, logistics, agriculture, energy, investment promotion, expansion of economic and trade relations between the two countries. Tasks were given to relevant state institutions in the end.

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PM conveys Pakistan's vision for SCO strategic direction

in face of global, economic transformation: FO

By M. Mian Fazal Elahi

Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif's statement at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Summit conveyed Pakistan's vision for the strategic direction of SCO in the face of global political and economic transformation.

"Pakistan's commitment to the principles and purposes of SCO Charter and to the 'Shanghai Spirit' as a core value of SCO was also reaffirmed," the Foreign Office Spokesperson said in a press release. Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif led the Pakistan delegation to the Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of Shanghai Cooperation Organization held in Samarkand on 15-16 September. Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail, Defence Minister Khawaja Asif are among the officials part of the Pakistani delegation.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi, Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev, Tajikistan President Emomali Rahmon, Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi were also in attendance. Participants were welcomed by Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.

The annual council meeting is the highest forum in SCO where all the strategic decisions regarding the future direction of the Organization are taken. All eight heads of state/government of SCO member states attended the Summit meeting in person. "Participation in the Samarkand SCO Summit provided a significant

opportunity to present Pakistan's viewpoint on important national, regional and global issues. The Prime Minister's comprehensive engagements with world leaders gathered in Samarkand served to further strengthen our bilateral relations with these countries," the spokesperson added.

In his statement at SCO, the prime minister presented a compelling case for collective action by SCO countries to combat the ravages of climate change. He shared details of the human tragedy and the massive devastation caused by the climate calamity that struck Pakistan.

"I have never before seen this kind of devastation," the prime minister said, as he addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO) Council of Heads of State (CHS) meeting in Samarkand, reported DAWN. On the floods, he said stagnant water is causing a rise in waterborne diseases, such as malaria, he highlighted as he thanked SCO members for extending their support during this time of need. The prime minister said Pakistan would eventually overcome this crisis as he estimated the damage to be in the "billions of dollars".

"But [...] these devastating floods in Pakistan

are most definitely climate change-induced [...] Cloud outbursts, unprecedented rains combined with hill torrents, all of this put together made Pakistan look like a sea of water." We are going to stand on our own feet but will this be the last time a country is going to fall victim to this devastation, he asked as he appealed to the SCO to "build a wall" against the menace of climate change. But that can only be achieved through a well-thought-out and sustainable plan, he said. "Our carbon emission is less than one per cent. Yet nature had this in store for us."

"Let's make a plan to save our future generations," he said. The prime minister expressed deep appreciation for the support proffered by SCO leaders for relief and assistance to the people affected by the floods. The SCO leaders expressed their support and solidarity with Pakistan at this critical time. The president of Uzbekistan on behalf of the Council of Heads of State of SCO appealed to the international community to support Pakistan in overcoming the devastating consequences of the floods.

On the situation in Afghanistan, the prime minister underlined that after 40 years of conflict, there was a real possibility to establish sustainable peace in that country.



PM Shehbaz said that it would be a “big mistake to ignore Afghanistan this time around”, highlighting that peace in Pakistan and Afghanistan was interlinked. He called for a new compact between Afghanistan and the international community and the need for constructive engagement with the Afghan interim authorities. The prime minister also stressed the importance of inclusivity, respect for human rights of all Afghans including women, and effective counterterrorism action. He underscored Pakistan’s active role in maintaining regional peace and security, and in counter-terrorism through the SCO-RATS platform.

He highlighted Pakistan’s contribution toward global counter-terrorism and the immense sacrifices and economic losses incurred over the last decades. As SCO Chair, the President of Uzbekistan had invited as special guests President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Türkiye, President Ilham Aliyev of Azerbaijan, Prime Minister of Armenia Nikol Pashinyan and President of Turkmenistan Serdar Berdimukhamedov to the Samarkand CHS. Heads of SCO Observer states Iran, Mongolia and Belarus also attended the Summit.

SCO Leaders adopted the Samarkand Declaration which articulated the collective stance of SCO on important global and regional issues. In addition, they also adopted four joint statements on climate change, food security, energy security and the statement on maintaining reliable international supply chains. SCO Leaders also approved new initiatives including: The comprehensive Action Plan for 2023-2027 on the implementation of the provisions of the Treaty on Long-Term Good-Neighborliness, Friendship and Cooperation; Concept for Cooperation of the SCO Member States in Developing Connectivity and Creating Efficient Economic and Transport Corridors; Regulations on the Honorary Title “Goodwill Ambassador of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization; Roadmap for Gradual Increase in the Share of National Currencies in Mutual Settlements of the SCO Member States. Moreover, four Intergovernmental Agreements on: i) Cooperation on Development of Tourism ii) Cooperation in Sphere of Trade in Services; iii) MoU on Cooperation in Museum Matters; and iv) Cooperation in Plant Quarantine were also signed at the Samarkand CHS.

SCO Heads of State and Government agreed on further expansion of SCO and approved the

request of Belarus for full membership status as well as requests by Bahrain, UAE, Kuwait, Maldives and Myanmar as new Dialogue Partners. On the sidelines of the SCO Summit, the prime minister held a number of meetings with leaders including the Presidents of China, Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Iran, Azerbaijan, Belarus and Türkiye and apprised them of the situation in the flood-ravaged country and vowed cooperation in key sectors like trade and investment..

In a tweet, Shehbaz Sharif wrote, "It was a long but productive day in Samarkand. In my meetings with leaders of our friendly countries, we agreed on enhancing trade & investment. I explained the flood ravages due to climate change. Food & energy shortages present a real challenge to our shared development agenda." This comes as the Monsoon rains have submerged a third of Pakistan, claiming more than a thousand lives since June and unleashing powerful floods that have washed away swathes of vital crops and damaged or destroyed more than a million homes.

Ahead of the SCO Summit, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held a bilateral meeting. After the meeting with Putin, Shehbaz Sharif also held a bilateral meeting with Tajikistan's President Emomali Rahmon. The two leaders held wide-ranging talks covering all aspects of mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation, including regional and international issues. The prime minister thanked Tajikistan for its support to the flood affectees in Pakistan and shared details of the devastation caused by the massive floods, reported Geo TV. Meanwhile, the Chinese foreign ministry issued a statement, elucidating the conversation between PM Shehbaz and President Xi Jinping as they met on the sidelines of the SCO.

During the meeting, Xi pointed out that China and Pakistan were close neighbors “linked by mountains and rivers and with a shared future”. The two countries have all along stood with each other through thick and thin. No matter how the international situation evolves, China and Pakistan are always each other’s trustworthy strategic partners, he added.

The statement said China will work with Pakistan to advance its all-weather strategic cooperative partnership and accelerate the building of a closer community with a shared future between the two countries in the





new era. President Xi stressed that the two sides must continue to firmly support each other, foster stronger synergy between their development strategies, and harness the role of the Joint Cooperation Committee of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) to ensure smooth construction and operation of major projects.

“It is important to expand cooperation in such areas as industry, agriculture, science, technology and social welfare to create new impetus for the CPEC’s development.” It added that China hopes Pakistan will provide “solid protection for the security of Chinese citizens and institutions in Pakistan as well as the lawful rights and interests of Chinese businesses”.

The statement said the two sides needed to enhance communication and collaboration within the United Nations, the SCO and other multilateral platforms “to voice the developing countries’ rightful opposition to bloc confrontation and commitment to multilateralism”. PM Shehbaz, according to the statement, expressed appreciation to the Chinese side for its timely and valuable support as Pakistan has been affected by the flooding. He noted that President Xi was a leader of “strategic foresight”, saying China had secured “great achievements in its development and made important contributions to peace and development in the region and the wider world”. Pakistan is firmly committed to the one-China policy, and firmly supports China’s position on issues concerning its core interests including Taiwan, Xinjiang and Hong Kong, the statement added.

The PM assured the Chinese president that Pakistan will make its best efforts to protect the security of Chinese citizens and institutions in Pakistan, continue its active participation in the Belt and Road cooperation and make CPEC a model of mutually beneficial cooperation. Later, the relevant departments of the two countries also signed documents on cooperation in railway, e-commerce and other areas of mutual interest. Separately, the Prime Minister’s Office also tweeted about the bilateral meeting, saying the Chinese president described PM Shehbaz as “a person of pragmatism and efficiency” and a leader with “a longstanding commitment to China-Pakistan friendship”. Earlier in the day, PM Shehbaz met Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev and discussed issues of bilateral interest. The meeting, held on the sidelines of SCO, focused on ways to strengthen the relationship



between the two countries in diverse fields. During the meeting, the premier underlined the importance of unlocking the existing potential in the relationship between the two countries by boosting bilateral engagement in the fields of trade, investment, agriculture, information technology, and tourism, according to a Radio Pakistan report.

“Shehbaz expressed his gratitude to Azerbaijan for its support and solidarity with Pakistan as well as the provision of generous financial assistance for the flood-affected people and highlighted that the massive natural disaster caused by climate change called for urgent action by the international community to address this global threat.” He went on to say that Pakistan and Azerbaijan had exemplary relations, deeply embedded in common history, faith, and culture.

Furthermore, Shehbaz reaffirmed Pakistan’s principled support to Azerbaijan on Nagorno-Karabakh and congratulated his counterpart on the historic success in the liberation of its occupied territories, the report stated. “He also expressed condolences on the recent martyrdom of 71 Azeri servicemen in an unprovoked attack by Armenia and reiterated support for Azerbaijan’s right to self-defence in accordance with international law and in the protection of its territorial integrity,” it added.

Afterwards, the premier visited the mausoleum of Imam Bukhari. The PML-N’s Twitter account tweeted several photographs of PM Shehbaz — who changed into a sky blue shalwar kameez — visiting the tomb and offering Fateha. Prime Minister Shehbaz was seen off at the Samarkand airport by his Uzbek counterpart, Abdullah Aripov on the conclusion of this two-day visit to Uzbekistan. The SCO currently comprises eight Member States (China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Pakistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan), four Observer States interested in acceding to full membership (Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran, and Mongolia) and six “Dialogue Partners” (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Turkey).

The Shanghai Five, formed in 1996, became the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in 2001 with the inclusion of Uzbekistan. With India and Pakistan entering the grouping in 2017 and the decision to admit Tehran as a full member in 2021, SCO became one of the largest multilateral organisations, accounting for nearly 30 per cent of the global GDP and 40 per cent of the world’s population.



Diplomatic Focus Thru Lens



Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan to Pakistan Ulanbek Totiuaev called on adviser to prime minister for political, public affairs, national heritage and culture Eng. Amir Muqam



Ambassador of Norway Mr. Per Albert Ilsaas called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf



Ambassador of Republic of Korea Mr. Suh Sangpyo Called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf



Ambassador of the Republic of Democratic Republic of Ethiopia H.E Mr Jamal Beker Abdula called on Minister for Defence Khawaja Muhammad Asif.



Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia Adam Mulawarman Tugio called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf



Ambassador of USA to Pakistan, Donald Blome calls on the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq.



Chairman Senate, Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani exchanging views with Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan, Nawaf Bin Said al-Malki



Federal Minister for Climate Change Senator Sherry Rehman in a meeting with Japanese Ambassador



I want to get justice for my people: FM Bilawal

FM thanks Berlin for €60m flood aid

By Mian Mubeen Akhtar

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari thanked the German government on Friday for its assistance for the flood victims of Pakistan, and stressed that the Pakistan looked to Europe's economic powerhouse on the issue of adverse effects of climate change.

Speaking at a joint press conference following talks with his German counterpart, Annalena Baerbock, in Berlin, the foreign minister said that the total amount of aid from Germany had reached €60 million for that "we are incredibly grateful to the German people and the government".

He said he held a positive meeting with the German foreign minister and discussed matters related to climate change, floods in Pakistan, green energy and ways to enhance the bilateral

trade and people-to-people exchanges.

Bilawal said that Pakistan had less than 1% of the global carbon footprint but the country was among the top climate-affected countries in the world. "I want to get justice for my people," said Bilawal, flanked by Foreign Minister Baerbock.

He added that the World Health Organisation (WHO) had already warned of a second catastrophe following the floods in the shape of diseases, adding that "we have concerns about food security, while economic consequences of this tragedy will continue to get worse if we are unable to address it".

The minister said that Germany was the driving engine of the Europe's economy and politics, "so our bilateral relations assume crucial significance". He added: "We seek enduring solutions for global peace and security. Decades of goodwill and cooperation must be translated

into deeper collaboration."

He told reporters that since his last meeting with the German minister, the ground realities in Pakistan had fundamentally shifted because of the "a weather event of biblical proportions". After the flood devastation, he added, Pakistan aspired to build back in a greener and more climate-resilient manner.

He expressed confidence that the mutual desire to deepen relations would prove to be a win-win for both the countries. "We have good discussions on ways to enhance our collaboration in trade, investment, higher education, technology and people-to-people exchanges," he said.

"We have a significant Pakistani community in Germany who are positively contributing to the German society. It is a strong bridge between the two countries. Germany is one of our



largest trading partners. Trade is increasing. GSP+ [Generalised Scheme of Preference-Plus] status has been mutually beneficial."

He urged the international community to help the people of Afghanistan to avoid a humanitarian tragedy and economic collapse. He also highlighted the grave human rights

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violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, and said the alarming situation posed risks for regional peace and stability.

The German minister, on the occasion, said that Pakistan could rely on the support of the German people and government. Pakistan can continue to rely on our solidarity. I look forward to continue the talks and engagements with



you. Thank you for coming to Berlin today," she added.

On Ukraine situation, Baerbock said that every vote would count next week when the United Nations General Assembly gathered to vote on a resolution against Russia's annexation of Ukrainian territories. Express concern, Bilawal said that Pakistan desired "dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the matter".

On the Kashmir issue, the German minister said that she truly believed every country in the world had a role in resolving conflicts. "It is our responsibility to look at other regions where the situation is tense. We support the engagement of the UN to find peaceful solutions."

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said in

a tweet that he had constructive meeting with President of Federal Council Bodo Ramelow and discussed cooperation between Pakistan and Germany in skilled labour mobility and vocational training particularly for women, climate action and commended Germany's flood relief assistance.

Later, the foreign minister visited the Pakistani embassy in Berlin and inaugurated the digital tourism center.

He appreciated the step to promote the heritage and tourist spots of Pakistan through augmented and virtual reality.

The chief executive officer of Digital Munich Arslan Minhas briefed the minister about the project.

Ambassador of Justice Helpline European Union Mr. Mian Mubeen Akhtar called on Foreign Minister of Pakistan Bilawal Bhutto and Ambassador of Pakistan Dr. Muhammad Faisal at Pakistan House in Berlin, Germany. Mr. Mian Mubeen Akhtar is also representing "Diplomatic Focus" a prestigious magazine as Bureau Chief in Berlin, Germany.



FM Bilawal urges UN chief for mediatory measures seeking reversal of Indian unilateral actions in IIOJK



By Mian Fazal Elahi

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari urged the United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to avail the full panoply of mediatory measures to persuade India to reverse its unilateral measures in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

The foreign minister, in his address at the 12th Ministerial Meeting of the UN Group of Friends of Mediation on “Avoiding Humanitarian Crises Through Mediation” also sought UN chief’s mediatory role to seek India’s agreement to promote an equitable solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in accordance with UN Security Council resolutions and the UN Charter.

The Security Council should give full support to the secretary-general in using his good offices to this end, he told the meeting held on the sidelines of the 77th session of the UN General Assembly here.

He thanked the Co-Chairs Turkiye and Finland for organizing the meeting and said that Pakistan also commended the UN Secretary-General and Turkish President Erdogan for successfully mediating the landmark Black Sea Grain Initiative.

He said the important role of the United Nations in conflict prevention was unquestionable and at any stage of a conflict, the Security Council could recommend to the parties appropriate procedures or methods of settlement of their dispute, which may include mediation.

Bilawal Bhutto said that the UNSC also has the power to recommend terms of settlement to the parties, if they request this or if the Council considers that the continuance of their dispute was in fact likely to endanger the maintenance



of international peace and security.

However, he said nearly 77 years after the signing of the Charter, the challenges and threats to peace and security were perhaps more complex, but the Charter’s purposes and principles remained valid and immutable.

“It is imperative to reaffirm our commitment and confidence in these principles and to promote solutions to disputes and conflicts, between large and small States, on the basis of these principles,” the foreign minister remarked.

He said the secretary-general’s repeated calls for a ‘surge in diplomacy’ for peace was both urgent and important. And, such a surge of diplomacy must emanate from the United Nations and the machinery that was available to it for the purpose, including for mediation and similar means of dispute resolution.

He told the gathering that Jammu and Kashmir dispute was one of the oldest issues on the agenda of the Council.

At the outset, the Security Council decided that “the final disposition of the State of Jammu and Kashmir would be made in accordance

with the will of the people expressed through the democratic method of a free and impartial plebiscite conducted under the auspices of the United Nations”.

He said the UNSC also instituted several mechanisms to secure the implementation of its decisions on Jammu and Kashmir, including the UN Commission on India and Pakistan (UNCIP); the deployment of the UN Military Observer Group in India and

Pakistan (UNMOGIP); and the appointment of several distinguished Special Representatives.

“Unfortunately, over the last 7 decades, India obstructed the efforts of the UN mechanisms to implement the UNSC resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir. The continuation of India’s illegal actions was manifested in the unilateral measures taken on and since 5 August 2019 to annex the occupied territory of Jammu and Kashmir without even the fig leaf of legal justification or plebiscite,” the foreign minister added.

He said Pakistan continued to advocate a more active role by the United Nations Security Council and the secretary-general.

OIC member states commended Pakistan for its active and forceful advocacy of all matters of interest to the Islamic Ummah



By Mian Fazal Elahi

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari chaired the Annual Coordination Meeting (ACM) of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Foreign Ministers at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on the sidelines of the 77th Session of the UN General Assembly.

OIC member states commended Pakistan for its active and forceful advocacy of all matters of interest to the Islamic Ummah and its prominent role within the OIC. The Meeting also expressed full solidarity and sympathy with the government and people of Pakistan affected by the recent climate-induced devastating floods.

In his address, the Foreign Minister emphasized that Pakistan, as a founding member of the OIC, attached utmost importance to the Organization as the sole and most prominent voice of the Muslim Ummah. He reviewed the wide range of issues confronting the Muslim Ummah, including rising Islamophobia, the situation in Palestine, Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, Afghanistan, COVID-19 pandemic, the food, fuel and finance crises and the existential threat posed by climate change.

Minister for Foreign Affairs Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said Pakistan desired peace with India but it was evident that unless the Kashmir dispute was resolved, there would be no durable peace between the two countries. The Foreign Minister expressed special appreciation for the OIC's consistent and historic support for the Kashmir cause.

OIC Secretary-General Hissein Brahim Taha, and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud in capacity as chair of the OIC Summit also addressed the Meeting.

During the coordination meeting, the OIC Member states exchanged views on a range of issues on the agenda of the 77th UNGA Session. They also reviewed follow-up action on the resolutions and decisions of the OIC.

The meeting reaffirmed the centrality of the question of Palestine and Al-Quds Al-Sharif for the Muslim Ummah, reaffirming its principled and continued all-level support to the Palestinian people to regain their inalienable legitimate national rights, including their right to self-determination, and the independence of the State of Palestine along the 1967 borders, with Al-Quds Al-Sharif as its capital.

Member States also renewed unwavering solidarity with the people of Jammu and Kashmir and expressed full support for their inalienable right to self-determination in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council and the OIC, and the wishes of the Kashmiri people.

The Meeting also reaffirmed the importance of sustained engagement of the international community with Afghanistan, especially in supporting the humanitarian and development needs of the Afghan people.

Keeping in view the global challenges and noting that a vast majority of international conflicts and disputes involve OIC member states, the Foreign Minister underlined the importance

of establishing an effective peace and security architecture within the OIC in accordance with the authority conferred by Article 10 (e) of the Charter.

He encouraged his counterparts to share their perspective on strengthening and fully activating the OIC Peace and Security architecture to enable the OIC to contribute to and promote durable solutions to the problems faced by the Muslim world.

The Meeting welcomed the adoption of the landmark UN General Assembly resolution proclaiming 15 March as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia and agreed to urge, as a follow-up of the resolution, the UN Secretary-General to formulate an action plan, in coordination with the OIC countries, to halt and reverse Islamophobia.

The Ministers also exchanged views on a series of global shocks: the Covid-19 pandemic, rising commodity prices, climate change and a contracting world economy compounded by the ongoing conflict in Europe.

The Ministers expressed concern that these shocks have decelerated progress towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the developing world and, as a result intensified inequality within and among States, including in the Islamic countries.

The Ministers underscored the need for the OIC to work towards evolving collective and concerted responses to the political, economic, climate and other challenges confronting the world today.



We are not taking sides in Ukraine-Russia conflict: FM Bilawal

By DF News

Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari reiterated Pakistan's position in the Ukraine-Russia war, asserting that "we would not be taking sides as we are sick and tired of wars and conflicts."

In a recent interview with Al Jazeera, the foreign minister was constantly being pestered by the interviewer for "avoiding the question regarding Pakistan's position in the international conflict" that has been the talk of the town since the February 24 invasion.

"The path to peace is through dialogue and diplomacy. I would advocate appeal to the parties involved to perceive dialogue and peace," Bilawal said, replying to the question thrown at him.

The interviewer irked the foreign minister by asserting that his reply "very much sounded like he was avoiding the question". In response, Bilawal immediately cut in by saying that he doesn't think he was avoiding the questions.

"I think I am entitled to my own position and that's exactly the attitude in the West at the moment actually," he maintained, adding that his position was in line with his country's stance on the issue.

He asserted that Pakistan was not taking sides in this conflict "we just got out of Afghanistan and literally just a month or few months before

this [Ukraine-Russia] conflict broke out, the fall of Kabul of happened.

"We are sick and tired of the 20 years of war and conflict. And we saw at the end of that how,

"All I am saying is that what's happening in Ukraine right now; the Russians have their own perspective, the West has its own; whichever perspective you hold, this is surely not the appropriate time to be starting another world war."

ultimately, no matter what people thought, without asking us or the Afghans, the dialogue was started and it happened and, whether you like it or not, a conclusion was reached," he added. The foreign minister said: "We suffered in that conflict not only in the form of 80,000

Pakistani lives lost, my mother also lost her life, and we have washed our hands of the whole situation."

"All I am saying is that what's happening in Ukraine right now; the Russians have their own perspective, the West has its own; whichever perspective you hold, this is surely not the appropriate time to be starting another world war."

Regarding the international laws, United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions are concerned, Bilawal said that he "completely" supports them; however, he said that he would just like them to adopt the same line when it comes to the Kashmir issue as international laws and the UNSC resolutions have been violated and a host of international organisations are emphasising the deep violations of human rights there.

"Muslims not only within the Kashmir valley but all across India, the largest minority on Earth, are being prosecuted, so if we are expected to take positions on one issue, at least from the major stakeholders, there should be similar policy all the time and, therefore, it would be understandable for everyone to take consistent policies in a similar way.

"But if that's not happening, please allow us to focus on our own issues and problems as there is far too much devastation happening in Pakistan right now for me to be worried about."

Why Pakistan would bear the brunt of climate change, caused by the actions of big polluters: NA Speaker

By Mian Fazal Elahi

Speaker Raja Pervez Ashraf said that the climate justice demanded judicious and timely provision of climate funds to developing countries. He also said that further delay in disbursement of pledged funds for adaptation and mitigation could result in irreparable damage to the cause of achieving a cleaner & greener world for all.

The National Assembly Speaker expressed these views in his meeting with the Islamabad based diplomats of the African Bloc of the Inter parliamentary Union (IPU), at Parliament House, Islamabad.

The meeting was aimed to garner support of the IPU's African Member Parliaments for the National Assembly's proposal of creation of a global climate fund through a passage of resolution in the forthcoming 145th IPU Assembly in Rwanda from October 11-15, 2022. Speaker underscored that climate change was one of the greatest challenges of the 21st century.

He remarked that the international community



had come forward to support Pakistan but unfortunately there was more talk than action. He said that Pakistan was not asking for aid or assistance but her rightful share.

He raised the question of why Pakistan would bear the brunt of climate change, caused by the actions of big polluters. He said that developed nations had to take responsibility for their inability to cut their carbon emissions. He also outlined that the National Assembly of Pakistan had proposed an emergency item in forthcoming 145th International Parliamentary union Assembly in Rwanda from October 11-

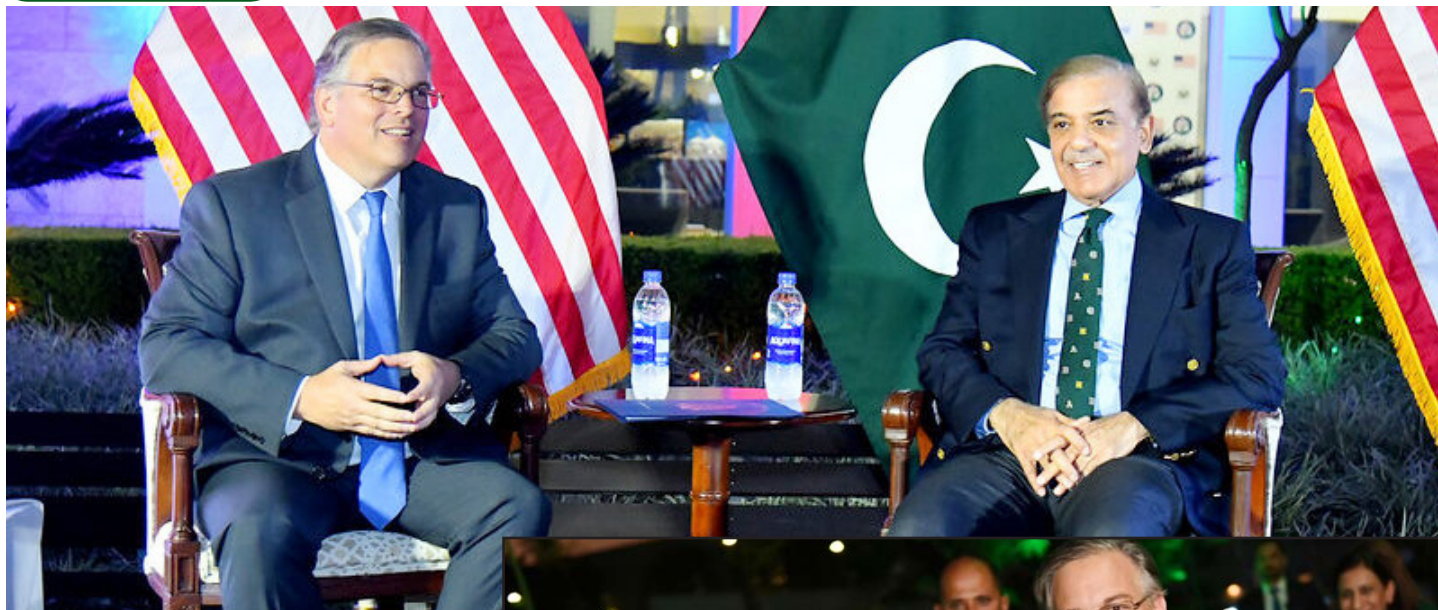
15, 2022.

The proposed item would call for climate justice coupled with creation of a global climate fund for developing nations to combat climate induced catastrophes. African Diplomats seconded the Speaker's proposal and assured him to pass on the message to the leadership of their respective countries for further action.

The dignitaries also highlighted how rampant climate changes in Africa in the form of higher temperatures, drought, changing rainfall patterns, and increased climate variability were impeding human development.

A group of Spouses of Diplomatic corps visited the Senate Museum at Parliament House in federal capital, Islamabad





75 years of relations between Pakistan and United States commemorated

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif attended a diplomatic reception held at the US embassy here to commemorate the 75 years of relations between Pakistan and the United States. The reception started with a one-minute silence to express condolence over the death of people and convey grief to those who had lost their livelihood in the devastating floods.

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On the occasion, US Ambassador Donald Blome also met the prime minister and discussed the matters related to the bilateral relations and cooperation.





Pakistan desires Japanese investment in solar power, potable water projects: PM

By M. Saeed Yousafzai

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said Pakistan was desirous of Japanese investment in the projects of solar energy, cleaning drinking water, and treatment and drainage of wastewater and materials.

The prime minister expressed these views while talking to a delegation of Japanese companies based in Pakistan, led by Japan's Vice Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry Satomi Ryuji.

Japan's ambassador to Pakistan Wada Mitsuhiko was also present on the occasion. He said Pakistan was speedily moving towards benefitting from sources of renewable energy like solar, wind and hydel as the money being spent on expensive oil, gas and other fuels was an intolerable burden on the economy.

The PM said Pakistan was initiating on

emergency basis projects for generation of 10,000 megawatts of solar power.

For this purpose, the government had prepared an effective investment plan and had already held a pre-bid conference of the stakeholders, he told. Under the solarization project, solar parks would be established and government buildings, commercial centers and tube-wells would be converted to solar energy to save precious foreign exchange.

The prime minister invited the Japanese companies to invest in this important project and assured them of every possible facility and concession. He said Pakistan wanted investment of the Japanese companies under the public-private partnership mode for setting up of projects for the provision of clean drinking water and treatment and drainage of wastewater and materials in Karachi.

The premier thanked the government and people of Japan for the financial assistance of \$ seven million and for their expression of sympathy on the loss of precious lives during the recent unprecedented devastating floods in Pakistan.

On this occasion, Shehbaz Sharif also ordered the formation of a committee comprising officials of relevant departments for solving issues of the Pakistan-based Japanese companies, on a priority basis.

Minister for Board of Investment Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Minister for Commerce Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister of State for Industry and Production Syed Murtaza Mehmood, Minister of State for Finance Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha, Special Assistant to Prime Minister Syed Tariq Fatimi and officials concerned attended the meeting.

Pakistan committed to deepen ties with UAE: PM

By Mian Fazal Elahi

The Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates, H.E. Mr. Hamad Obaid Ibrahim Salem Al-Zaabi, called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif. The Prime Minister reaffirmed the importance Pakistan attached to its fraternal relations with the UAE and extended best wishes for the continued progress and prosperity of the brotherly people of the UAE.

The Prime Minister highlighted the extensive devastation caused by the recent floods across Pakistan and the response of the Government to address the dire situation.

In this regard, the Prime Minister expressed gratitude for the relief assistance provided by the UAE for the flood-stricken people and for establishing an air corridor to provide



humanitarian assistance. The Prime Minister added that Pakistan was committed to further deepen its relations with the United Arab Emirates in all areas of common interest. Pakistan and the UAE enjoy close fraternal

ties for five decades that are rooted firmly in common belief and shared values and culture. The UAE is Pakistan's largest trading partner in the Middle East and a major source of investments.



Information on expanding cooperation between Turkmenistan and the European Union

By Embassy of Turkmenistan

On September 23, 2022, the Deputy Chairman of the Cabinet of Ministers, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan R. Meredov, within the framework of the last meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of the country, reported on the current tasks of the foreign policy of our state, and also informed about the ongoing work to further expand cooperation between Turkmenistan and the European Union, and the implementation of earlier reached agreements.

First of all, effective tools were noted in bilateral and multilateral formats in order to develop relations on a systematic basis with the EU in the political-diplomatic, trade-economic and cultural-humanitarian spheres, within which regular meetings and consultations are held.

First, one of the priority areas is the strengthening of constructive cooperation in the political and diplomatic sphere, in particular, the intensification of work on organizing visits and high-level meetings with the leadership of the European Union. In this direction, it was also proposed to appoint a new Ambassador of Turkmenistan to the Kingdom of Belgium at the same time as the head of the delegation of Turkmenistan to the European Union.

In addition, the expediency of expanding productive cooperation and the active participation of the delegation of Turkmenistan in the framework of the Joint Committee "Turkmenistan - European Union", the format "European Union - Central Asia", the Inter-

The President of Turkmenistan instructed the Head of the Foreign Ministry of our country to continue targeted work on the identified issues, taking into account the existing opportunities and prospects for the practical realization of the potential of mutually beneficial cooperation with European partners.

Parliamentary Dialogue "Turkmenistan - European Union", the forum "EU - Central Asia" on sustainable interconnectedness.

Secondly, noting the importance of the tasks of developing trade-economic cooperation between Turkmenistan and the EU, it was proposed to continue developing the concept of the Business Council "European Union-Turkmenistan" on the basis of previously reached agreements.

Also, in order to continue cooperation with the EU in the field of oil and gas, electricity and renewable energy sources, it was proposed to hold regular consultations on energy

cooperation between Turkmenistan and the European Union.

In addition, the importance of the practical development of bilateral and regional relations in the field of transport and communications was emphasized, in connection with which specific proposals on this track were submitted for consideration by the country's leadership.

Thirdly, the interaction of our country with the European Union in matters of climate change, environmental protection and environmental safety was emphasized. In this context, concrete steps were proposed to intensify work in the above areas, in particular, the possibility of holding a scientific and practical conference with European partners on the experience of the European Union in the use of green energy and hydrogen, as well as the reduction of methane emissions, was announced.

Further, noting that the cultural and humanitarian sphere occupies an important place in the development of relations between Turkmenistan and the EU, it was proposed to hold a number of events aimed at strengthening the dialogue in this direction.

Along with this, proposals were made to strengthen the legal framework for relations between Turkmenistan and the European Union. The President of Turkmenistan instructed the Head of the Foreign Ministry of our country to continue targeted work on the identified issues, taking into account the existing opportunities and prospects for the practical realization of the potential of mutually beneficial cooperation with European partners

HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF RELIEF ITEMS TO NDMA



By M. Saeed Yousafzai

The Ambassador of Korea, Suh Sangpyo, at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi, held a ceremony to hand over the first batch of urgently needed relief items for flood victims with the Provincial Minister for Relief & Rehabilitation, Mr. Rasool Bax Chandio.

Director General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Saqib Rauf, Consul General of the Korean Consulate in Karachi, Mr. Kim Haksung, and Senior officials of the National Disaster Management Authority were also present at the ceremony.

The Ambassador stated that this first shipment of relief items donated by the Government of Korea arrived in Pakistan on 17th September and it consists of approximately three hundred thousand water purification tablets, thirty thousand emergency blankets, and various other essential relief items.

He went on to say that second shipment of relief items consisting of family sized tents, collapsible water bags, and thermal blankets has is also on route via a cargo ship will be

docked at Karachi Sea Port no later than 16th October.

The Ambassador apprised the media that in addition to the in-kind donations by the Government of Korea, which amounts to USD 300,000 and Korean private sector companies and associations working in Pakistan, have collectively donated over USD 500,000 so far for the flood victims.

The Ambassador whilst greatly appreciating the crucial role being played by the NDMA and the Government of Pakistan to alleviate the suffering of the flood victims, also extended his sincere appreciation to the Korean Association of Pakistan, Jogye Order, K-Water, Mira Power, LH, KOAK, KA-Power, PK International Food, KEPCO Plant Services & Engineering, Samsung Electronics Pakistan, Lotte Chilsung Beverages, Lotte Engineering & Construction, and Lotte Chemical, who in addition to their cash donations, have also continued to distribute essential food items, shelters, and medicines directly to the affected local populations and to the non-governmental organizations involved in the relief efforts

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Ambassadors of European Countries Call on Speaker National Assembly Pakistan

Democracy and Parliamentary system is the most important commonality between the member countries. This connection can be utilized to further enhance the cooperation in other sectors: Raja Pervaiz Ashraf

By Mian Fazal Elahi

Ambassadors of Countries of the European Group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) called on Speaker NA Raja Pervaiz Ashraf at the National Assembly. They included the Ambassador of Italy, Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic, Greece, Poland, Netherlands, Ukraine, Turkey and other countries.

The Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf welcomed the dignitaries and shared his views on parliamentary cooperation between the member countries. He said, "Democracy and Parliamentary system is the most important commonality between the member countries. This connection can be utilized to further enhance the cooperation in other sectors." The guests discussed matters of mutual interest with a special focus on IPU affairs.



Today it is Pakistan but tomorrow it can be another country: NA Speaker

By Mian Fazal Elahi

Speaker Raja Pervaiz Ashraf said that countries & companies guilty of climate-induced devastations in Pakistan must fulfill their obligation of cutting carbon emissions & releasing pledged climate funds for climate-vulnerable countries. "Today it is Pakistan but tomorrow it can be another country", he added.

The National Assembly Speaker expressed these views in his meeting with the Arab group of the Inter-parliamentary Union (IPU), at Parliament House, Islamabad. The meeting was held to "seek Arab countries' cooperation for the Assembly's proposal of a global climate



fund* via the forthcoming 145th IPU Assembly in Kigali, Rwanda from October 11-15, 2022.

He said that climate tragedy in Pakistan resulted in colossal losses of lives and livelihood, which were beyond imagination. The calamity was not over rather it had outstretched in the form of diseases and food crises. Moreover, it has been negatively impacting the country's economy, which has already suffered losses above 30 billion US dollars, remarked the Speaker.

He urged the Arab countries to back the proposal of National Assembly for creation of a global fund by moving *an emergency item in the forthcoming IPU Assembly.

"The proposal is to demand climate justice for Pakistan by extending judicious support for the flood-ravaged country,*"he added. He also appreciated the generous assistance received from brotherly Arab countries and further said that they always supported Pakistan whenever the need arose and hopefully would continue to

do so in that case as well.

The Arab group expressed solidarity with the Speaker over the tragedy and assured to pass on the message to their respective governments and parliaments for backing Pakistan's demand for climate justice.

They agreed that climate change was one of the greatest challenges at the moment and required collective and sincere efforts from all stakeholders, particularly the big polluters.

The Palestinian delegation appreciated the unequivocal support of Pakistan for furthering the cause of Palestinian freedom. The delegates from Jordan also expressed their gratitude to people of Pakistan and government of Pakistan for supporting Jordan especially during war.

The meeting was attended by delegates from Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Palestine, United Arab Emirates & Yemen.

The emerging Biden doctrine and what it means for the world



By Yossi Mekelberg

There is nothing like crisis and upheaval to focus the mind, and in less than two years of his presidency, Joe Biden has had more than his fair share of both. He entered the White House in the middle of a pandemic, with his citizens at each other's throats, and his rallying of humanity to live up to the challenges of climate change faltering as rising tensions with China were singled out as the main challenge to US and global stability. On top of all that came Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February this year. This is only part of a long list on a saturated agenda that demands not only immediate answers from his administration but also a response that goes beyond mere crisis management and instead calls for the development of a well-organized doctrine that defines America's place in the world and its mission. This is something that has been missing for a while. Through no fault of his own, the first months of Biden's presidency were all about focusing on restoring a modicum of sanity following the chaotic tenure of his predecessor that culminated in the Jan. 6 insurrection. The urgency of that task sometimes overshadowed the importance of developing a long-term strategy.

Furthermore, Biden began his term in office widely viewed as a one-term president who would be more concerned with steadying the ship than implementing reforms. Consequently, a Biden doctrine did not emerge, although within a few months it became clear he had no intention of being a stop-gap president but, rather, was a veteran politician with a wealth of experience on the world stage who was determined to leave his mark. In his speech last month to the UN General Assembly, something emerged that resembled a doctrine: A holistic approach to the global challenges facing the US and not a piecemeal response to any particular threats that might present themselves. That he would concentrate on Russian aggression in his UN speech was a given. However, Biden's response went beyond that ongoing war itself and emphasized the existential necessity for the US, if it is to remain safe and prosper, to remain true to its values, to lead and consolidate its engagement with organizations such as NATO, the EU and the Organization of American

States, and with its Middle Eastern allies, and to strengthen its affinity with America's fellow democracies. A preview of this had already been provided by, for example, the agreement, together with the UK, to supply Australia with nuclear submarines under the UKUSA alliance.

In the early days of his presidency, Biden embarked on a diplomatic campaign to reassure NATO members and European friends that the US was back and keen to resurrect close ties based on shared values, a campaign that remedied the constant, illogical and irrational rancor that had been shown toward them by his predecessor. Russia's war on Ukraine provided a platform for Biden to translate his intentions into concrete policies and back them up with more than \$25 billion in aid to date. His address to the General Assembly set the stage for him to distinguish the US as defender of the UN charter, at the heart of which is the idea, and ideal, of global collective security.

However, the very fact that a permanent member of the Security Council is currently violating the sanctity of another country's sovereignty, and in doing so committing horrendous atrocities against the Ukrainian people, has inevitably led to questions about the viability of the UN as a mechanism for preserving peace, and especially the role of its Security Council. It is no secret that this body — which was created in the aftermath of the horrors of the Second World War and given the task, at least in principle, of preventing future conflicts or stopping them when they do break out — has failed spectacularly.

This has mainly been due to its five permanent members operating within the paradigm of realpolitik in a context that was supposed to adhere to and advance the liberal-institutionalist perspective. The Security Council has failed to operate in the realm of world affairs in a way that accepts that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Instead its permanent members have been mainly preoccupied with consolidating alliances to serve their own national interests rather than subscribing to the UN charter's aim of collective security as the *modus operandi* in order to "maintain international peace and security." Because of this, a major building block of the nascent Biden doctrine is reform of the UN, and the Security Council in particular, by expanding the latter to become more representative of the current international arena, rather than the way it was in 1945. In a rather exceptional moment of self-introspection, America's president called for the permanent members of the Security Council, including the US, to refrain from the

use of their power of veto "except in rare, extraordinary situations, to ensure that the council remains credible and effective." These are more noble than novel ideas, but creating additional permanent seats for countries from Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, as was suggested by Biden, is a step in the right direction toward a more inclusive international arena that provides a voice and influence to parts of the world that for much too long have been treated as no more than making up the numbers on the chessboard of great power rivalries.

While Russia's brutality in Ukraine inevitably demands that the world rally around to stop the old-style politics of a country using force to impose its will on a neighbor, the agenda that the Biden administration is promoting, and which was reflected in his General Assembly speech, is one that prioritizes US leadership on climate change, the current global economic and food crises, and the advancement of human development, all of which are issues which affect billions of people around the world.

This emergent Biden doctrine combines hard and soft power. It starts with moves to create a fairer and greener economy at home, working to enhance international cooperation with allies and building bridges with rivals where cooperation is possible, and taking steps to deter those who threaten regional and world order.

The Biden administration's instincts are to embrace a global agenda in line with the UN's founding principles, adjusted to take account of 21st-century challenges and combined with a reformist drive. However, for a new US global agenda to succeed will take much convincing of others, including friends, that America is ready to lead without dictating, to share power, and to demonstrate that it has internalized the idea that its self-interest is consistent with the security and prosperity of others that do not enjoy the same political, military and economic power. There were enough hints of this in Biden's speech at the UN; now it is time for his administration to roll up its sleeves and articulate all of it in a clearly stated doctrine.

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Pakistan Maritime Security Agency Saves Lives of Indian Fishermen At Sea



By DF News

PMSA ship rescued 06 x Indian fishermen who were drowning close to International Maritime Boundary Line between India and Pakistan On 6th October.

As per details, PMSA ship was patrolling in Eastern maritime region and found six Indian fishermen in water; a rescue operation was launched immediately and all crew members of Indian fishing boat were safely recovered.

Later, the Nakwa reported that their boat sank as a result of accident and they drifted towards Pakistani waters.

PMSA Ship provided rescued fishermen medical aid and food thus helping to stabilise their physical condition. Later, the rescued fishermen were handed over to an Indian coast guard ship operating in the area.

The humanitarian gesture of PMSA ship was appreciated by the rescued fishermen as well as the Indian Coast Guard.

PMSA has always been at the forefront in saving lives at sea without any distinctions; the Rescue of Indian fishermen is a manifestation of this resolve.



Pakistan, Kazakhstan Discuss Military to Military Cooperation



By M. Saeed Yousafzai

The Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan H.E. Mr. Yerzhan Kistafin met Mr. Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Defense Minister of Pakistan. The parties discussed the prospects for further development of cooperation in the military and military-technical fields, media reported.

They noted the significant potential in the

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above-mentioned areas and in general in terms of development and diversification of cooperation between Kazakhstan and Pakistan.

As a result of the meeting, both sides reached an agreement on a regular dialogue and exchange of information.

Minister of Defence stated that Pakistan values its close friendly relations with Kazakhstan which are based on immense mutual goodwill and understanding to bring the two countries

further close to each other.

He highlighted that Kazakhstan because of its geographic location and its abundant resources, is a key Central Asian State and also an important player on the international stage as well.

Moreover, Minister for Defence said that Pakistan would like Kazakhstan to use its road-links and ports for trade including Gwadar Port. Kazakhstan's trade could greatly benefit from these facilities.

The visiting dignitary acknowledged the existing scope and scale of cooperation and desired further cooperation and collaboration in the field of defence



Ambassador Kyrgyzstan Calls on Dean of Diplomatic Corp, Ambassador Turkmenistan



Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Ulanbek Totuiaev met with Dean of the diplomatic corps, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Turkmenistan to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan Atadjan Movlamov.

The Dean congratulated the Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan on the start of his diplomatic mission and wished him success in his responsible post.

The parties exchanged views on topical issues on the international agenda, in particular, discussed the ongoing events in Afghanistan.

In addition, the parties discussed topical issues of the activities of foreign diplomats in the host country, taking into account the development of the epidemic situation.



Azerbaijan's Commemoration Day held in Pakistan

By M. Saeed Yousafzai

Ambassador of Azerbaijan Khazar Farhadov has said that brave Azerbaijani forces had successfully thwarted the Armenian aggression and re-gained its territory illegally occupied by the aggressor Armenia. He added his country greatly valued moral and political support extended to Azerbaijan by Pakistan during the 44-day Patriotic War.

Ambassador Khazar expressed these views while addressing a press conference in connection with September 27- Commemoration Day, at the embassy premises on Monday. Colonel Mehman Novruzov the Defence Attache and Second Secretary Elchin Mehdiyev were also present on the occasion.



Pakistan to take advantage of Indonesia's US\$1 trillion market: Ambassador Adam

By Mian Fazal Elahi

Ambassador of Indonesia to Pakistan, Adam M. Tugio said that Pakistan could take full advantage of Indonesia's US\$1 trillion economic market potential, which would increase economic cooperation between the two sides.

The Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) organized a Pakistan-Indonesia Joint Business Forum (JBF) to discuss the potential areas of business cooperation between the two largest Muslim countries.

Adam M. Tugio, Ambassador of Indonesia was the chief guest at the occasion.

Speaking at the occasion, Ambassador of Indonesia said that in the US\$ 2.9 trillion economic market of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Indonesia's share was \$1.1 trillion, thus Pakistan could not only benefit from the Indonesian market, but could also develop its strong economic relations in the ASEAN countries through Indonesia.

The Ambassador said that his country was a gateway for \$2.9 trillion economy of ASEAN region and Pakistan should tap it for trade and exports by developing close cooperation with Indonesia.

He said that China was enjoying a bilateral trade of around \$ 600 billion with ASEAN, but Pakistan-ASEAN bilateral trade was less than 1%, which should be increased to achieve better results.

He stressed for promoting cooperation among women entrepreneurs of Pakistan, Indonesia and ASEAN region that would give boost to trade among these countries.

Ambassador Adam said that his embassy was planning to organize a dialogue on economy involving B2B and G2G meetings between the two countries besides holding an exhibition of the products of both countries to highlight



their potential for bilateral trade.

The two sides identified many areas including real estate, construction, mines and minerals, textiles, information technology, e-commerce, infrastructure development, tourism, women entrepreneurship, youth development and spices that offered great potential for mutual cooperation between Pakistan and Indonesia.

Big brands of real estate sector including J7 Group, Fair Deal, Star Marketing, Elaan

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Marketing and 5G Group gave presentations of their projects to highlight the potential of JVs and investment for Indonesian investors in them.

Speaking at the occasion, Muhammad Shakeel Munir, President, Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry said that the Pak-Indonesia combined population was a huge market of around 500 million people, but their bilateral trade of around USD 4 billion was not matching with their actual potential.

He stressed for diversification of trade to increase its volume.

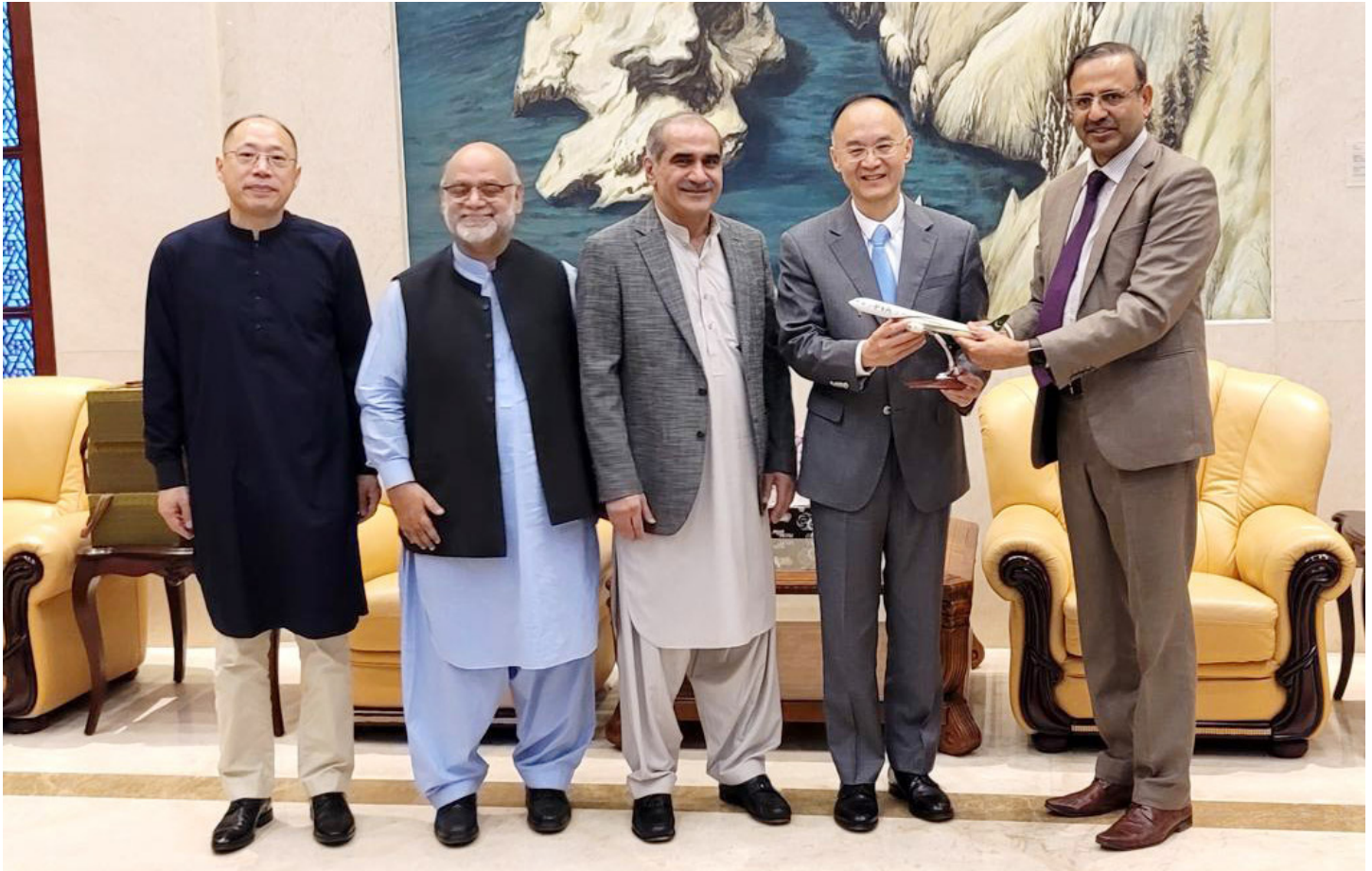
President ICCI stressed that both countries should finalize free trade agreement to reduce trade barriers and boost the volume of two-way trade.

He underscored the need of regular exchange of trade delegations to explore all untapped areas of mutual cooperation between the two countries.

Shehzad Cheema, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Works said that Pakistan was facing a shortage of 7.7 million housing units and Indonesian investors had great potential to invest in Pakistan's housing sector.

He said that his ministry was planning to organize an international expo on housing to attract local and foreign investors.

Jamshaid Akhtar Sheikh, Senior Vice President, and Muhammad Faheem Khan, Vice President ICCI, also spoke at the occasion and said that the geographic locations of Pakistan and Indonesia offered enormous potential for promoting bilateral and regional trade that should be exploited for achieving beneficial outcomes.



Pakistan, China agree on early launch of much-awaited ML-1 project

By M. Saeed Yousafzai

Pakistan and China agreed on the early launch of the much-awaited Mainline-1 (ML1) project that aims at revamping the South Asian country's ageing railway infrastructure.

Both sides reached the agreement during a dinner hosted by Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong for Railways Minister Khawaja Saad Rafique.

Pakistan Railways chairman, additional secretary, secretary of aviation and chief executive officer of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) also attended the event.

A statement issued by PIA

said that Rafique, who also holds the aviation portfolio, asked the Chinese envoy to consider a partnership of budget airlines with Pakistan's national carrier to improve travel facilities and make small airports functional and provide better travel facilities to the passengers.

The Chinese ambassador assured the minister to discuss his desired issue with the Chinese private airlines.

"Direct Flights permissions to Guangzhou & Beijing also discussed," the PIA statement read.

Nong Rong also assured of taking initiatives to allow direct flights from Pakistan to Beijing and Guangzhou for Pakistani airlines at the earliest.

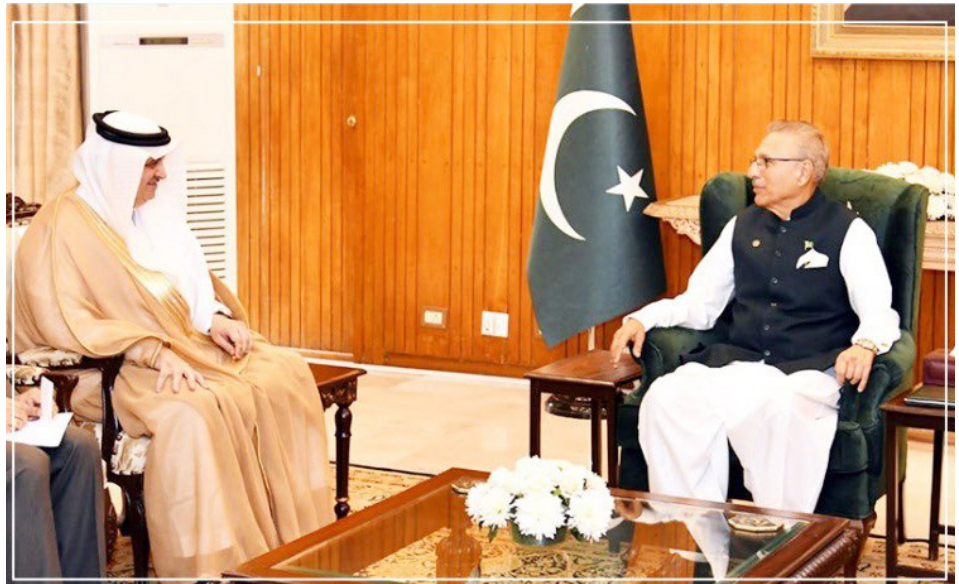


President thanks the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for helping flood victims

By Mian Fazal Elahi

President Dr Arif Alvi has said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia enjoyed long-standing fraternal ties rooted firmly in the common religion, shared values and culture and have stood by each other through thick and thin regardless of the changes in leadership. He stated that the people and the Government of Pakistan deeply appreciated the support provided by Saudi Arabia during difficult times especially the help provided by it during the recent catastrophic climate change-induced super floods in the country. The President expressed these views while talking to the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), Mr Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al Malikiy, who called on him, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

The President said that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia had enjoyed close political ties over the years, however, both countries needed to take meaningful and effective steps to significantly increase the existing bilateral trade volume of US\$ 4.6 billion in the year 2021-22 as it did not fully reflect the depth of bilateral relations between the two brotherly countries. The President appreciated the role played by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) to highlight the issues of Palestine and Kashmir as well as the matters related to Afghanistan. He also



appreciated KSA's support in providing an air bridge for delivering relief assistance to the flood affectees in Pakistan and the role played by the Saudi Embassy in Islamabad and the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre in providing relief assistance to the flood victims. While highlighting the colossal loss of lives, livestock and infrastructure, the President said that the devastating floods had affected more than 33 million people all across Pakistan, killed more than 1500 people, over 1 million livestock

were lost, and damage to the economy was estimated around US\$ 30 billion. The President also highlighted the human rights violations in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and expressed the hope that the international community would play its due role in ending these violations and urging India to agree to a peaceful resolution of the Jammu & Kashmir dispute in the light of various United Nations Security Council resolutions.

Saudi Arabia wins bid to host 2029 Asian Winter Games at NEOM

By DF News

Saudi Arabia has won its bid to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games (AWG) in NOEM's TROJENA, the Kingdom's Minister of Sports Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki al-Faisal announced.

The announcement came after Prince Abdulaziz, who is also the President of the Saudi Olympic and Paralympic Committee (SOPC), headed a delegation to the General Assembly meeting of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) in Cambodia.

"With the unlimited support by the Saudi leadership & HRH Crown Prince to the sports

sector, we are proud to announce we have won the bid to host AWG TROJENA2029 as the first country in western Asia, which will continue to place the kingdom as one of the leading countries in sport," Prince Abdulaziz said in a tweet. The announcement was made in the presence of NEOM CEO Nadhmi al-Nasr.

TROJENA, part of the megacity NEOM, is located 50 kilometers from the Gulf of Aqaba coast, with elevations that range from 1,500 meters to 2,600 meters. The project looks to redefine mountain tourism and capitalize on the different climates in the year to become the go-to place for sports such as skiing, watersports, and hiking as well as a place for living

in apartments, chalets and hotels, according to the project's website.

"TROJENA will offer year-round outdoor skiing and adventure sports to be completed in 2026, an unrivalled experience and a global landmark for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia," a statement on TROJENA's website says.

Prince Abdulaziz also announced on his Twitter account that he was "honored by the OCA's 41st General Assembly's validation for Riyadh to host the new OCA Regional office. With the generous support from our leadership and the vision of HRH the Crown Prince, there's no limit to our ambitions."



Turkish consul general inaugurates 'Recep Tayyip Erdogan Tent City' for flood affectees

“Our hearts beat together”

By Mian Fazal Elahi

The Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi Cemal Sangu has said the Turkish government and the people would provide all possible help to the flood victims of Pakistan and in that regard, 14 cargo planes and 13 goods trains had arrived in Pakistan with relief items.

He, while inaugurating the 'Recep Tayyip Erdogan Tent City' near Pakistan Air Force Base, Bolhari in Jamshoro district.

Turkish Consul General along with Air Officer Commanding Pakistan Air Force Southern Command Air Vice Marshal Zaeem Afzal, Bank Islami CEO Syed Amir Ali, and representatives of Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency of Türkiye (AFAD) formally inaugurated the tent city where 130 tents were established for flood-affected people of Sindh.

The humanitarian aid items consisting of 50,000 tents, 500,000 food packages and cleaning/ hygiene materials are planning to be dispatched to the region under the coordination of AFAD Presidency, Consul General said, adding that 250,000 parcels consisting of food and cleaning material had so far been arrived in Pakistan through Air Bridge and Goodness Train Expeditions.

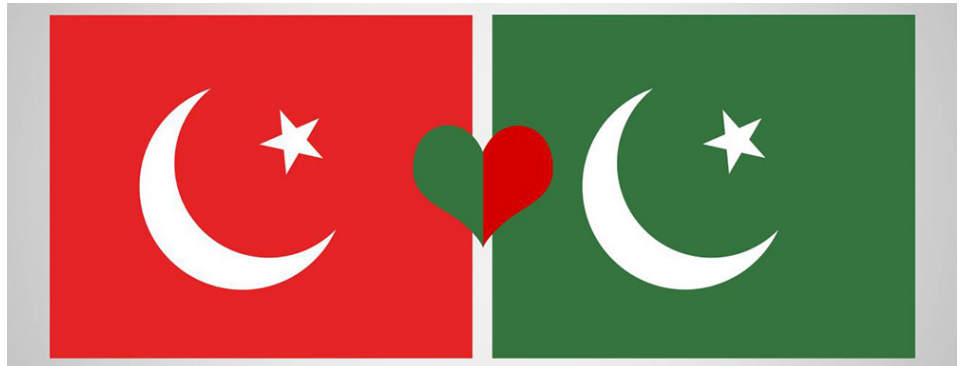
Cemal Sangu said 14 planes and 13 goodness trains had been reached in Pakistan while 15th plane carrying malaria pills, tetanus vaccinations and other medical supplies would reach here on Monday [October 03].

Turkish Consul General said with the help of Pakistan Air Force, Pakistan Navy, Pak Army, National Disaster Risk Management Authority (NDMA) and federal and provincial governments, Türkiye would extend all-out aid and assistance to the Pakistani brethren who were facing unprecedented floods and hundreds of people had lost their lives.

He said not only Turkish government but people, including children, women and showbiz stars were extending donations for Pakistani flood victims as “our hearts beat together”.

He said Turkish serials Ertugrul Ghazi and Kurlus Usman fame Abdul Rehman Ghazi had also visited Pakistan for supporting flood victims and now he had gone to Canada for collecting donations for Pakistani flood-hit people.

Speaking on the occasion, Air Vice Martial Zaeem Afzal thanked the Turkish government, people and Turkish NGOs for providing aid and



setting up tent city for the flood victims.

He said the Recep Tayyip Erdogan Tent City was established here with the joint efforts of Turkish friends, Bank Islami, Pakistan Air Force and AFAD and other stakeholders, in which initially 130 affected families would be provided accommodation.

Zaeem Afzal said the tent city would be expanded to 500 tents in which food items and medicines would be provided to the victims along with milk for innocent children.

Turkish Consul General said not only Turkish government but people, including children, women and showbiz stars were extending donations for Pakistani flood victims

He further said with the coordination of AFAD, another tent city would soon be established in Thatta district for which Pakistan Air Force would provide its land so that flood-hit people would be facilitated till their rehabilitation.

About the tent city, Afzal said medical and schooling facilities for flood-hit families would be made available here in the tent city while every tent would be given water filter plant for

clean drinking water.

He said in the tent city, all the basic facilities would be provided to the flood-affected brothers and sisters until they go back to their homes.

He thanked Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Consul General of Türkiye Cemal Sangu, Vice President of AFAD, CEO of Bank Islami Syed Amir Ali, and all the Turkish and Pakistani NGOs, including Baitussalam for helping the flood victims.

“Over 2 million people in the country have been affected by flash floods and monsoon rains, of them majority belongs to Sindh province and PAF, Pakistan Navy, Army, Police, NDMA, PDMA and other organizations were busy in providing assistance, foods, medicines, clean drinking water and shelters to the victim families,” Afzal said, adding that efforts were afoot to provide all facilities to the flood-hit people.

The Vice President AFAD expressed his condolence to the families who had lost their loved ones during the devastating floods in Pakistan.

He said under the leadership of President Erdogan, AFAD was providing aid and assistance to the Pakistan flood victims and it would continue to assist them till their complete rehabilitation.

BankIslami CEO Syed Amir Ali, while speaking to APP, said his bank was an important partner with other stakeholders in establishing the tent city in Jamshoro district which was aimed at providing relief to the flood-affectees.

He said Bank Islami was providing assistance to the affectees through Pakistan Air Force, armed forces and Turkish Consulate General.

Later, Turkish Consul General along with Air Vice Martial Zaeem Afzal formally inaugurated Recep Tayyip Erdogan Tent City by cutting ribbon and visited tents and talked to the flood-affected families.

Women's Empowerment key to sustainable development, says Ethiopian Ambassador



By Mian Fazl Elahi

Ambassador of Ethiopia to Pakistan, Jemal Beker Abdula has said that woman empowerment is vital and linked to any country's economic, social transformation, and development.

Ethiopia Airlines would fly to the sky of Pakistan soon: Ambassador of Ethiopia

Addressing Pakistan's Export-Women-led business conference in Islamabad, he said that women have enormous potential to work in different sectors of the economy, including trade and investment, governance, and leadership.

He said educated women could play a significant role in the betterment of our society and a key to sustainable Development.

"My country since Dr. Abiy Ahmed took the Premiership of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in which half of the cabinets are women, and 50 percent of the parliament are also women", he added.

The Ambassador further stated that women-led businesses will continue to grow and that the Pakistan export sector will continue to revive, survive, and thrive in the time to come.

"Ethiopia is the third diplomatic center in the world, HQ for Africa Union, UNCECA. It is the land of origin, human fossil Lucy 3.2 million years of age which is the complete human fossil, Coffee, and a source of Nile, the longest river in the world.

And it is a land of Bilal Al-Habash, late King Nejash, first hijira to Ethiopia where we are connected with other Abrahamic Religions as well", he maintained.

He congratulated the Faisalabad Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FWCCI) and its President, Mrs. Nighart Shahid, for taking this initiative on basically introducing Pakistan's export potential- women-led business and investment opportunities in Pakistan to the rest of the world.

The Ambassador said that Ethiopia is a vast and growing market, and it sees Pakistan as a preferred partner and is keen to expand trade,

business, investment, and tourism relations. Our business and economic ties have not been adequately developed.

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The main reason for such a low level of two-way trade was little knowledge about each other's markets and a lack of relationships. Indeed, this gathering can be considered a window of opportunity for Pakistani women export entrepreneurs to harness huge prospects.

He said that Ethiopia Airlines would fly to the sky of Pakistan soon. Indeed, the commencement of Ethiopia's Airline will boost the trade, investment, and tourism between Ethiopia and Pakistan, the rest of Africa, and the globe.

Diplomatic Focus Thru Lens



Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Nawaf bin Saeed Ahmad Al Malkiy called on President Dr. Arif Alvi



Ambassador of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Pakistan, H.E. Nawaf Saeed Al Malkiy calls on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif



Ambassador of Germany Mr. Alferd Grannas called on Speaker National Assembly Raja Pervaiz Ashraf



A Turkish delegation comprising ismail Hakki Turunc, Turkish Red Crescent Goodwill Ambassador and Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan Mehmet Pacaci called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif.



Ambassador of China to Pakistan, Nong Rong called on Federal Minister for Power, Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan



Ambassador of France Nicolas Galey called on Federal Minister for Defense Khawaja Muhammad Asif



H.E. Mr. Donal Blome, Ambassador of the United State of America to Pakistan called on Federal Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar at Finance Division, Islamabad.



British High Commissioner Dr Christian Turner Saturday called on Minister for Finance and Revenue Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar

India's unilateralism never accepted by UN

By Dr Ghulam Nabi Fai

The dispute over Jammu & Kashmir is not insoluble through peaceful procedures. It appears to be so only because the obduracy of one of the parties – India – is encouraged by the apathy of the world powers.

To cover its 'wrongful occupation of Kashmir', India has skilfully propagated a series of myths about the genesis and nature of the dispute which have never been accepted by the United Nations. India knows it well that she stands in flagrant violation of UN Security Council resolutions mandating a self-determination plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir, conducted by the UN.

India apostatized from its self-determination pledge when it realized that the people of Kashmir would not vote accession to its nation; it thus contrived excuses for non-implementations and insisted that non implementation made the resolutions on Kashmir obsolete. Not knowing that mere passage of time or the flight from realities cannot alter the fact that these resolutions remain unimplemented until today.

The passage of time cannot invalidate an enduring and irreplaceable principle – the right of self-determination of the people of Kashmir, India unilaterally announced that the people of Kashmir through semaphore or necromancy had signalled their craving to become India's integral part. That unilateralism has never been accepted by the United Nations, including the United States. India has irretrievably lost the hearts and minds of the people in the state of Jammu & Kashmir due to the unimaginable atrocities committed by its army on the civilian population. Why else must India deploy an arresting 900,000 military and paramilitary forces, making Kashmir as mentioned by Arundhati Roy, one of India's best-known authors, "the most militarized zone on earth." India surmised that she needs 6,000 to 12,000 troops to hold a free and fair plebiscite (referendum/election) in Kashmir during the negotiations at the Security Council in early 1995's.

As much as the cruelty to which the people of Kashmir have been subjected, the inaction, the virtually permissive inaction, of the great powers regarding their situation has been a cause of the greatest sorrow to the people of Kashmir. They are placed under an unwanted and abhorrent military occupation. A place famed for its celebrated scenic beauty has been turned into a theatre of suffering unparalleled in this part of the world and unprecedented in Kashmir's own history. This is exactly what the New York Times wrote on August 10, 2019, "Inside Kashmir, cut

off from the world: 'A living hell' of anger and fear." With the help of systematic murder, rape and arson – a pattern which preceded and has outlasted the horrors of Bosnia and Kosovo – the Indian occupation army is trying to brutalize the people of Kashmir into submission.

Dr. Gregory Stanton, President 'The Genocide Watch' warned on February 5, 2021, that Kashmir is on the brink of genocide. And New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) says, the news media in Kashmir has been pushed to the brink of extinction. The most baffling phenomenon regarding this situation in Kashmir is that it has been allowed to arise and to persist in a territory which, under international law, does not belong to any member state of the United Nations and whose status is yet to be decided by its people. What else makes the indifference impossible to understand is that the Kashmir problem is not politically an uncharged terrain about which no road map exists.

The United Nations has at its inception devoted immense labour and thought to its solution. The fact cannot be gainsaid or dismissed that the terms of settlement it recommended did elicit the agreement of both India and Pakistan. The very basis, the consent of the people of Kashmir, remains inviolable. Neither pragmatism nor morality sanctions the setting aside of this basis. Shouldn't Modi Administration respect the word of honour given by Sir Gopalswamy Ayyanger, the Indian delegate at the United Nations Security Council on January 15, 1948, "In a statement Sir Ayyanger said, "The question of the future status of Kashmir vis-à-vis her neighbors and the world at large and a further question, namely, whether she should withdraw from her accession to India and either accede to Pakistan or remain independent, with a right to claim admission as a member of the United Nations – all this we have recognized to be a matter for an unfettered decision by the people of Kashmir...."

It is a basic principle of international relations that disputes are destined to be resolved. Is the Kashmir dispute too complex to be resolved? The answer is NO. Complexity is in the eyes of the beholder. There is no international dispute which has not been complex. If there is an interest in a settlement, the complexity becomes a motivating factor; if there is none, it becomes an excuse for passivity and inaction.

Being in Washington, DC, I can smell that some so-called experts do suggest pursuing President Musharraf's four-point formula for the resolution of Kashmir. Musharraf Formula is an ideal non-solution. It sanctifies the Line of Control (Ceasefire Line) into an international border.

LoC in Kashmir is actually the Line of Conflict. As long as it will remain clamped down on the state of Jammu & Kashmir, it will continue to impose a heavy toll of death on the people of the land. They have had no hand in creating this line. They are not resigned to it becoming some kind of an international border. It has cut through homes, separated families, and served as protecting wall for massive violations of human rights. This line of terror and iniquity deserves to be wiped out. It can be erased peacefully by the free ascertainment of the will of the people on both sides of the Ceasefire Line.

In an alternative, it stands as a provocation to violence which, even if curbed for limited periods, will always return with greater force. What can the international community do to advance the peace enterprise? Galvanize moral suasion against the recalcitrance of any party to the Kashmir dispute as powerful as that brandished against South Africa's apartheid and the international slave trade a century earlier. Never underestimate the influence of prevailing moral sentiments in human affairs, for good or for evil. And the lives and hopes of too many people are at stake in Jammu & Kashmir and South Asia generally to be left to the mercies of a 'might-makes-right' policy. The international community needs to understand that the solution to the sufferings and pain in Kashmir is both crucial and vital. The pain felt by the people of Kashmir is no calamitous than that felt by the people of Namibia or East Timor.

The torture and imprisonment in Kashmir is no less acute than it was in Bosnia and Kosovo. In fact, the pain, suffering and humiliation in Kashmir is intensified because the people of Jammu & Kashmir have been under occupation for more than 75 years. Certainly today, no issue is of greater urgency and concern than the Kashmir issue where two nuclear powers, uninhibited by any treaty constraints, glare at each other over this territory.

Kashmir and Kashmir alone is the issue that has kept India and Pakistan from normalizing their relations, and it is Kashmir alone that has led to three wars, excessive militarization and nuclearization. Lastly, Kashmir issue offers both hope and dangers. If the world powers do not respond timely and justly, the Kashmir issue can lead to a nuclear holocaust.

However, a just, democratic and peaceful solution can only lead to freeing the forces of development and progress in South Asia, bringing the peace dividend to the entire region, and humanity as a whole.

—The writer is the Secretary General, Washington-based World Kashmir Awareness Forum. Courtesy to Pakistan Observer

Serena Hotels, Thai embassy hold fundraising gala for flood affectees



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Serena Hotels with the support of the Royal Embassy of Thailand organised a fundraising event to raise funds for the relief and rehabilitation for the people affected by the floods across Pakistan. The fundraising event was well attended by all walks of life, including the members of the diplomatic community, corporate sector, and business community, where a troupe of performers from the Phattayakul Thai Music & Drama School presented a traditional cultural dance adorned in a beautifully crafted traditional attire, an affair originally staged for the Royal Court.



German Unity Day celebrated in Islamabad

The Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Islamabad celebrated German Unity Day to commemorate German reunification on October 3, 1990. H.E Alfred Grannas, German ambassador to Pakistan welcomed the guests. Chief Guest of the eve was Federal Minister for Economic Affairs, Mr. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq. Dignitaries and high officials from political, military, diplomatic, economic and humanitarian sectors attended the event.



Reception Marks Korea's National Foundation Day, 74th Armed Forces Day in Islamabad

The South Korean embassy celebrated the National Foundation Day and the 74th Armed Forces Day in Islamabad. Federal Minister for Board of Investment Chaudhry Salik Hussain, Minister for Defence Production Muhammad Israr Tareen, Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, Senator Sehar Kamran, Senator Sitara Ayaz, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of Turkmenistan Atadjan Movlamov, high commissioners, ambassadors, diplomats, parliamentarians and members of civil society attended the event and congratulated the ambassador on the auspicious occasion.



Indonesia's 77th Independence Day celebrated in Islamabad

Mr. and Mrs. Adam M. Tugio hosted a grand reception to celebrate 77th Anniversary of its Independence Day at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. Federal Minister for Industries and Production Division Makhdoom Syed Murtaza Mehmood and Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Relations, Mushahid Hussain were the special guests on the occasion. The event was well attended by highly placed officials, envoys, and other friends of Indonesia in Pakistan.



Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) hosted dinner reception in honor of diplomats



In honor of foreign diplomats and business community, dinner reception hosted by the ICCI at Serena, Islamabad. In his welcome address, ICCI President Muhammad Shakeel Munir cited the devastation caused by floods and urged foreign envoys to play their role in enhancing exports of Pakistan to provide cushion to the faltering economy. Federal Minister for Planning and Development Ahsan Iqbal called on the business community to explore the global market for promoting Pakistan's exports and bringing foreign exchange so that the country could grow faster. Turkmenistan Ambassador Atadjan Movlamov and Italian Ambassador Andreas Ferrarese, while speaking on the occasion, pledged their cooperation in promoting business and economic interests of Pakistan in the international market.



Armed forces day of Egypt celebrated

Col Mahmoud Hassan, Defence Attaché of Egypt hosted Armed Forces Day reception at the Islamabad Serena Hotel. Air Marshal Irfan Ahmed, Deputy Chief of Air Staff of the Pakistan Air Force was the chief guest. The reception was attended by Dr. Tarek Dahroug, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt and a large number of guests hailing from various segments of the society.



Constitution Day and the National Day of Nepal celebrated in Islamabad

The Embassy of Nepal in Islamabad hosted a reception today to celebrate the Constitution Day and the National Day of Nepal. Welcoming the guests to the event, H.E. Mr. Tapas Adhikari, Ambassador of Nepal to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, highlighted the importance of the day in Nepal's history and its role in national unity in a country of diversity like Nepal. Chief Guest of the eve was H.E. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Energy. The event was attended by H.E. Nawabzada Shazain Bugti, Federal Minister for Narcotics Control, Senator H.E. Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman Senate Defence Committee, members of parliaments, former ministers, high civilian and military officials of the Government of Pakistan and former ambassadors of Pakistan to Nepal; Ambassadors/High Commissioners to Pakistan as well as representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations; friends of Nepal, business and media-persons; and Nepali community members and the Embassy family members.





2022 Pak-RoK Tree Plantation Inauguration at Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

By M. Saeed Yousafzai

The Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in its commitment to assist and encourage nature conservation held a Tree Plantation inaugural event in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, aimed at supporting Pakistan in combatting Climate Change.

The tree plantation activity held near the Shah Maqsood Interchange of the Hazara Motorway in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was jointly organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Forest Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province

The Korean Ambassador, H.E. Suh Sangpyo appreciated the efforts of the Pakistan government and its' citizens in Climate change mitigation and mentioned other green and sustainable development initiatives being undertaken and possibilities of cooperation.



and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Pakistan. The Korean Ambassador, H.E. Suh Sangpyo while speaking at the ceremony collectively appreciated the efforts of the Pakistan government and its' citizens in Climate change mitigation and mentioned other green and sustainable

development initiatives being undertaken and possibilities of cooperation.

The Ambassador also mentioned the significance of such plantation activities in restoring biodiversity and ecosystem amidst

devastating floods crisis and global warming.

Senior officials of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Forest department, IUCN and Haripur University Faculty and students were present at the ceremony.



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






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