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Nazi guard, 93, charged in Germany AFP, Berlin

German prosecutors yesterday said they had charged a 93-year-old alleged former guard at the Nazi death camp Auschwitz with complicity to murder.

The accused, who was not identified by prosecutors but has been named by media as Hans Lipschis, was deported to Germany from the United States in

Dengue outbreak kills 23 in Pakistan

AFP, Mingora

An outbreak of dengue fever in northwest Pakistan's Swat valley has killed 23 people in the past month, but health officials said yesterday it was likely to subside as the weather cools in the coming weeks.

The authorities in Swat declared a health emergency a week ago over the outbreak of the virus. spread by mosquitoes which breed in stagnant water, which has now infected 6,500 people since late August.

'Dead' Boko Haram chief appears in video

AFP, Kano

A man claiming to be the leader of Nigerian Islamist extremist group Boko Haram appeared in a video Wednesday taunting world leaders after the military said he may have been killed.

A security task force in Nigeria said last month that Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau "may have died" from a gunshot wound after a clash with soldiers on June 30.

Rape puts China general's son in jail

AFP, Beijing

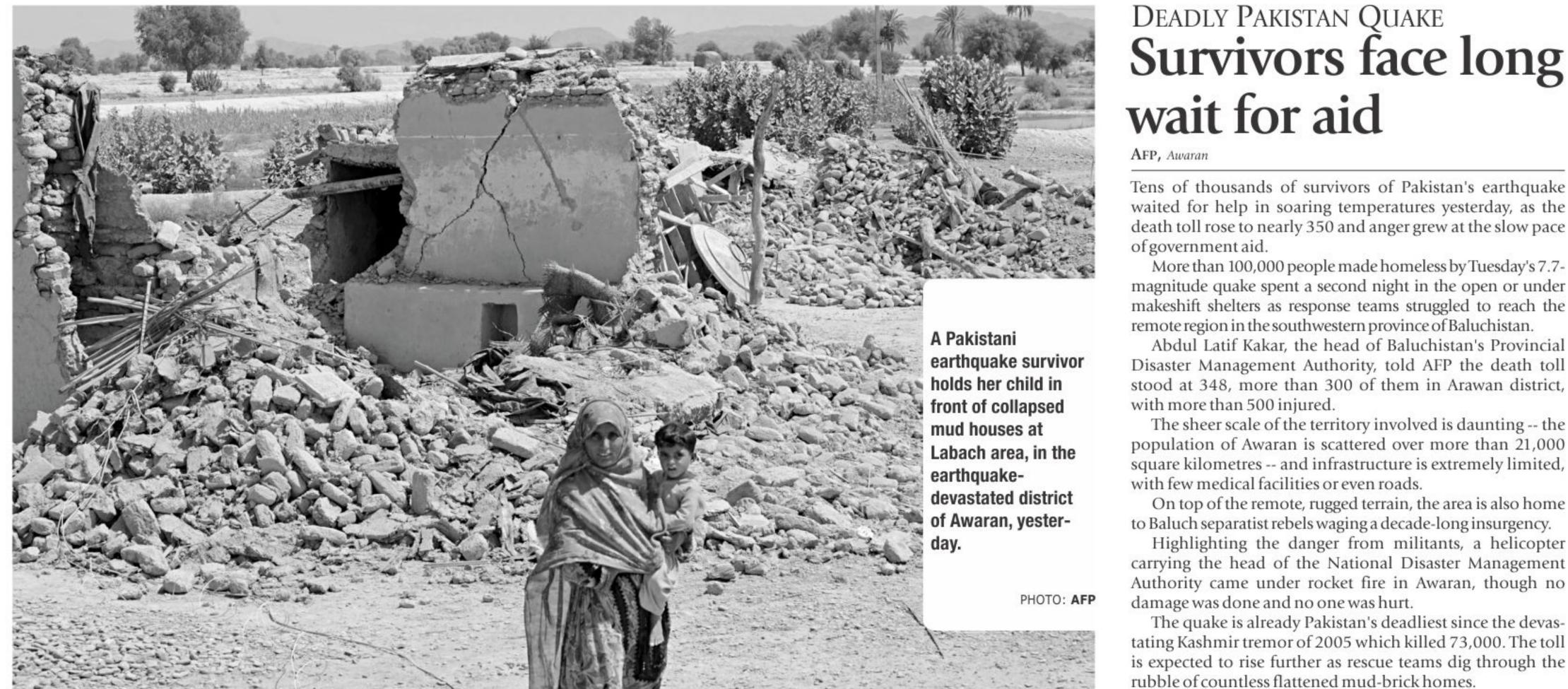
A court sentenced the teenage son of a Chinese general to 10 years in jail for rape yesterday, court authorities said, after his trial spotlighted extravagant lifestyles among the Chinese elite. Li Tianyi, 17, and four other males were found guilty of raping a woman in a Beijing hotel in February.

Russian detains Greenpeace activists

AFP, Moscow

A Russian court yesterday ordered two Greenpeace activists to be detained for two months over a protest on an Arctic oil platform, as the Netherlands called for the activists' immediate release and threatened legal action against Moscow. The first group from the 26 foreign and four Russian activists accused by Russian investigators of piracy over their September 18 protest on a Gazprom oil rig were led into the courtroom in handcuffs after being transported in prison vans.

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'The Elders' urge end to impunity in Myanmar

AFP, Yangon

Former world leaders led by ex-US president Jimmy Carter yesterday appealed for an end to impunity over a wave of anti-Muslim attacks in Myanmar. The call came at the end of a

three-day visit to the formerly military-ruled country by the group -- known as "The Elders" -for talks with reformist

President Thein Sein, religious leaders and civil society groups. "The Elders call for an end to impunity

for the perpetrators of violence against the Muslim community and for the meaningful realisation of the right to freedom of religion," they said in a statement. Gro Harlem Brundtland, former prime

minister of Norway and deputy chair of The Elders, said it could take decades to overcome "the ingrained prejudices promoted by extremist voices in parts of the country".

Violence against minority Muslims in the western state of Rakhine should "be halted as a priority, " she said.

"No one can afford to ignore these senseless, destructive, repeated acts of brutality."

Religious violence -- mostly targeting Muslims -- has exposed deep rifts in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, casting a shadow over widely praised political reforms since military rule ended in 2011. Around 250 people have been

killed and more than 140,000 left homeless in several outbreaks of violence since June 2012. Clashes in Rakhine state last year left

about 200 people dead, mostly Rohingya Muslims who are denied citizenship by Myanmar. Rights groups have accused Myanmar security forces of complicity in the vio-

lence, while anti-Muslim riots elsewhere in the country have appeared well organised. The Elders -- founded by former South African president Nelson Mandela in 2007 -- also appealed for an end to the country's conflicts between the military and ethnicminority rebels, and for the release of all

remaining political prisoners.

Obama to meet Sharif on Oct 23

AFP, Washington

US President Barack Obama will welcome Pakistani Premier Nawaz Sharif to the White House on October 23 for talks on extremism and security, his spokesman said yesterday.

"The president looks forward to discussions with Prime Minister Sharif on ways we can advance our shared interest of a stable, secure, and prosperous Pakistan," White House spokesman Jay Carney said in a statement

"The visit will highlight the importance and resilience of the US-Pakistan relationship and provide an opportunity for us to strengthen cooperation on issues of mutual concern, such as energy, trade and economic development, regional stability, and countering violent extremism."

SIKH RIGHTS VIOLATION

US court seeks trial of Manmohan Singh

AFP, New York City

Sikh activists yesterday vowed to deliver a summons on Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh during a US visit to prosecute him over violence against the community.

A New York-based group calling itself Sikhs For Justice said it planned to use a US law that allows victims of genocide or other major

human rights violations overseas to seek redress through US courts. The complaint said that Singh's "culpability in the crimes of torture and extrajudicial kill-

ings of the Sikh community started in 1991, when he took office as the finance minister." Thousands of Sikhs were killed in India in 1984 in riots that erupted after prime

minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by her Sikh bodyguards in retaliation for ordering a raid on the faith's holiest temple to crush a separatist uprising.

The complaint said that Singh -- who is

Sikh himself -- authorized cash rewards for security forces and,

after becoming prime minister in

2004, shielded members of his

Congress Party from account-

More than 100,000 people made homeless by Tuesday's 7.7-

Abdul Latif Kakar, the head of Baluchistan's Provincial

The sheer scale of the territory involved is daunting -- the

On top of the remote, rugged terrain, the area is also home

Highlighting the danger from militants, a helicopter

The quake is already Pakistan's deadliest since the devas-

ability over the past violence. Under US law, a court can decide on action if a defendant does not reply to a summons within 21 days.

Sikhs for Justice acknowledged they were unlikely to be able to deliver the summons to Singh but said it would serve the order to his security detail or US officials meeting the prime minister.

The group said it delivered a similar summons to Congress Party leader Sonia Gandhi, the daughter-in-law of Indira Gandhi, when she visited the United States for medical treatment.

Singh is paying what will likely be his final trip to the United States of his near-decade in office, during which he has encouraged the rapid warming of ties between the world's two largest democracies.

Mumbai world's 2nd most honest city!

TNN, London

India often finds itself embarrassingly high on the corruption index, rating among the most corrupt countries in the world. However, in a recent experiment, the country's commercial capital Mumbai presented a different picture. The ruse was a simple, abandoned wallet lying on the road, and recording how many people stumbling on it return it to its owner. This uncomplicated trick established Mumbai as the second most honest city in the world.

An average Mumbaikar returned nine out of 12 wallets he or she found lying on the road, each carrying Rs 3,000 in cash - not a small amount. The experiment was carried out in 16 cities across four continents with 192 lost wallets, dropped in crowded places like shopping malls, sidewalks and parks in cities as diverse as New York and Zurich. Each of the wallets contained a cell phone number, business cards and a family photo.

Those carrying out the experiment waited to see how many people from each of these places call back to return the wallet. Outside India, the wallet contained \$50 or its equivalent in local currency. The experiment saw around 47% - or nearly half of the wallets being returned. Finnish capital city of Helsinki topped the list of honest cities returning 11 of the 12 wallets.

Nepal recalls Qatar envoy

AFP, Kathmandu

Nepal yesterday recalled its ambassador to Qatar after she compared the Middle Eastern emirate to an "open jail" for thousands of Nepali migrants who face abuse from employers there.

Maya Kumari Sharma made the remarks six months ago to the BBC Nepali service, but they were reproduced yesterday in a front-page investigation by Britain's Guardian newspaper into the deaths of Nepali migrants on projects connected to the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Nepal's Communication Minister Madhav Paudel told AFP that Qatar had complained about the comments of the ambassador. The Guardian investigation found that 44 Nepali migrants had died in just over a month during the summer in Qatar.

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