

Ex-PM Khan wins big in Pak by-polls

AFP, Islamabad

Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan won six of eight national assembly seats he stood for in a weekend by-election, unofficial results showed yesterday, a vote he has called a referendum on his popularity.

The by-election is the latest twist in months of political wrangling that began before Khan's April ouster via a no-confidence vote, and comes as the nation grapples with the aftermath of devastating monsoon floods that left a third of the country under water.

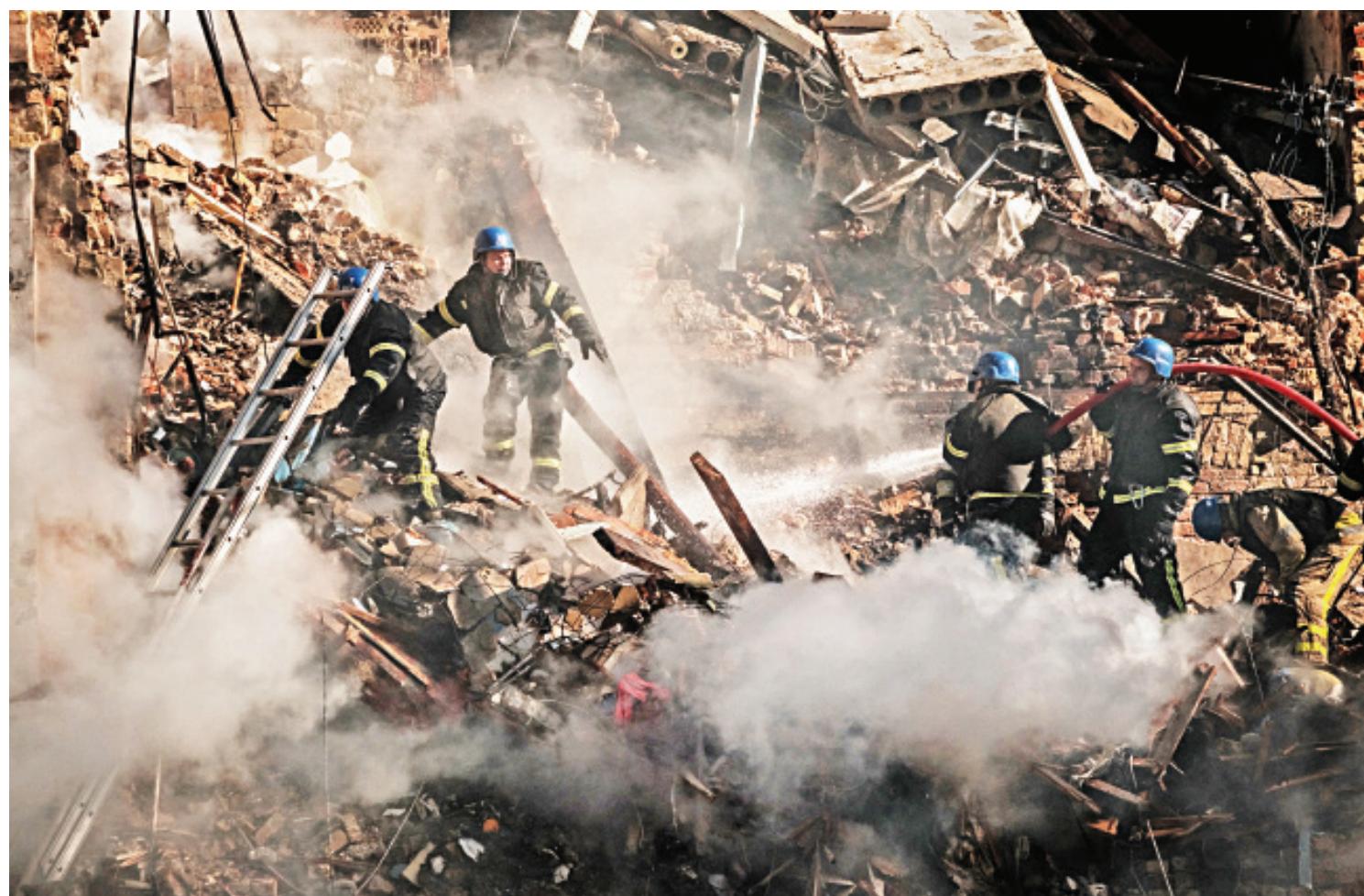
"He defeats many", trumpeted the front-page banner headline on the Daily Times newspaper, echoing the tone of local media coverage which called it a personal victory for the former international cricket star. It was, however, an effective net loss for his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, which had previously held all eight seats.

Individuals can stand in multiple constituencies in Pakistan and choose which to forfeit if they win more than one.

The 70-year-old has attempted to disrupt Pakistan's political process since his April ouster when he ordered all his lawmakers to give up their seats, leaving no PTI members in the National Assembly.

So far, the EC has called by-elections in only eight of the dozens of constituencies.

He has also vowed to soon announce the date of a "long march" of his supporters on the capital to pressure the government to announce an early national election than that scheduled for October next year.



Ukrainian firefighters work on a destroyed building after a drone attack in Kyiv yesterday. Ukraine officials said that the capital Kyiv had been struck four times in the early morning attack by Russia with Iranian drones that damaged a residential building and targeted the central train station.

PHOTO: AFP

EU SANCTIONS ON 'MORALITY' POLICE OVER PROTESTS Iran vows 'immediate' response

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Iran yesterday vowed an "immediate" response to the European Union as it prepares new sanctions on the Islamic republic after over a month of protests sparked by Mahsa Amini's death.

EU foreign ministers yesterday met to adopt sanctions on Iran, including on the morality police in whose custody Amini died on September 16 after she was detained for allegedly breaching Iran's strict dress code for women.

The planned EU sanctions target 11 Iranian officials and four entities, including the morality police, who will be subject to EU and asset freezes.

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Iran has been rocked by demonstrations since the death of

22-year-old Amini and a crackdown on protesters.

European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen warned last week that "now is the time to sanction those responsible" in Iran "for the repression of women".

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Meanwhile, the death toll from

a fire that raged through Tehran's Evin prison rose to eight Iranian, the judiciary said yesterday, doubling the official toll from the blaze.

Authorities in the Islamic republic have blamed the fire late Saturday on "riots and clashes" among prisoners, but human rights groups said they doubted the official version of

events and also feared the real toll could be even higher.

Gunshots and explosions were heard during the dramatic blaze from inside the complex, according to social media footage, while state media broadcast images of the aftermath with areas gutted by the flames.

When I speak with foreign partners about China, they always say: Russia is the storm, China is climate change. So we are going to have to brace for this climate change in the coming years.

Bruno Kahl,
German intel chief, voices caution against Chinese investment in German port



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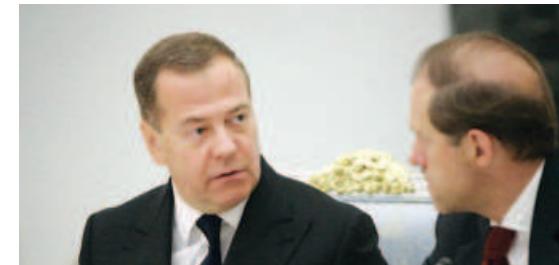
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Russia warns Israel against supplying arms to Ukraine



AFP, Moscow

Russia's former leader Dmitry Medvedev yesterday warned Israel against supplying weapons to Ukraine, saying any move to bolster Kyiv's forces would severely damage bilateral ties.

"Israel appears to be getting ready to supply weapons to the Kyiv regime. A very reckless move. It would destroy all bilateral relations between our countries," the former president and prime minister said in a statement on Telegram.

Israel has sent humanitarian aid including helmets to Ukraine, but it has stopped short of sending weaponry.

Many Israelis have roots in the former Soviet Union, including Russia and Ukraine.

A spokeswoman for Israeli Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who also holds the foreign affairs portfolio, told AFP his office would not be commenting on Medvedev's remarks.

South Korea kicks off military drills

REUTERS, Seoul

South Korea's troops kicked off their annual Hoguk defence drills yesterday, designed to boost their ability to respond to North Korea's nuclear and missile threats amid simmering tension over both sides' military activities.

The drills, due to end on Saturday, are the latest in a series of military exercises by South Korea in recent weeks, including joint activities with the United States and Japan.

South Korean lawmakers have said the North has completed preparations for what would be its first nuclear test since 2017, and might conduct it between China's key ruling Communist Party congress, which began on Sunday, and the Nov. 7 US midterm elections. But some analysts do not expect any tests before the Chinese congress ends.

UNIFICATION CHURCH Japan orders probe

AFP, Tokyo

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida ordered a government probe into the Unification Church yesterday, after the assassination of former premier Shinzo Abe renewed scrutiny of the sect. The church has been in the spotlight because the man accused of killing Abe was reportedly motivated by resentment against the group, which has been accused of pressuring adherents to make hefty donations and blamed for child neglect among members. The church has denied wrongdoing, but a parade of former members have gone public with criticism of its practices, and revelations about its links with top politicians have helped tank Kishida's approval ratings. Kishida told parliament on Monday that there were "many victims" of the church.

Blast kills two UN peacekeepers in Mali

AFP, Bamako

Two United Nations peacekeepers were killed and four injured in northern Mali yesterday by a highway bomb, the UN mission said on Twitter. "Two MINUSMA #peacekeepers were killed today, 17 October, when their vehicle hit an Improvised Explosive Device during a #mine search and detection patrol in #Tessalit, Kidal region", MINUSMA wrote in the post. It added that four others were "seriously injured". The nationality of the victims were not disclosed.

Sweden elects right-wing PM

AFP, Stockholm

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| 6 | Periodic Maintenance of Langla Fakir Mazar-Dalal Bazar (Beldola) Road from Ch.00m-405m Road ID-451434118 Package: e-Tender/LGED/LAX/GOBM/Overlay/22-23/W-31 [Laxmipur-S] | 742150 | |
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| 10 | Periodic Maintenance of Bashubazar-Somilkhola Road from Ch.00m-3375m Road ID-451433015 Package: e-Tender/LGED/LAX/GOBM/Overlay/22-23/W-42 [Laxmipur-S] | 742232 | |

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