

## Arrest hinders Imran's path to second Pak innings

AFP, Islamabad

Since being ousted from office by a vote of no confidence last year, former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan has vowed he will captain the country a second time.

But yesterday, the one-time international cricket star was arrested as he appeared at Islamabad High Court to face one of a slew of cases levelled against him.

With the charismatic Khan now locked away and his legion of supporters being called out on the streets to violent protests, his political prospects – and those of Pakistan – are unclear.

### POPULAR SUPPORT

Khan enjoyed genuine popular support when he became premier in 2018, but critics say he failed to deliver on promises to revitalize the economy and improve the plight of the poor.

His Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) overturned decades of dominance by the Pakistan Peoples Party and Pakistan Muslim League-N – two usually feuding groups that joined forces to oust him in April 2022.

But Khan made little headway in improving Pakistan's financial situation, with galloping inflation and a feeble rupee undermining economic reform.

**TIPTOED INTO POLITICS**  
For years Khan busied himself with charity projects, raising millions to build a cancer hospital to honour his mother. He tiptoed into politics and for years held the PTI's only parliamentary seat.

But the party grew hugely during the military-led government of General Pervez Musharraf, becoming a genuine force in the 2013 elections before winning a majority five years later. Running the country proved more difficult than sitting in opposition, however. "I fight till the very last ball," he said in one TV interview.



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party activists and supporters of former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan shout slogans next to a fire as they block a road during a protest against the arrest of their leader in Karachi, Pakistan yesterday. Inset, Pakistan security forces guard a vehicle carrying Imran Khan after his arrest at a court in Islamabad.

PHOTO: AFP, REUTERS



## World at 'turning point'

Says Putin in Moscow Victory Day speech, vows Russia's military would be victorious in Ukraine

### AGENCIES

President Vladimir Putin yesterday vowed Russia's military would be victorious in Ukraine and blamed Western countries for the conflict, comparing the fighting to World War II during a military parade on Red Square.

But his defiant address was overshadowed by scathing comments by Yevgeny Prigozhin, the head of the pro-Kremlin Wagner mercenary group, who accused Russia's military of repeated failures in Ukraine.

EU chief Ursula von der Leyen meanwhile arrived in Kyiv to mark the Europe Day celebration of peace and unity, a symbolic retort to Moscow's Victory Day military parade.

During his brief address, Putin also told the columns of Russian military personnel in ceremonial uniform in central Moscow that

the country's future rests on Russian soldiers fighting in Ukraine.

"Today civilisation is again at a decisive turning point," Putin said standing shoulder to shoulder with elderly veterans and soldiers from Russia's Ukraine campaign.

"A war has been unleashed against our motherland," he said, adding that "the future of our statehood and our people depend on you."

"For Russia, for our armed forces, for victory! Hurray!"

Yet the celebrations to mark the anniversary of the Soviet Union's victory over Nazi Germany 78 years ago have been overshadowed by the military's slow gains and heavy losses in Ukraine, reports AFP.

In remarks released at the same time as Putin's speech, the head of the Wagner outfit accused some Russian forces of abandoning their positions near Bakhmut, the epicentre

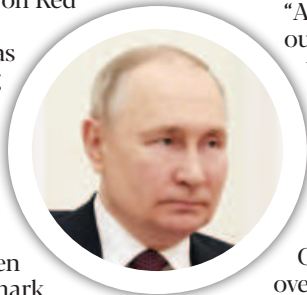
of the fighting in Ukraine.

Meanwhile, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said he sees no immediate possibility of reaching a comprehensive ceasefire in the war in Ukraine as both sides are convinced they can win, according to an interview published by Spanish newspaper El Pais yesterday.

Guterres, who is in Spain to receive the Charles V European Award, told El Pais the UN was instead focusing on talks with both Russia and Ukraine to solve concrete problems such as extending the Black Sea grain deal that is set to expire on May 18, reports Reuters.

In Ukraine there were no reported casualties from Russia's latest wave of air strikes on the capital. "Overnight into the 'sacred' May 9, (they) launched an attack on the territory of Ukraine," Ukraine's air force said.

The US yesterday announced a new \$1.2 billion security assistance package for Ukraine to boost the country's air defenses.



A fire breaks out at an apartment following an explosion in Gaza City, Palestinian Territories yesterday. Israel killed three Islamic Jihad commanders and 10 civilians in surprise airstrikes in Gaza yesterday, Palestinian officials said.

PHOTO: AFP

## Asean at a 'crossroad'

Warns Indonesian minister

AFP, Labuan Bajo

Southeast Asian nations are at a "crossroad", a senior Indonesian minister warned yesterday, as escalating violence in junta-controlled Myanmar loomed over a regional summit. Myanmar has been ravaged by deadly violence since a military coup deposed Aung San Suu Kyi's government more than two years ago and unleashed a bloody crackdown on dissent. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) – long decried by critics as a toothless talking shop – has led diplomatic attempts to resolve the crisis. Those efforts have been fruitless, as the junta ignores international criticism and refuses to engage with its opponents, which include ousted lawmakers, anti-coup "People's Defence Forces" and armed ethnic minority groups.

## Canada, China expel diplomats

AFP, Shanghai

China said yesterday it was expelling Canada's consul in Shanghai, in a tit-for-tat move after Ottawa announced it was sending home a Chinese diplomat accused of trying to intimidate a lawmaker. The expulsions have plunged the two nations into a fresh diplomatic row after years of souring relations. They follow an outcry in Canada over allegations that Chinese intelligence had planned to target MP Michael Chong and his relatives in Hong Kong with sanctions for sponsoring a motion condemning Beijing's conduct in the Xinjiang region as genocide. In response, Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said Toronto-based Chinese diplomat Zhao Wei – who allegedly played a role in the scheme – would have to leave the country.

## READMISSION OF SYRIA US slams Arab League move

AFP, Washington

The United States on Monday criticised the Arab League decision to readmit Syria, saying that President Bashar al-Assad does not deserve normalization after his country's brutal civil war. "We do not believe that Syria merits readmission to the Arab League at this time," State Department spokesman Vedant Patel told reporters. "We continue to believe that we will not normalize our relations with the Assad regime and we don't support our allies and partners doing so either," he said. Key members of Congress across party lines took a much harsher tone and urged the United States to use the power of sanctions to prevent normalization with Assad.

### STRIFE-TORN SUDAN

## Over 700,000 displaced: UN

REUTERS, Khartoum

Residents of Sudan's capital reported air strikes overnight and sporadic gun battles yesterday morning amid what they call a surge in looting, with no sign of progress in ceasefire talks taking place in Saudi Arabia.

The violence has accelerated a wave of people fleeing their homes, with the number of people internally displaced inside Sudan more than doubling in a week to more than 700,000 the UN's migration agency said.

"The biggest danger is the spread of robbery and looting and the total absence of the police and the law," said Ahmed Saleh, 45, from Khartoum's adjoining sister city of Bahri. Homes, shops and warehouses have all been targeted, residents said.

The eruption of conflict between Sudan's army and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) paramilitary risks a prolonged war that could draw in outside powers and unleash a new

humanitarian crisis across the region.

The United Nations estimates that 5 million additional people will need emergency assistance inside Sudan while 860,000 are expected to flee to neighbouring states that were already in crisis at a time when rich countries have cut back on aid.

The World Health Organisation also yesterday raised the confirmed death toll to more than 600, with 5,000 injured, though the true figure is thought to be much higher.

Meanwhile there has been no outward sign of progress in the talks that have taken place in Saudi Arabia since Saturday despite their limited goal of a ceasefire to allow humanitarian access. Repeated earlier truce deals have already been broken.

The army, under General Abdel-Fattah al-Burhan, and the RSF under General Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, known as Hemedti, had joined forces in a military coup in 2021, reconfiguring a planned transition to civilian rule.

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1	823530 e-GP/LTM-02/MRD/2022-2023	Re-Construction of Boundary Wall of Staff Quarter at RHD Old Sub-Division office under Road Division, Magura during the year 2022-2023.	24-05-2023 at 10:00	24-05-2023 at 12:00	24-05-2023 at 12:00
2	829122 e-GP/LTM-03/MRD/2022-2023	Bricks works and grill works on motorized vehicles shed at office compound under Road Division Magura during the year 2022-2023.	24-05-2023 at 10:00	24-05-2023 at 12:30	24-05-2023 at 12:30

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১.	পরিচালনা কর্মকর্তা-০১ (এক)	(গ্রেড-৯, বেতনস্কেল ২২,০০০-৫৩,০৬০/-)	৩০ বছর	কোনো বীকৃত বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় হইতে স্নাতকোত্তর/আর্কিটেকচার/ইউআরপি বিষয়ে স্নাতক ডিগ্রি।	১। শিক্ষাগত যোগ্যতা, অভিজ্ঞতা এবং আবেদনের শর্তাবলি সক্রমিক বিজ্ঞপ্তি তথা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ওয়েবসাইটে ( <a href="http://www.bsmmu.edu.bd">www.bsmmu.edu.bd</a> ) দেখুন।
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