ISRAELI RESTRICTIONS

Palestinians' access to healthcare hindered: WB

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AFP, Jerusalem

Israel's restrictions and rising fiscal constraints in the Palestinian territories are severely impacting the economic conditions of Palestinians and hindering their access to timely life-saving healthcare, the World Bank said yesterday.

In a report titled "Racing Against

Time", the World Bank said that overall the Palestinian economy performing below potential, with per capita income expected to stagnate.

Poverty in the Palestinian territories was on the rise, with one out of four Palestinians living below the poverty line,

the Washington-based global lender said. Israel's restrictions on movement and trade in the occupied West Bank, the blockade imposed on the Gaza Strip and the divide between the two Palestinian territories were among several factors that had put the Palestinian economy at high risk, the report said.

"The fiscal constraints weigh heavily on the Palestinian health system and particularly on its ability to cope with the

mounting burden of non-communicable diseases," Stefan Emblad, the World Bank's director for the West Bank and Gaza, said in a statement released with the report.

The restrictions, including "a lengthy, bureaucratic regime of permits", often makes it hard to provide timely life-saving healthcare to Palestinians, he said. Access to outside medical referrals for

treatment of cancers, heart diseases, and maternal and child birth conditions are significantly affected due to physical administrative constraints, statement said.

"The situation is particularly critical in Gaza, which suffers from a more limited

health system capacity and where patients struggle to get needed medical exit permit applications on a timely basis," it said.

"Research figures show that the nearblockade of Gaza has had an impact on mortality, as some patients do not outlive the length of the permit process."

Thousands of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip cross annually into Israel for medical treatment unavailable in the impoverished Palestinian territories.



Riot police officers fire tear smoke shells to disperse demonstrators protesting against the arrest of five people, who police said were carrying weapons while wearing camouflage uniform, in Imphal, Manipur, India yesterday. PHOTO: REUTERS

PAKISTAN SC Proceedings shown live on TV for first time

REUTERS, Islamabad

Proceedings from Pakistan's Supreme Court were broadcast live yesterday by state television for the first time, giving an unprecedented view into the workings of an institution that has historically had a huge impact on the country's politics.

The move marks the beginning of the tenure of new Chief Justice Qazi Faez Isa as Pakistan's top judge.

Isa, 64, was sworn in as chief justice on Sunday after he became the most senior judge of the court on the retirement of his predecessor Justice Umar Ata Bandial. Isa's first move as the top judge was to open proceedings for live broadcast.

"It is a majority consensus decision to telecast live," Isa said at the start of proceedings shown live by staterun broadcaster Pakistan Television. Previous attempts to broadcast proceedings live had been blocked by the court.

The broadcast was shown uninterrupted by all major Pakistani

Adding to the interest of the proceedings was the nature of the case, which pertains to legislation that curtails the discretion of the chief justice to take up any legal matter directly, commonly known as suo moto action, and his powers to entrust cases to his fellow judges.

Get anti-poverty goals back on track

UN chief urges world leaders at the SDG summit in New York

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UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres yesterday called on world leaders to get the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – a universal goal to end poverty in all its forms by 2030 - back on track as the world's biggest diplomatic gathering kicks off.

The UN General Assembly opened its 78th session with the SDG Summit in its New York headquarters.

Addressing world leaders, Guterres called for \$500 billion in investment a year to get the SGDs on track, reports Anadolu news agency.

"The SDGs aren't just a list of goals. They carry the hopes, dreams, rights and expectations of people everywhere," Guterres said. "A promise to build a world of health, progress and opportunity for all. A promise to leave no one behind. And a promise to pay for it...It was — always — a promise to people."

He said that only 15 percent of the targets are on track and that many are going in reverse.

He also called for an effective debtrelief mechanism that supports payment suspensions, longer lending terms, and lower rates for developing countries.

"At the halfway point to the SDG deadline, the eyes of the world are on you once again," Guterres said.

World leaders will seek this week to salvage stalled global targets to fight in recent years by the Covid pandemic and economic headwinds.

"It's time to take a hard look at how badly we are off track," said John Gilroy, climate and sustainable development lead for the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations.

Ireland and Qatar are co-facilitators of the political declaration due to be adopted at the summit in New York, reports

"There's kind of a somber tone and that's appropriate," Gilroy told a think-tank discussion on the SDGs last week.

Nearly half of targets in the 17 goals are moderately or severely behind schedule, said a UN assessment released earlier this year. The political declaration released this month warned that achievement of the SDGs was "in peril" and that hunger and malnutrition were on the rise.

"At the midpoint of the 2030 Agenda, we are alarmed that the progress frequent storms are aggravating hunger on most of the SDGs is either moving much too slowly or has regressed below the 2015 baseline," the declaration said.

The UN this month also released research in collaboration with 95 developing nations that found 72 of issues such as hunger, poverty and climate them reported an increase in planetchange that have been knocked off course heating emissions since 2019, and only one in five cut poverty levels – key

metrics in the SDG agenda.

Other goals include expanding access to clean water and fighting gender

When laying out the SDGs eight years ago, officials could not anticipate the pandemic and economic pressures that have sent interest rates skyrocketing and curbed countries' ability to borrow, Achim Steiner, head of the UN Development Programme (UNDP), told reporters last week.

countries defaulting back "to a kind recovery-growth trajectory that rightly focuses on jobs and incomes and also on managing the crisis but actually also locks us in to pathways that will ultimately exacerbate inequality,' he said.

The growing effects of climate change are also hampering progress to meet key goals, researchers say. Rising temperatures and more

and making it harder for people to access healthcare and clean water, said research released this month by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). Climate is the "linchpin" for social justice issues facing the world, said Jean Su, energy justice program director at the Center for Biological Diversity, an environmental

nonprofit.

GOVERNMENT DATA 1 in 10 Japanese are older than 80

AFP, Tokyo

More than 10 percent of Japanese people have crossed 80 years or older for the first time, new official data showed, as the nation faces a rapidly greying population. Government data released on Sunday, ahead of "Respect for Aged Day" national holiday yesterday, also showed that the share of Japan's population at 65 or older expanded to a record 29.1 percent from 29.0 percent a year ago. The level compared with second-ranked Italy's 24.5 percent and third-ranked Finland's 23.6 percent. "Japan has the highest percentage of elderly population in the world," the ministry said. For decades, Japan has seen its population shrink as young people delay marriage largely due to unstable jobs and economic difficulties

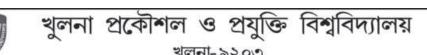
Thaksin eligible for parole in Feb

REUTERS, Bangkok

Thailand's former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra could be released on parole as early as late February, having already had an eight-year prison sentence commuted to one year following his return from self-exile, a senior corrections official said yesterday. "After serving six months of his sentence, Thaksin will be eligible for parole for prisoners older than 70 or those who are ill," Corrections Department Deputy Director General Sitthi Sutivong, told Reuters. The corrections department makes an assessment for each case and there is no petition process for parole in these cases, he said. Thailand's most famous politician made a dramatic homecoming last month, 15 years after he entered self-exile, having been ousted by a military coup in 2006.



building of the Russian-installed local authorities, which was damaged by recent shelling in the course of Russia-Ukraine conflict in Donetsk, Russiancontrolled Ukraine yesterday. Inset, men walk along a street covered with debris caused by the shelling. PHOTO: REUTERS



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