

IMRAN'S BAIL PLEA IN CIPHER CASE Open hearing poses 'risk of deteriorating ties' with nations, Pak FIA tells HC

DAWN ONLINE

The Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in Pakistan yesterday informed the Islamabad High Court (IHC) that an open hearing of PTI Chairman Imran Khan's bail plea in the cipher case could pose a "risk of deteriorating relations with other countries".

The cipher case pertains to a diplomatic document which reportedly went missing from Imran's possession. The PTI alleges that it contained a threat from the United States to oust the party chairman from office.

Following the suspension of the PTI chairman's three-year jail term in the Toshakhana case, it had emerged that he had been in judicial remand in the cipher case.

The post-arrest bail pleas of Imran and PTI Vice Chairman Shah Mahmood Qureshi were rejected by the special court earlier this month, following which the ex-premier approached the IHC seeking the same.

On September 26, both leaders' judicial remand was extended till October 10 and



as per the IHC's orders, the PTI chief was shifted to Rawalpindi's Adiala Jail from the Attock district jail.

Last week, IHC Chief Justice Aamer Farooq passed an order declaring that Imran's bail application would be heard in an open court.

Meanwhile, the FIA submitted a challan (charge sheet) in the Special Court established under the Official Secrets Act, declaring Imran and Qureshi principal accused in the cipher case.

A day ago, the FIA filed a petition in the IHC seeking in-camera proceedings of the PTI chief's bail plea in the case. The police have also ramped up security in the vicinity of Adiala jail by deploying elite commandos.

Yesterday, Justice Farooq took up the FIA's plea. Barrister Salman Saifdar appeared as Imran's lawyer while special prosecutor Shah Khawar was present as the FIA's counsel.

During the hearing, the prosecutor contended: "We also have to present statements... there is a risk of deteriorating relations with other countries."

ANKARA BOMBING

Turkey strikes PKK bases in Iraq

AFP, Ankara

Turkish jets launched air strikes inside Iraqi Kurdistan late Sunday, after a blast earlier the same day injured two police officers near the parliament building in Ankara.

In the hours following the bombing, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan had already vowed that "terrorists" would never achieve their aims.

The Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), listed as a terror group by Turkey and its Western allies, claimed responsibility for the blast. It has waged a deadly insurgency against Ankara for four decades.

Meanwhile, Iraq rejects repeated Turkish air strikes or the presence of Turkish bases in its Kurdistan region and hopes to come to an agreement with Ankara to solve this problem, Iraqi President Abdul Latif Rashid said in comments aired yesterday.

The district targeted in the bombing is home to several other ministries and the Turkish parliament, which reopened as planned in the afternoon with an address from Erdogan.

The interior ministry said two attackers had arrived in a commercial vehicle around 9:30 am (0630 GMT) in front of the "entrance gate of the General Directorate of Security of our Ministry of the Interior, and carried out a bomb attack."

"One of the terrorists blew himself up," Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya told journalists outside the ministry. "The other was killed by a bullet to the head before he had a chance to blow himself up."

Two police officers were lightly injured in the exchange of fire, but their lives were not in danger, he added.



Migrants wait to disembark from a Spanish coast guard vessel, in the port of Arguineguin, on the island of Gran Canaria, Spain yesterday. The new head of the UN migration agency Amy Pope yesterday voiced concern that the deaths of migrants and refugees in the Mediterranean were being "normalised" and vowed to work with governments to provide options for economic migration to address the crisis.



India's President Droupadi Murmu pays respect on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary at his memorial in Rajghat, New Delhi yesterday. Marking the International Day of Non-Violence, UN chief Antonio Guterres yesterday said it commemorates not only the birth of Mahatma Gandhi but also the timeless values he championed: mutual respect and understanding, justice, and the power of peaceful action.

PHOTO: AFP

RSF ATTACK ON WAD ASHANA Thousands flee homes in southern Sudan

Western nations plan to ask UN body to probe atrocities

AFP, Port Sudan

Thousands have fled a southern Sudan town, residents said yesterday, after attacks by the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces, at war with the army for nearly six months.

RSF fighters on dozens of armed vehicles attacked the town of Wad Ashana, on the border between North Kordofan and White Nile states, on Saturday, according to residents.

"My neighbour and my cousin were both killed in the crossfire. It was hours of terror," Al-Tayeb Abdelbaqi told AFP from El Odayab, a town 10 kilometres (six miles) away to which he could eventually flee, sheltering with a relative along with three other families.

By early September, the war between Sudan's army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his former deputy, RSF commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, which began on April 15, had killed nearly 7,500 people, according to a United Nations report.

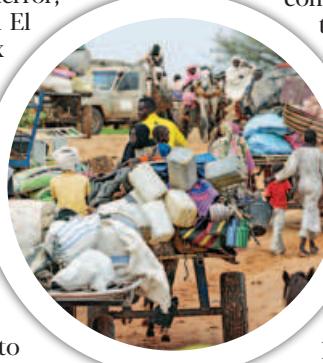
The worst of the violence has been concentrated in Khartoum and the western region of Darfur, but North Kordofan – a crossroads between the capital and Darfur – has also seen fighting.

Almost 4.3 million people have been displaced by the fighting within Sudan, in addition to around 1.2 million more who have fled across borders.

Dozens of families like Abdelbaqi's, who fled to save their lives but left everything behind, were holed up in schools in the area.

"We left with only the clothes on our backs," said another resident, Ahmed, who used to own a store in Wad Ashana and asked to only be identified by his first name for fear of retaliation.

He said the local market "had been completely looted." The same allegation has followed RSF attacks across Sudan since the war began.



Footage posted to social media on Sunday by the RSF claimed to show fighters "taking over the Wad Ashana garrison in North Kordofan and advancing towards Kosti," the last major town on the road to South Sudan.

The Sudanese Armed Forces have not yet issued any comment on the situation there.

According to Abdelbaqi, the area had been spared the fighting, until last week, when "an army force set up camp west of town".

Three days later, "the RSF attacked the city, completely overtaking it and pushing the army" 35 kilometres east, he said.

Already one of the world's poorest countries, the war has brought a humanitarian catastrophe to Sudan, where millions are on the brink of famine, and diseases are spreading, according to the United Nations.

The United States, Britain, Norway and Germany plan to submit a motion to the UN

Human Rights Council to set up an investigation into alleged atrocities in Sudan, a draft motion showed on Friday.

The document seen by Reuters condemns human rights violations and abuses committed during five-month old conflict and seeks to establish a three-person Fact Finding Mission to investigate them.

These experts would document the violations and prepare oral and written updates for the 47-member Council.

The draft was circulated among member countries on Friday, diplomats confirmed.

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3 suspected IS terrorists arrested by Delhi police

NDTV ONLINE

Three suspected IS terrorists, one of them on the most wanted list of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), have been arrested in Delhi during a big crackdown by the anti-terror agency. The three have been identified as Shahnawaz, Mohammed Rizwan and Mohammed Arshad Warsi.

Shahnawaz alias Shafi Uzzama was arrested by the special cell of Delhi Police from a hideout in the national capital.

An engineer by education, Shahnawaz was wanted in the IS Pume module case. According to sources, Shahnawaz is from Hazaribagh and had moved to Pune. In July, during a raid in Pune, two of his associates were arrested.

Shahnawaz managed to flee and reached Delhi. He had been living in a hideout since.

Earlier this month, the NIA had announced a cash reward of 3 lakh rupee each for information about Shahnawaz and three other terror suspects – Rizwan Abdul Haji Ali, Abdulla Faiyaz Shaikh alias Diaperwala and Talha Liyakat Khan.

Shahnawaz, Abdulla and Rizwan were radicalised into joining the IS mission over Telegram app, it is learnt.

It is alleged that they were linked to an IS module at Pune in Maharashtra.

MALDIVES ELECTION China congratulates pro-Beijing winner

AFP, Beijing

China yesterday congratulated Mohamed Muizzu, the pro-Beijing winner of a recent presidential election in the Maldives. China's foreign ministry said the country "respects the choice of the Maldivian people and congratulates President-elect Mohamed Muizzu". "China is willing to work with the Maldives to consolidate the traditional friendship, deepen mutually beneficial cooperation and push for continuous new progress," the ministry said in a statement. This would take place "in the future-oriented comprehensive friendly cooperative partnership between the two countries", it added. Muizzu's victory is set to once again upset archipelago's relationship with traditional benefactor India. He helms a party that presided over an influx of Chinese loans when it last held power in the nation.

10 killed in Mexico church roof collapse 60 more injured

AFP, Mexico City

At least ten people, including three children, were killed and 60 more injured when the roof of a church came crashing down on a baptism in northeastern Mexico on Sunday, authorities said. The disaster struck the coastal town of Ciudad Madero, in Tamaulipas state, with a Red Cross rescuer telling local media that 80 people had been in attendance at the Santa Cruz parish when the roof caved in. "Unfortunately, ten people are confirmed dead. Of these, five are women, two men and three children," Americo Villarreal, governor of Tamaulipas, told reporters. Rescue workers were attempting to recover the body of a woman from the rubble, but the death toll was not expected to rise as all of the missing had been accounted for, he added. At least 60 people were treated for injuries, the governor said.

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Invitation for Tender (Works)
e-Tender Notice No.3/2023-2024

e-Tender's are invited in the National e-GP System Portal (<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) for the procurement of the following packages.

Sl. No	Tender ID No.	Package No	Name of Works	Tender Method	Tender Last selling date & time	Tender Closing date & time	Tender Opening date
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	880899	INF-2021-22-305670-01	Construction of Class Room in Railla Abdul Mojid Photo Adorsha High School under Saturia, Manikganj.	OTM	22.10.2023 16.00	23.10.2023 15.00	23.10.2023 15.00
2	880896	INF-2021-22-305670-02	Construction of Class Room in Gopalpur High School under Saturia, Manikganj.	OTM	22.10.2023 16.00	23.10.2023 15.00	23.10.2023 15.00
3	880881	INF-2021-22-305670-03	Construction of Hygienic Safety Corner Dighulia GPS & Healthy Sanitary Public Toilet of Horgoz Cow-hut Under Saturia, Upazila, District Manikganj.	OTM	22.10.2023 16.00	23.10.2023 15.00	23.10.2023 15.00
4	880884	INF-2021-22-305670-04	Development of Dargram Bazar internal Road By RCC under Saturia Upazila, District Manikganj.	OTM	22.10.2023 16.00	23.10.2023 15.00	23.10.2023 15.00

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Portal(<http://www.eprocure.gov.bd>) is required. The fees for downloading the e-Tender Documents from the National e-GP System portal have to be deposited online through any registered Bank's branches up to 12.00pm on 23-10-2023. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and from e-GP help desk (helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd).

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