

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 Safdar appeared as Imran's lawyer while special prosecutor Shah Khawar was present as the FIA's counsel.

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

Western fatigue over Ukraine 'will grow'

Says Russia after US aid rift; EU pledges lasting support for Kyiv

AFP, Moscow

The Kremlin said yesterday that Western fatigue over Ukraine "will grow", as the future of United States aid for Kyiv hung in the balance.

A compromise struck in the US Congress over the weekend left out fresh funding for Ukraine due to opposition from hardline Republicans.

"Fatigue over this conflict – fatigue from the completely absurd sponsorship of the Kyiv regime – will grow in various countries, including the US," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

He added that Washington would nonetheless "continue its involvement in this conflict". US President Joe Biden has vowed to "not walk away" from Ukraine in an attempt to reassure Kyiv as Russia's offensive drags on for a 20th month.

Moscow has long counted on Western countries growing tired of supporting Kyiv and on divisions arising within Western alliances. "Fatigue will lead to the fragmentation of the political establishment," Peskov said.

His comments came as European Union yesterday signalled its long-term support for Ukraine as its foreign ministers convened in the capital Kyiv for a historic first gathering outside the bloc's borders.

Meanwhile, Ukraine's Interior Minister Igor Klymenko said Russia shelled the city of Kherson in the south, wounding six people.

Police also said a civilian was killed by Russian fire in the nearly encircled town of Avdiivka in the war-battered Donetsk region in the east.

Separately, Kyiv's intelligence service said in a statement that Ukraine's drones at the weekend had struck a plant that produces cruise missiles in the western region of Smolensk.

Yesterday's meeting in Kyiv comes as disagreements grow among EU members over support for Ukraine and as Kyiv's forces make limited gains in a high-stakes counteroffensive against Russian troops.

"We are convening in a historic meeting of the EU foreign ministers here in Ukraine, candidate country and future member of the EU," the

bloc's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said in a statement online.

The purpose of the meeting was to "express our solidarity and support to the Ukrainian people", he said, acknowledging that the gathering "does not have the aim of reaching concrete conclusions and decisions".

Ukraine's foreign minister hailed the summit as an important signal of European support for Kyiv.



The EU's 27 nations have remained broadly united through the 19 months of war on their support for Ukraine, hitting Russia with 11 rounds of sanctions and spending billions of euros on arms for Kyiv.

But there are now growing fears of cracks appearing within the bloc as concern also rises over the support of key backer the United States.

Hungary, Russia's closest ally in the EU, could now be joined by Slovakia as a potential block to more backing as populist Robert Fico pushes for power in Bratislava after winning elections this weekend.

There have also been tensions between Kyiv and some of its most strident backers on the EU's eastern edge – most notably Poland – over the influx of Ukrainian grain onto their markets.

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 PUNE 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.

Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh
Local Government Engineering Department
Office of the Upazila Engineer
Saturia, Manikganj
www.legd.gov.bd

Date: 02/10/2023

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	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

These are online Tender's where only e-Tender's will be accepted in the National e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender registration in the National e-GP System

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).

(Md. Nazmuddin Karim)
Upazila Engineer
Saturia, Manikganj.
e-mail: uc.saturia@lged.gov.bd