

INTERNATIONAL

Pakistan to
create new
paramilitary
force

REUTERS, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday it was creating a national paramilitary force, prompting concern among opposition parties and human rights groups that it could be used as a tool of political repression.

The move turns an existing paramilitary force deployed on Pakistan's northwestern border with Afghanistan into a national security force that will be called the Federal Constabulary, State Minister for the Interior Talal Chaudhry told a press conference in the eastern city of Faisalabad.

Its new duties will include internal security, riot control and counter-terrorism, according to a copy of the amended law reported by Dunya News TV. The announcement came after Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party said it would stage nationwide protests starting on August 5.



French President Emmanuel Macron, Chief of the Defence Staff General Thierry Bukhard, and Military Governor of Paris Loic Mizon review troops from a command car during the annual Bastille Day military parade on the Champs-Élysées Avenue in Paris yesterday. PHOTO: AFP

SECTARIAN CLASH
Over 89 killed
in Syria's
Druze city of
Sweida

REUTERS, Amman

More than 89 people were killed and dozens injured in armed clashes in Syria's predominantly Druze city of Sweida, the Syrian interior ministry said early yesterday, in the latest bout of sectarian clashes.

The violence erupted after a wave of kidnappings, including the abduction of a Druze merchant on Friday on the highway linking Damascus to Sweida, witnesses said.

This is the first time sectarian fighting has erupted inside the city of Sweida itself, the provincial capital of the mostly Druze province.

Last April saw clashes between Sunni fighters and armed Druze residents of Jaramana, southeast of Damascus, which later spread to another district near the provincial capital.

"This cycle of violence has exploded in a terrifying way and if it doesn't end we are heading toward to a bloodbath," said Rayan Marouf, a Druze researcher based in Sweida. The clashes involving Bedouin tribal fighters and Druze militias were centered in Maqwas neighborhood east of Sweida.

Israeli warplanes strike
Gaza over 100 times

23 Palestinians killed; criticism grows of Israeli plans for camps in Rafah

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The Israeli army said yesterday its warplanes attacked Gaza more than 100 times in the past 24 hours, claiming "terrorist organisations" are the targets, Al Jazeera reports.

The attacks left 23 Palestinians dead since dawn, medical sources said. Israeli army added that ground advances are also continuing across the besieged enclave, especially in the north.

It also said fighting is ongoing in the mostly destroyed Shujayea and Zeitoun neighbourhoods of Gaza City and in Beit Hanoon and Jabalia in the North Gaza governorate.

Criticisms of Israel's plan to set up an internment camp in Gaza are growing, with Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid saying it would amount to a "concentration camp" if Palestinians there are not allowed to leave.

"It is a concentration camp. I am sorry," former Israeli prime minister Ehud Olmert told the Guardian newspaper.

"If they [Palestinians] will

be deported into the new 'humanitarian city', then you can say that this is part of an ethnic cleansing. It hasn't yet happened," Olmert said.

"When they build a camp where they [plan to] 'clean' more than half of Gaza, then the inevitable understanding of the strategy of this [is that] it is not to save [Palestinians]. It is to deport

malnutrition in the Strip on Sunday.

"Only 150,000 litres of fuel have been allowed in over the past few days - an amount that covers less than one day's needs," the head of the Palestinian NGOs Network in Gaza, Amjad Shawa, told AFP on Sunday.

"We require 275,000 litres of fuel per day to meet basic needs."

Meanwhile, US President Donald



Eight UN agencies warn Gaza operations may halt due to fuel shortage

Trump says he hopes for ceasefire deal within a week

Death toll in Gaza rises to 58,026

them, to push them and to throw them away. There is no other understanding that I have at least," he added.

Eight United Nations agencies in Gaza said they may have to stop their operations in Gaza entirely "without adequate fuel" as UNRWA said another infant has died of

Trump said Sunday evening that he hoped talks for a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas will be "straightened out" this week.

The US is backing a 60-day ceasefire with a phased release of hostages, Israeli troop withdrawals from parts of Gaza and talks to end the conflict.

'Inexcusable'
lapses cited
in Trump
shooting

Says probe report

AFP, Washington

A congressional inquiry into the attempt to assassinate US President Donald Trump at a campaign rally a year ago on Sunday lamented "inexcusable" failures in the Secret Service's operations and response, and called for more serious disciplinary action.

On July 13, 2024, a gunman shot the then-Republican presidential candidate during a campaign rally in Butler, grazing his ear.

One bystander was killed and two other people in addition to Trump were wounded before a sniper killed the gunman.

Iran to respond
to reimposition
of UN sanctions

Says ministry spokesperson on its nuclear programme

REUTERS, Dubai

Iran will react to any reimposition of United Nations sanctions over its nuclear programme, the country's foreign ministry spokesperson said yesterday, without elaborating on what actions Tehran might take.

A French diplomatic source told Reuters last week that European powers would have to restore UN sanctions on Iran under the so-called "snapback mechanism" if there were no nuclear deal that guaranteed European security interests.

The "snapback mechanism" is a process that would reimpose UN sanctions on Iran under a 2015 nuclear deal that lifted the measures in return for restrictions on Iran's nuclear programme.

"The threat to use the snapback mechanism lacks legal and political basis and will be met with an appropriate and proportionate response from the Islamic Republic of Iran," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei told a press conference, without giving further details.

The 2015 deal with Britain, Germany, France, the US, Russia and China - known as JCPOA - states that if the parties cannot resolve accusations of "significant non-performance" by Iran, the "snapback mechanism" process can be triggered by the 15-member UN Security Council.

China, India should
work towards 'win-
win' co-operation

Says Chinese FM Wang Yi

AFP, Beijing



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said yesterday that Beijing and New Delhi should work towards mutual trust and "win-win" cooperation, after talks with his Indian counterpart Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, state news agency Xinhua reported.

China and India should "adhere to the direction of good-neighborliness and friendship" and "find a way for mutual respect and trust, peaceful coexistence, common development and win-win cooperation", Wang said, according to Xinhua.

The two foreign ministers met in Beijing yesterday as the two rivals seek to repair ties following a 2020 clash on their border.

The world's two most populous nations are intense rivals competing for strategic influence across South Asia, and their 3,500 kilometre (2,200-mile) frontier has been a perennial source of tension.

The 2020 clash between their troops led to a four-year military standoff they agreed in October on patrols in disputed areas.

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Holding fair polls

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Dr Kamal's remarks came at a commemorative programme at the Institution of Engineers, Bangladesh, in Dhaka, organised by Gonoforum in memory of its late president Mostafa Mohsin Montu, who passed away on June 15 at the age of 80.

Due to illness, Dr Kamal refrained from delivering the speech but attended and chaired the event. His written statement was read out by Gonoforum General Secretary Mizanur Rahman, who also moderated the programme.

Dr Kamal said the country is facing political instability, and the only way to overcome it is through political unity.

"The foundation of this unity lies in our national consciousness, shaped by the Language Movement of 1952, the Liberation War of 1971, the Constitution of 1972, and the mass uprising of 2024," he said.

Addressing the event, BNP Secretary General Mirza Fakhruul Islam Alamgir said his party has extended full support to the interim government's reform efforts.

"Unfortunately, a vested quarter is falsely accusing the BNP of not supporting reform," he said, warning

that a conspiracy is underway to delay the elections.

BNP Standing Member Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury said the country is going through a "crucial time" and warned that any misstep now could have serious consequences. He said the interim government's 11-month tenure has created a valuable opportunity for the nation, but a vested quarter is trying to derail the process.

Khasru also warned that delaying the national election could push the country into deeper uncertainty, as no nation can function sustainably without an elected parliament and government.

Nagorik Oikya President Mahmudur Rahman Manna said the country needs to find a clear path forward through consensus to ensure a democratic transition and avoid future uncertainty.

Party of Bangladesh General Secretary Ruhin Hossain Prince said one of the main aspirations of the July uprising is to restore democracy and ensure a credible election.

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