

Pak commits to ‘dialogue’ despite Afghan talks ending

AFP, Islamabad

Pakistan said yesterday it was committed to “dialogue” with Afghanistan despite peace talks ending after deadly violence, with Islamabad stressing its security concerns persist.

In its first acknowledgement that the negotiations were over, Islamabad said the third round of talks “concluded” on Friday.

“Pakistan remains committed to (the) resolution of bilateral differences through dialogue. However, Pakistan’s core concern, i.e. terrorism emanating from Afghanistan needs to be addressed first and foremost,” the foreign ministry said. Islamabad accuses Kabul of harbouring militant group TTP that regularly claims attacks in Pakistan.



People remove debris after a tornado with winds of up to 250 kilometres per hour struck Rio Bonito do Iguaçu, Parana State, Brazil, on Saturday. Authorities said the tornado killed at least six people and injured about 750.

PHOTO: AFP

GOV'T SHUTDOWN US airlines brace for 3rd day of flight cuts

REUTERS, Washington

Major airlines braced for a third day of government-mandated flight cuts yesterday after rising air traffic control staffing shortages snarled thousands of flights on Saturday.

The Federal Aviation Administration instructed airlines to cut 4 percent of daily flights starting on Friday at 40 major airports because of air traffic control safety concerns.

The shutdown, which has reached a record 40 days, has led to shortages of air traffic controllers who, like other federal employees, have not been paid for weeks.

Reductions in flights are mandated to reach to 6 percent on Tuesday and then hit 10 percent by November 14.

The FAA said on Saturday there were air traffic control staffing shortages impacting 42 airport towers and other centers.

UK, Germany warn of Russian satellite menace

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Germany and the United Kingdom have warned of the growing threat posed by Russian and Chinese space satellites, which have been regularly spotted spying on satellites used by Western powers.

The countries have in recent weeks highlighted frequent instances of Russia stalking, jamming and interfering with their satellites in space.

“Russia’s actions, especially in space, pose a fundamental threat to us all. A threat we can no longer ignore,” German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius told a Berlin conference of space industry leaders in September.

Targeting communications satellites can impact things like satellite imagery, telecoms and broadband satellite internet access. Disrupting navigation and positioning systems can impact military operations as well as civil aviation, according to the global think tank RAND.

The warnings come in the wake of Russia’s full-scale invasion of



Ukraine, now well into its third year. Ukrainian officials say Moscow has increased its level of cooperation with China, with Beijing conducting satellite reconnaissance of Ukrainian territory on its behalf.

Pistorius noted that two Russian reconnaissance satellites were recently spotted tracking two IntelSat satellites, which are used by the German Armed Forces and its allies. IntelSat is a commercial

satellite services provider whose fleet is used by governments and companies in the US and Europe.

“Russia and China have rapidly expanded their space warfare capabilities in recent years: They can jam, blind, manipulate, or kinetically destroy satellites,” Pistorius added, announcing a multi-billion dollar boost in funding for German space programs.

Sudanese city ‘living in fear’ Paramilitaries appear to prepare for an assault

AFP, Port Sudan

Residents of the southern Sudanese city of El-Obeid have said they are living in fear as paramilitaries appear to prepare for an assault, with the army reporting shooting down a drone targeting the city on Saturday.

The North Kordofan state capital, about 400 kilometres southwest of Khartoum, is a regional hub and a strategic prize for the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), at war with Sudan’s army since April 2023.

While the RSF announced Thursday it had accepted a truce proposal put forward by mediators, the UN subsequently said it saw “preparations for intensified hostilities”, issuing a warning about the deteriorating situation in Kordofan region in particular.

TRUMP PROGRAMME EDIT UK minister says claims BBC misled viewers ‘incredibly serious’

AFP, London

A UK government minister yesterday described as “incredibly serious” allegations over the way the BBC edited clips of US President Donald Trump in a flagship documentary programme.

The comments by Culture, Media and Sport Minister Lisa Nandy came as the broadcaster said its chair Samir Shah would provide an explanation to a parliamentary committee today.

Media outlets, including the BBC, reported yesterday that the response was expected to include an apology.

The concerns regard clips spliced together from sections of the US president’s speech on January 6, 2021 that made it appear he told supporters he was going to walk to the US Capitol with them and “fight like hell”.

In the unedited clip, however, the president urged the audience to walk with him “and we’re going to cheer on our brave senators and congressmen and women”.

67% of polling stations

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percent of the centres. Of these, 8,226 are classified as “highly risky” and 20,437 as “risky.”

The official said the classification was based on several factors, including the condition of polling centre infrastructure, distance from the nearest police station, and proximity to a candidate’s residence, among others.

By comparison, law enforcement agencies had identified 10,300 out of 42,149 centres as risky in the 2024 polls.

The meeting also discussed the need for inter-coordination among the forces to ensure the safety of polling officers, voters, and election-related personnel.

“There may be a risk of attacks on various political parties, occupation of centres, snatching of ballots, forced voting, and obstruction of polling officers in carrying out their duties,” the minutes noted.

Preparations have been made for the deployment of 90,000 to 100,000 army personnel for election duties across the country. The force is likely to be deployed for eight days – three days before the election, on the election day, and four days after polling.

“The army may be allowed to enter polling stations to protect polling officials and election materials as needed. Operations to recover illegal weapons may continue. The army may also use drones for election

work,” the minutes stated.

The meeting further discussed necessary security measures to hold free, fair, and violence-free polls.

“Effective steps must be taken to recover illegal weapons, arrest identified and listed extremists, set up checkpoints, and conduct random checks after the schedule is announced,” the minutes read.

It was also discussed that, if necessary, borders and seaports could be sealed.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that recommendations and proposals on law and order and related issues must be submitted in writing to the Election Commission.

The forces are also required to submit a security and deployment plan after risk assessment, dividing the country into red, yellow, and green zones.

“If the referendum is held, there may be changes in the plans and preparations. Mental preparedness should be maintained to coordinate the matter,” the minutes noted.

The meeting highlighted the need to prevent cyberbullying against women and minorities. It also warned that cloning human data or character assassination could occur during the polls, and preparations must be made to address these risks.

Finally, the meeting emphasised the importance of accurate information to combat misinformation.

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18 injured as BNP factions clash over nomination

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there were no injury marks on Abid’s body and that he was suspected to have died of a heart attack.

Police said chairs were vandalised at the event venue, leaving at least eight people injured from both sides. The Daily Star could not reach the two BNP leaders for comments.

In Cumilla’s Laksham upazila, at least 10 people were injured in a clash between supporters of BNP-nominated candidate Abul Kalam and those of Samira Azim Dola, daughter of former lawmaker Anwarul Azim.

Witnesses said the groups confronted each other in Chandgaon village during electioneering, and an altercation soon turned into a chase and counter-chase.

Dola and local BNP leader Abdur Rahman Badal were among the injured, said Nazneen Sultana, officer-in-charge of Laksham Police Station, quoting UNB.

Elsewhere, internal tensions flared across several districts over party nominations:

In Madaripur, supporters of BNP leader Kamal Zaman, whose

nomination was suspended on November 4, held a procession on the Dhaka–Bhanga Expressway demanding reinstatement of his candidacy.

In Brahmanbaria, activists formed a human chain demanding the replacement of party nominee Abdul Mannan.

In Gaibandha, authorities imposed Section 144 restricting

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gatherings, as rival BNP factions led by nominee Faruk Alam and leader Nahiduzzaman Nishat came face to face.

In Cox’s Bazar, supporters of BNP leader Mohammad Abdullah brought out a torch procession protesting the nomination of Shahjahan Chowdhury.

In Chapainawabganj, supporters of Syed Shaheen Shawakat blocked the Shibganj–Sona Masjid road, demanding his nomination.

[Our correspondent in Mymensingh contributed to this report]

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