



## Imran Khan ‘perfectly fine’

Says his sister after meeting the PTI founder in jail

DAWN ONLINE  
Pakistan’s former prime minister and PTI founder Imran Khan’s sister Uzma Khanum yesterday said that her brother was “perfectly fine” after a meeting with him at Rawalpindi’s Adiala jail.

Prison authorities had allowed her to meet the incarcerated former prime minister. She was accompanied by scores of PTI supporters who gathered outside the jail as Uzma went inside the prison to meet her brother.

In a short talk with the media after the meeting, she said: “Imran Khan’s health is perfectly fine. However, he was very angry and said that they are subjecting him to mental torture.”

She said her brother was kept in his room throughout the day, with only a little time to go outside, and there was no communication with anyone.

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Smoke billows as Israeli forces demolish the house of Abdul Karim Snobar, detained earlier this year on accusations of plotting bus bombings, in the occupied West Bank city of Nablus yesterday.

PHOTO: AFP

## 527 OCs posted through lottery

110 metropolitan police stations yet to get new chiefs

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The government has appointed or transferred 527 police officials as officers-in-charge across the country through a lottery, a major reshuffle aimed at ensuring stability during the national election.

The lottery was conducted at the home ministry in the presence of Home Affairs Adviser Lt Gen (retd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday, AHM Shahadat Hossain, additional inspector general (media and public relations) of the Police Headquarters, told The Daily Star.

Earlier, the PHQ had sought “honest and impartial” inspectors and prepared a list, from which the new OCs were selected. The list also included the existing OCs.

According to police sources, Bangladesh has 639 police stations – 527 in districts and 110 in metropolitan areas. Of the district-level postings, 98 OCs have been assigned in Dhaka Range, 111 in Chattogram, 64 in Khulna, 36 in Mymensingh, 46 in Barishal, 39 in Sylhet, 71 in Rajshahi, and 62 in Rangpur.

The list of newly appointed OCs has been sent to the range offices for implementation, AIG Shahadat said, adding that postings in 110 metropolitan police stations are yet to be decided.

On November 26, the government appointed or transferred police superintendents of all 64 districts through a lottery. At least 33 additional deputy inspector generals were promoted to DIG, and Rajshahi Metropolitan Police received a new commissioner.

## French pastry chefs auction chocolate sculptures

AFP, Paris

Chocolate artworks by some of France’s most famous pastry chefs sold at auction Monday for more than 100,000 euros in a charity event that had bidders smacking their lips.

The Paris auction, organised by the pastry chef Pierre Herme, featured such whimsical creations as a chocolate clock, a bouquet of white chocolate roses and a monumental piece made of 495 chocolate eggs – plus one of ritzy Daum crystal.

The event raised 108,100 euros (\$125,500) for a charity that helps children hospitalised with leukaemia, according to auction house Artcurial.

It called the auction the first of its kind worldwide. “This is truly a first,” auctioneer Arnaud Oliveux told AFP.

The auction featured works by 25 celebrated pastry chefs, including Herme, Patrick Roger, Cyril Lignac, and Nina Metayer. Many of the chefs paired their creations with one-of-a-kind experiences.

Herme’s chocolate and crystal egg masterpiece, for example, came with a private lesson from the chef on making macarons, while a two-metre (six-foot-seven-inch) sculpture by Roger came with a tasting session with the master “chocolatier”.

The auction house did not release the selling price for individual items.

The pieces are all edible, though the chefs created them to be displayed, said Herme.

“When you set your eyes on them, you don’t feel like touching them because they’re so visually magnificent,” said Oliveux, calling top-level pastry creation “a kind of culinary art”.



## Healthcare workers’ demo disrupts vaccination, medical services

TUHIN SHUBHRA ADHIKARY

Health services and vaccination programmes are facing disruption as several sections of medical professionals continue their demonstrations to press home their separate demands.

Government nurses, medical technologists, pharmacists, and health assistants have been holding separate programmes and demonstrations for the last two weeks and have threatened to intensify them, indicating further disruption in healthcare services.

Vaccination of children across the country came to a near halt as several thousand health assistants began a sit-in at the Central Shaheed Minar on Saturday to realise their demands.

The demonstrators said they have long been making their demands and were forced to take to the streets as the authorities did not pay heed to them.

ABM Abu Hanif, director (administration) of Director General of Health Services (DGHS), however, said they were in favour of most of the demands, and the implementation of many of them is already underway.

But the agitating health workers are not willing to allow the time needed; instead, they have been demonstrating in violation of their service rules and causing suffering to the service seekers.

“The health ministry is working to resolve the issues,” he told The Daily Star yesterday.

Health assistants are frontline public health workers, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas. They conduct routine

correspondent.

Replying to a question, he said they would arrange extra sessions, once the health assistants withdraw their demonstration, to make up for the losses caused by the protest.

Several thousand health assistants took position in front of the DGHS office around 9:00am yesterday as they saw no progress on their demands.

Several mid-level officials from DGHS asked them to hold talks, but they refused and said they would only sit with the health adviser, said Fazlul Haque Chowdhury, member secretary of the Bangladesh Health Assistant Association Central Coordination Council.

The association has long been demanding amendments to the recruitment rules, upgrading their entry post to grade-14 instead of grade-16, removal of salary discrimination, and the granting of technical status, among their six-point demand.

On November 23, the organisation announced that it would go for work abstention if its demands were not met by November 28.

As per the previous announcement, two other key professional groups in public health services – medical technologists and pharmacists – are supposed to enforce a four-hour (8:00am to 12:00pm) work abstention today.

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vaccination sessions and register newborn children, among other responsibilities.

All the activities have been suspended since the health assistants began the strike on Saturday, Hasanul Mahmud, assistant director of the Expanded Programme on Immunisation under the DGHS, told this

## Israeli forces raze Gaza buildings

Raid occupied West Bank; Trump warns Israel not to ‘interfere’ in Syria

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Israeli forces yesterday carried out demolition and destruction on residential buildings behind the so-called yellow line in the eastern areas of Gaza City.

At least one person was killed in the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza after Israeli army vehicles reportedly opened fire in the camp’s eastern area.

Israeli fire kills one in the Bureij refugee camp

2 Palestinians killed by Israeli fire in West Bank’s Hebron

Qatar hopes to push Hamas, Israel to next talks phase

The Wafa news agency also reported explosions in the vicinity of the Shujayea intersection in east of Gaza City and in the Tuffah neighbourhood.

The Israeli military said yesterday it had killed two assailants it said attacked soldiers in separate incidents in the occupied West Bank, with the Palestinian Authority identifying the deceased as a 17 and 18-year-old.

Artillery shelling and heavy gunfire from Israeli helicopters were also heard inside the yellow line east of Khan Younis city, reports Al Jazeera online.

Gaza talks mediator Qatar said yesterday it hoped Israel and Hamas could be brought to a new phase of negotiations for a peace deal in the Palestinian territory following their October ceasefire agreement.


In a separate development, US President Donald Trump

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Date palm sap collectors, known as “gachhis”, process freshly collected date juice into molasses in earthen pots near Kushtia’s bypass road yesterday. With winter setting in, production of the seasonal delicacy has begun in the district, as demand surges across the country at this time.

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