

Govt urged to fulfill pledges to invest, conserve nature

Young environmentalists ask govt for climate justice

ISLAMABAD: The young environmentalists on Saturday asked the government to ensure climate justice to avert adverse climate change impacts from North to South causing natural catastrophes and hazards.

They also urged the government to fulfill its pledges made globally to invest and conserve nature on ground and translate its vision of clean and green Pakistan in letter and spirit. The protest was organized by university, college and school students in front of the National Press Club Islamabad as part of the international climate strikes all over the world in solidarity with Global Climate Action Day demanding governments and mega corporations, of the world causing environmental degradation, to play their role in conserving depleting nature and help transfer a healthy and livable planet to the coming generations. The protesters chanted slogans 'We want freedom from Coal', 'We want Climate Justice' and also sloganeered Justice for labourers, farmers, women and children as all were equally affected

and vulnerable due to climate change. The protesters were holding play cards inscribing 'System Change Not Climate Change', 'Let's be part of the Solution Not Pollution' whereas a die-in demonstration was also made by the protesters by lying straight on the ground simulating as dead and chanted slogans for climate justice.

Talking to APP, Dania, a young school student and climate activists, said the climate change was killing masses in the form of various natural disasters and also air pollution. "We need to enhance our forest cover and eradicate use of fuel-based cars emitting massive dark smoke resulting in air pollution and climate depletion," she added.

Shanzay Ahmed, another young climate activist, urged the government to ensure more steps to preserve nature and help developing resilience of marginalized communities bearing the environmental degradation in the form of glacial melting in the north and prolonged drought in the south.

The protesters also placed ice blocks to highlight the rapidly melt-

ing glaciers that were the third largest in the world in order to show that the snow in the north was melting enormously due to global warming leading to glacial lake outburst flooding and damage to the local communities. The climate strikes were also held in Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar, Quetta, Mardan and Gilgit that unanimously demanded the local and global governments, multinationals, corporate sector to invest more in environmental conservation and climate action.

Police to control crime for protection of masses, says RPO
Regional Police Officer (RPO) Syed Khurram Ali said that police committed to control crime in order to provide sense of security and protection to masses. Addressing a press conference during visit to DPO Vehari office here on Saturday, the regional police officer said that protection of public lives and properties was top priority of the police. He said that the police was fighting against anti-social elements and rendered various sacrifices for maintaining law and order situation.



ISLAMABAD: A view of open restaurant at Sector G-7, which is the violation of Smart Lock down as government announced to remain close the shops and markets and restaurants on Saturday and Sunday.

IGP asks police staff to demonstrate positive attitude towards complainants

ISLAMABAD: Inspector General of Police (IGP) Islamabad, Qazi Jameel-ur-Rehman has directed the police station staff to demonstrate positive attitude towards complainants for improving police culture in the federal capital.

Negative behavior and unprofessional dealing with the applicants may tarnish the repute of police force, he said during his visit to Kohsar Police Station on Saturday.

The IGP during his visit checked record of first information report (FIR), front desk facilities and hygienic conditions at the station.

He was accompanied by Deputy Inspector General (DIG) operations Afzal Ahmad Kausar, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) operations Dr Syed Mustafa Tanveer and Superintendent of Police (SP) city zone Umer Khan.

Rehman also made an interaction with the visitors and inquired about the staff behavior and their complaints.

He directed to expedite the investigation process of pending cases to provide early relief to the plaintiff.

"Delay in registration of FIR will not be tolerated," the IGP remarked.

He stressed the need to launch an effective awareness drive to eradicate drugs and social crimes in the society.

Rehman asked the personnel to ensure all out efforts

to maintain good liaison with the public.

Inter-provincial dacoit gang busted; two arrested

In a crackdown against criminal elements, Rawalpindi Police have busted an inter-provincial dacoit gang and arrested its two members besides recovering cash Rs 2.4 million and weapons from their possession.

According to a police spokesman, Civil Line police in a raid arrested Muhammad Akram and Amir Ali, members of 'Baba' gang besides recovering cash Rs 2.4 million, mobile phones and weapons from their possession.

He informed that the Police team constituted under the supervision of SHO Civil Line Police Station on the directives of SP Potohar conducted a raid and managed to net the gang members.

As per preliminary police record, the criminals were also involved in dacoities and other crimes in different districts including Faisalabad, Lahore, Bahawalpur, Abbottabad, Haripur, Borewala, Gujranwala, Sialkot and Rawalpindi, he added.

SP Potohar said that other members and facilitators of the gang would also be arrested following preliminary investigations with the detainee culprits.

City Police Officer (CPO) Rawalpindi Muhammad Ahsan Younas lauded endeavour of Civil Line police team for netting the accused.

Farewell ceremony in honour of Dolphin Force, Police Officers held

From Our Staff Correspondent

SAMUNDRI: A farewell ceremony was held in honour of the officers of Dolphin Force and Police Officers.

DSP Circle Marine Syed Nazir Abbas Shah and SHO City Mohammad Tariq were special guests on the occasion. President Anjam Tajik Marine Mian Shabbir Ahmed Maha-



lami, trader leaders Qadir Ahmed Butt, Rana Iftikhar Ahmed, Malik Mohammad Shafi, Rana Asghar Ali,

Khalid Ejaz Sethi, Khawaja Nasir Butt, Malik Tariq Bilal, Malik Mohammad Kashif, Nadeem Kanwal, Mian Mohammad Qamar, Safdar Ali, Rana Mohammad Sunni, Malik Mohammad Kashif, Sheikh Bao, Mubarak Ali Saqi, Salman Sheikh and Malik Shahid Pasha presented flowers on the occasion. President Anjum Tajik Shabbir Ahmed Mahalmi praised the work of Dolphin Force and Police Station headed of

7.2-magnitude quake off northeast Japan, tsunami advisory lifted

TOKYO: Japan's meteorological agency issued a tsunami advisory after a strong 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck off the northeastern coast, hitting areas devastated by the 2011 disaster.

The advisory was later lifted about an hour after the earthquake. There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The quake hit at 6.09pm local time in Pacific waters off Miyagi region with a depth of 60km, the JMA said, issuing an advisory for tsunami waves of around one metre. The US Geological Service put the strength of the quake at 7.0-magnitude.

Public broadcaster NHK showed footage from inside its Sendai bureau showing a plaque suspended from the ceiling shaking for about 30 seconds following the tremor. It did not report any items falling from shelves or any immediate damage.

The quake could be felt in Tokyo about 400km south of the epicentre.

NHK warned the public against going anywhere near the shore. Some residents of coastal communities said they had fled to higher ground after the advisory was issued on Saturday evening.

"I recalled that day 10 years ago," a man in Ishinomaki city told national broadcaster NHK as he fled to a park on a hill.



"Because of our experience of that day, I moved quickly. My heart is pounding hard," he said.

There were no immediate reports of damage, according to Takashi Yokota, an official of Miyagi prefecture's disaster management office.

"We have not received any immediate report of damage or injuries following the earthquake and the tsunami advisory. But we are still collecting information," he told AFP. NHK said service on the Tohoku shinkansen bullet train had been halted.

"It was a really bad, long shaking from side-to-side. It was even longer than the quake last month, but at least the building here is all right,"

Shizue Onodera told NHK from the shop where she works in the city of Ishinomaki.

"Lots of bottles smashed on the floor," she said. "The electricity is on." Part of Japan's northeastern prefecture of Miyagi was hit by power outages following the earthquake, utility Tohoku Electric Power said.

About 200 households in Kurihara city in Miyagi lost power because of the quake, the trade and industry ministry said.

The Nuclear Regulation Authority said there had been no reports of abnormality at the area's nuclear facilities, including the crippled Fukushima Daiichi plant, Onagawa nuclear plant and various smaller facilities and experimental nuclear re-

After fiery start, US concludes 'tough' talks with China

ANCHORAGE, Alaska: Top US and Chinese officials wrapped up two days of contentious talks in Alaska after trading sharp and unusually public barbs over vastly different views of each other and the world in their first face-to-face meeting since President Joe Biden took office.

The two sides finished the meetings after an opening session in which they attacked each other in an unusually public way. The US accused the Chinese delegation of "grandstanding" and Beijing fired back, saying there was a "strong smell of gunpowder and drama" that was entirely the fault of the Americans.

The meetings in Anchorage were a new test in increasingly troubled relations between the two countries, which are at odds over a range of issues from trade to human rights in Tibet, Hong Kong and China's western Xinjiang region, as well as over Taiwan, China's assertiveness in the South China Sea and the coronavirus pandemic.

"We got a defensive response," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said after the meetings concluded.

"We wanted to share with them the significant concerns that we have about a number of the actions that China has taken, and behaviors exhibiting concerns, shared by our allies and partners," he said. "And we did that. We also wanted to lay out very clearly, our own policies, priorities, and worldview. And we did that too."

In separate comments,

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Plaintiff versus Mr Sheikh Muhammad Kashif the s/o Asif Zia Summons U/S 9 (5) of the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance 2001 (Ordinance No: SL VI of 2001) Summon to Mr Sheikh Muhammad Kashif Zia son of Asif Zia Resident of house No 80, Block P Johar Town Lahore. Office Address : Al Shamookh Garments Shop No 22 , Basement Main Plaza G-1 Market Johar Town Lahore.

Whereas the aforesaid plaintiff institute as suit against you and others for the recovery of Rs.1053,281/41/ along with markup / interest and costs etc, claimed to be payable by you. Summon u/s .1) of Ordinance No.SL VI of 2001 referred to above is hereby issued requiring you to make within 30 days of the service of this summon an application for leave to defend the suit u/s .10 ibid.Take notice that on your failure to file application within time specified above, the banking court shall pass a decree as prayed for in the plaint,in favour of the plaintiff banking company. Next date for further proceeding, in the case has been fixed on 28/4/2021 given under my hand and Seal of the court this 10 Day of 03 2021.

JUDGE BANKING COURT NO:II Lahore

2 newsmen held as Myanmar clamps down on Press

YANGON: Two more journalists were detained in Myanmar part of the junta's intensifying efforts to choke off information about resistance to last month's coup. Mizzima News reported that one of its former reporters, Than Htike Aung, and Aung Thura, a journalist from the BBC's Burmese-language service, were detained by men who appeared to be plainclothes security agents outside a court. —APP

Meet Bailey, the first wildlife detection dog in Indonesia



JAKARTA: With her sharp sense of smell, Bailey can often be found sniffing out passengers' suitcases and bags as well as dozens of trucks passing through a busy ferry harbour connecting two of Indonesia's biggest islands.

She is sometimes flown to other parts of the vast archipelago nation to assist law enforcers in tracking down criminals and locating where they stash their goods.

At least once a week, Bailey finds what she is looking for and immediately alerts her handler of the scents she has been trained to track down - endangered and protected animals. "Most of the wildlife Bailey discovered were alive and being trafficked as pets," Femke den Haas, an Indonesia-based animal rights activist told CNA. Den Haas is the co-founder of Jakarta Animal Aid Network (JAAN), a non-profit organisation which is caring for Bailey. She said Bailey has also intercepted slaughtered protected animals and their products, including stuffed animals, skeletons, as well as ivories and horns which are either meant as collectibles or for the production of Asian herbal medicines.

Bailey, a soon-to-be four-year-old cocker spaniel with a joyous and playful demeanour, is Indonesia's first wildlife detection dog.

According to Den Haas, Bailey has so far rescued at least 6,000 life animals and foiled the shipments of countless dead animals after less than three years on the job. Wildlife detection dog, Bailey, and her handlers patrolling a major ferry harbour in Indonesia looking for trafficked endangered animals. —AFP

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Mass exodus as rains cause record flooding in Australia



SYDNEY: Mass evacuations were ordered in low-lying areas along Australia's east coast as torrential rains caused potentially "life-threatening" floods across a region already soaked by an unusually wet summer, officials said.

Police said hundreds of people had flocked to evacuation centres in areas north of Sydney in New South Wales state, and they expected many more to seek shelter as the rains move south down the coast.

The Bureau of Meteorology reported flooding levels surpassing record 2013 floods along the Hastings River outside

Port Macquarie, about 400km north of Sydney. Towns in the area have already seen record rainfall of more than 300mm since Friday morning, the bureau said. Towns along Australia's east coast have already seen record rainfall of more than 300 mm. It warned the heavy rains were forecast to continue through Saturday "potentially leading to life-threatening flash flooding".

"It's not just the total rainfall amount, it's also how quickly and intensely that rainfall has actually fallen," Agata Imielska, a senior climatologist with the Bureau of Meteorology, said at a televised briefing. —AP