

PTCL, Ufone pledge support worth Rs1.75b for flood affectees

KARACHI: Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) on Monday announced a relief package worth Rs1.75 billion to support flood-hit victims across provinces in Pakistan, the company said in a statement.

PTCL's package includes donations to the Prime Minister's Flood Relief Fund, NGOs, provision of free calls in flood affected areas, housing loans to displaced people, and medical facilities to ensure better treatment of affectees. "These are trying times for millions of people across Pakistan, with everything including lives, shelter and

sources of income taken away by one of the worst natural calamities in modern times," said Hatem Bamatraf, PTCL and Ufone's President and Group CEO.

He stressed on the need to extend collective support by individuals and local organisations when sharing his thoughts on the devastations. "During this crisis, PTCL Group stands with the affected people and is committed to support individuals, their families and communities countrywide," Bamatraf said.

Through its health centres, the country's largest telecom services

provider, will also be offering medical services to affectees who will be treated by the facility's 13 doctors and 27 paramedical staff across its eight districts. PTCL's mobile operator Ufone has also announced free calls services for affectees to help them stay connected with not only family and friends, but also with the government and aid agencies following the catastrophe.

"The U Microfinance Bank has pledged towards providing low-cost house loans for flood-affected families to rebuild their homes," the statement read. The telecom company will also be contributing

its funds to various leading aid agencies working in Balochistan and Sindh to ensure immediate relief assistance to victims. PTCL, in its statement, further shared that its employees and staff will also voluntarily give donation that will be matched by the organization.

"The total amount will be donated to a leading charity," PTCL stated.

The recent monsoon floods in Pakistan have impacted millions of people with lives lost, properties destroyed, and sources of income wasted for families across provinces. —APP



Elon Musk subpoenas Twitter whistleblower in buyout battle

NEW YORK: Elon Musk has formally subpoenaed a Twitter whistleblower to share information about spam accounts at the social network, as the billionaire fights in court to back out of a massive buyout deal. Musk has tried to pull out of the \$44 billion agreement by saying Twitter misled him on the number of false accounts, or bots, prompting strong denials and a lawsuit from the social media firm. The Tesla boss hopes that allegations made by the former Twitter security chief Peiter Zatko, about major security gaps and problematic practices at the firm, will bolster his case.

According to court documents made public on Monday, Musk's attorneys served Zatko with a subpoena Saturday demanding he share any documents or messages regarding the impact of spam and false accounts on Twitter's activity, dating back to January 2019. Zatko was also ordered to answer questions on the record for Musk lawyers on September 9. Zatko's attorney did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Musk's attempt to back out of buying Twitter has struggled for momentum in court. Twitter won some early battles in the case, including a fast-track trial date, and its stock had risen as analysts predicted the platform would



Experienced Liz Truss favourite to be next UK prime minister

LONDON: Liz Truss has emerged as the clear favourite to succeed Boris Johnson as leader of the ruling Conservative party and UK prime minister, using her political experience to pull ahead of challenger Rishi Sunak.

Sunak helped to spark the contest after resigning in opposition to a series of government scandals, prompting others to follow and Johnson to step down.

But although considered a better public speaker, he has come under fire for clinging to fiscal orthodoxy to tackle the economic crisis and hamstrung by his image as a wealthy technocrat.

Sunak, who would become Britain's first prime minister of colour, has also faced accusations of treachery for bringing down the Tories' Brexit hero Johnson. Truss meanwhile has doggedly hammered home a direct and consistent message, promising massive tax cuts, and has shied away from criticising Johnson.

"She's a better politician," said John Curtice, a political scientist at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow. "If you ask me what Liz Truss's campaign was about I will immediately say to you: 'a tax cut not a handout'. Very clear," he said. "There is no strapline for

Sunak, nothing." For Curtice, Truss has effectively conveyed "traditional Conservative messages" to Tory members while Sunak has been more nuanced.

"It's also a bit of a lecture," he said, assessing that he has come across as "a wee bit brittle" under pressure. "You can see that she's been in the game for longer," he added.

Political journey Truss, 47, has described her ascent towards the top of British politics as a "journey" that has seen her criticised for being ambitiously opportunistic. She comes from a left-wing family and initially joined the centrist Liberal Democrats before jumping ship to the right-wing Conservatives. She became MP for the South West Norfolk constituency in eastern England in 2010, surviving revelations of an affair that almost cost her the nomination. Since 2012 she has held a series of ministerial posts in the education, finance and departments as well as a difficult spell in justice.

In 2016, she campaigned for the UK to remain in the European Union but quickly became one of its strongest supporters when Britons voted for Brexit. —AFP

12 killed in Baghdad clashes as Moqtada Sadr loyalists storm complex

BAGHDAD: Twelve protesters were killed after powerful cleric Moqtada al Sadr said he would quit politics, prompting his loyalists to storm a palatial government complex in Baghdad and leading to clashes with rival Shia groups.

Young men loyal to Sadr charged the government headquarters in Baghdad's Green Zone, once a palace of Saddam Hussein, and took to the streets outside the area where they skirmished with supporters of rival Tehran-backed groups.

As gunfire echoed over the capital, some people were seen firing guns towards the ranks of supporters of Sadr, while others fired into the air in a nation awash with weapons after years of conflict and unrest. Supporters of rival groups also hurled rocks at each other.

The flare-up followed a political deadlock lasting months that has blocked the formation of a new cabinet. The army swiftly ordered a curfew. "I hereby announce my final withdrawal," Moqtada Sadr had announced earlier on Twitter, criticising fellow Shia political leaders

for failing to heed his calls for reform.

The clashes erupted hours after that declaration, prompting his supporters, who had already been staging a week-long sit-in at parliament in the Green Zone, to demonstrate and storm the main cabinet headquarters. Some jumped into a swimming pool at the palace, cheering and waving flags. Calling the developments "an extremely dangerous escalation", the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) urged "protesters to immediately leave" the area. It urged "all" to "refrain from acts that could lead to an unstoppable chain of events".

Iraq's military declared an open-ended nationwide curfew and urged the protesters to leave the Green Zone. During the stalemate over forming a new govern-

ment, Sadr has galvanised his legions of backers, throwing into disarray Iraq's effort to recover from decades of conflict and sanctions and its bid to tackle sectarian strife and rampant corruption. Sadr, who has drawn broad support by opposing both US and Iranian influence on Iraqi politics, was the biggest winner from an October election, but withdrew all his lawmakers from parliament in June after he failed to form a government that excluded his rivals, mostly Tehran-backed parties. Sadr has insisted on early elections and the dissolution of parliament. He says no politician who has been in power since the US invasion in 2003 can hold office. Announcement, Sadr said he would close his offices, although he said cultural and religious institutions would remain open. Sadr's decision ramped up dangerous tensions among heavily armed groups. Many Iraqis worry that moves by each camp could lead to a new civil conflict. "The (Iran) loyalists came and burned the tents of Sadrist, and attacked protesters," said Kadhim



N-deal pointless without end to IAEA probe, says Iran



TEHRAN: The Iranian president said on Monday that reviving a 2015 atomic deal with world powers would be pointless unless the UN nuclear watchdog put an end to its probe of undeclared sites in the country.

Ebrahim Raisi's comments came as Tehran reviews the US response to its suggestions on a "final" text put forward by the EU to salvage the landmark deal. The United States had been adamant that Tehran cooperate with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to clear up suspicions about earlier work at three undeclared sites. "In the negotiations, safeguard issues are one of the fundamental ones. All of the safeguard issues must be resolved," Raisi told reporters at a news conference in the capital Tehran.

"Without resolving the

safeguard issues, talking about the agreement is meaningless," he added. The IAEA has referred to the traces of nuclear materials as a "safeguards" issue. Iran has repeatedly urged the agency to end the issue before any revived deal is implemented, but US State Department spokesman Vedant Patel on Thursday said "we do not believe there should be any conditionality" between the deal and undeclared sites. In June, the IAEA's board of governors adopted a resolution censuring Iran for failing to adequately explain the previous discovery of traces of enriched uranium at three sites not declared by Tehran as having hosted nuclear activities. Last week, amid rising hopes of a revived deal, IAEA chief Rafael Grossi, in an interview with CNN. —AFP

Ukraine prepares fresh offensive to 'retake' southern region

ZAPORIZHZHIA: Ukraine on Monday announced the start of a long-awaited counter-offensive to retake territory in the south seized by Russian forces since their invasion six months ago, a move reflecting Kyiv's growing confidence as Western military aid flows in. The news came as a team from the UN nuclear watchdog headed to Ukraine to inspect the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant — captured by Russian forces in March but still run by Ukrainian staff — that has become a hotspot in the war.

Moscow and Kyiv have traded accusations of shelling in the vicinity of the nuclear plant, Europe's largest and close to front lines, amid fears of a radiation disaster in a country still haunted by the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

"Today we started offensive actions in various directions, including in the Kherson region," Ukrainian public broadcaster Suspilne cited Southern Command Spokeswoman Natalia Hu-

meniuik as saying. Russia rapidly captured swathes of Ukraine's south near the Black Sea coast, including the city of Kherson, in the early phase of the war in stark contrast to its failed attempt to capture the capital Kyiv.

Ukraine has been using sophisticated Western-supplied weapons to hit Russian ammunition dumps and wreak havoc with supply lines. Ms Humeniuk told a briefing on Monday that Ukraine had struck more than 10 such ammunition dumps in the past week, adding they had "unquestionably weakened the enemy".

The governor of Ukraine's Russian-annexed Crimea Peninsula, Sergei Aksyonov, dismissed her announcement as "another fake of Ukrainian propaganda". Crimea is adjacent to the Kherson region. Russia's RIA news agency, quoting local official Vladimir Leontiev, reported that people were being evacuated from workplaces in Nova Kahovka, a town 58km to the east of Kherson, after Ukrainian forces carried out more than 10 missile strikes there. Earlier, the head of the In-

ternational Atomic Agency (IAEA) said he would lead a team of inspectors this week to the Zaporizhzhia plant, on the Dnipro river in southern central Ukraine, without specifying the expected day of their arrival. "We must protect the safety and security of Ukraine's and Europe's biggest nuclear facility," Rafael Grossi said in a post on Twitter. The IAEA tweeted separately that the mission would

assess physical damage, evaluate the conditions in which staff are working at the plant and "determine functionality of safety & security systems". It would also "perform urgent safeguards activities", a reference to keeping track of nuclear material. Russian-installed officials said a Ukrainian missile strike had punched a hole in the roof of a fuel depot at the Zaporizhzhia plant. —AFP

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Miscellaneous documents, original Allotment letter and Completion Certificate of my house located at H14, St16, block F, Naval Anchorage, Islamabad were lost while traveling to Harrapa city on 23-08-2022. If found please inform me at this address. Mohammad TahirChoudhry S/O R/Admiral Mohammad SiddiqChoudhry H14, St16, Block F Naval Anchorage Islamabad.

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My correct name is Zeeshan Ali S/O Rana Mushtaq Ahmad, whereas in Gujranwala Board, my name is printed as Zeeshan Ali S/O Muhammad Mushtaq, therefore correct it on my certificate. If any person, organization or agency has any objection, then the same may be intimated in writing to Secretary BISE, Gujranwala, Tehsil Wazirabad within 15 days.

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Benoora thar (Late) Ghazala Sahar W/o Shahid Malik, died on 10-05-2019. We are the legal heirs of the late (1) Plot No. 80, Block-A, Phase-6, Measuring 1 Kanal & 407 Sqft (2) Plot No. 169, Block-A, Phase-9, Measuring 10 Maria Defence Housing Authority, Lahore Cantt.
1. Shahid Malik (Husband) 2. Shahzeb Malik (Son)
3. Shauha Malik (Son) 4. Laiba Malik (Daughter)
5. Haseeb Malik (Son)
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