

# Lives of older people at risk in flood-hit areas: Survey

**ISLAMABAD:** A new survey on the impact of floods on older people in Pakistan reveals that hundreds of lives are needlessly being put at risk due to decimation of health services and the rise of diseases like malaria and diarrhoea, which can be killers for older people with weaker immune systems.

The survey from HelpAge International highlighted that 87 per cent of older people in flood-affected areas of Pakistan have a health condition, but only 51pc have access to health care, while the government and UN assessment reports are largely ignoring

their needs and rights. "So many older people with serious health conditions lost their medication in the floods. The health centres were either swept away or destroyed, along with the contents. And many older people cannot reach the health centres that are functioning and even if they can, they cannot afford to buy the medication they need. Tragically, hundreds of older people will die because of this," said HelpAge Pakistan country director Syed Moeze.

Of the older people interviewed who have access to health services, more than half said

they were too expensive and over a third said that they do not have sufficient medical supplies. Only basic health care centres or private clinics are available to most people, and these fail to meet the needs of those most at risk.

Already at risk of chronic diseases and with aging immune systems, older people in the country are finding it harder to fight against water-borne diseases, such as malaria. These are increasing as a result of the now stagnant water and mosquitoes, especially in Sindh. A large number of the

elderly were actively working before the floods, but now only 24pc of those surveyed have an income. A worrying 61pc of those who have been displaced have had to borrow money to get by. The survey shows that the highest safety concern mentioned by older men and women is financial abuse (38pc) such as family members stealing from them.

Outside the public sector workforce, only 2.3pc of older people in Pakistan receive a pension, so if they are not able to work, they are entirely dependent on aid or their fami-

lies to survive. Older people play a vital role in families in Pakistan. This becomes even more important in times of emergency when family members are displaced or migrate for work. But older people who are barely able to meet their own basic needs, are also caring for children, with 78pc of those interviewed caring for three or more children. Unsurprisingly, many older people are experiencing severe anxiety. —APP



## Hundreds of thousands evacuated as cyclone slams into Bangladesh

**PATUAKHALI:** Cyclone Sitrang slammed into densely-populated, low-lying Bangladesh on Monday night, killing at least five people as authorities fearing heavy rain and storm surge rushed to move hundreds of thousands out of the system's path. Sitrang, packing winds of 80 kilometres (50 miles) per hour, made landfall along the Chittagong-Barisal coast around 9pm (1500 GMT), government meteorologist Abul Kalam Mallick said.

The storm was moving swiftly over the country's southern region and its outer bands were already impacting Dhaka, hundreds of kilometers away from the Bay of Bengal, with trees uprooted and roads flooded in the capital. Mallick said some coastal towns had received nearly 294 millimetres (12 inches) of rainfall.

At least five people had been killed in the districts of Barguna, Narail, Sirajganj and the island district of Bhola, disaster ministry control room spokesman Nikhil Sarker said.

"The casualties may rise as we are hearing from our officials from some other districts as well," he said. Cyclones — the equivalent of hurricanes in the North Atlantic or typhoons in the Northwest Pacific — are a regular and deadly menace on the coast of the northern Indian Ocean where tens of millions of people live. But scientists say climate change is likely making them more intense and frequent, and Bangladesh is already rated by the United Nations as one of the countries most affected by extreme weather events since the turn of the century. Most worrying for authorities was the predicted storm surge of up to three metres (10 feet) above normal tide levels, which could inundate areas home to millions of people. About 33,000 Rohingya refugees from Myanmar, controversially relocated to a storm-prone island in the Bay of Bengal, were advised to remain indoors. —AFP

## Rishi Sunak says he will fix problems, tackle economic crisis as UK PM

**LONDON:** Britain's new prime minister, Rishi Sunak, said on Tuesday he would try to fix the mess left by his predecessor, restore faith in politics and tackle a "profound economic crisis" but warned the country there would be difficult decisions. Standing in front of his new Downing Street office, Sunak paid tribute to Liz Truss, whose economic programme roiled the markets, and all but chided Boris Johnson by saying the mandate the Conservatives were handed at a 2019 election the former prime minister won was not the property of one individual. "I want to pay tribute to my predecessor Liz Truss ... But some mistakes were made. Not born of ill will or bad intentions. Quite the opposite, in fact. But mistakes nonetheless," he said.

"And I have been elected as leader of my party and your prime minister, in part to fix them. And that work begins immediately. I will place economic stability and confidence at the heart of this government's agenda. This will mean difficult decisions to come." King Charles III welcomes Rishi Sunak during an audience at Buckingham Palace, London, where he invited the newly elected leader of the Conservative Party to become prime minister and form a new government on Tuesday.—Aaron Chown/Pool via Reuters

Sunak, one of the richest men in parliament, will have to find deep spending cuts to plug an estimated 40 billion pound (\$45 billion) hole in the public fi-



nances due to an economic slowdown, higher borrowing costs and a six-month programme of support for people's energy bills. With his party's popularity in freefall, Sunak will also face growing calls for an election if he moves too far from the policy manifesto that elected the Conservative Party in 2019, when then-leader Boris Johnson pledged to invest heavily in the country. Economists and investors have said Sunak's appointment will calm markets, but they warn that he has few easy options when millions are battling a cost of living crunch. "With a

recession in 2023 now increasingly likely, and the next general election in only two years' time, Rishi Sunak can expect a challenging premiership," Eiko Sievert at the Scope ratings agency told Reuters. Sunak has warned his colleagues they face an "existential crisis" if they do not help to steer the country through the surging inflation and record energy bills that are forcing many households and businesses to cut back spending. "We now need stability and unity, and I will make it my utmost priority to bring our party and our country to-

gether," he said as he was elected by his lawmakers on Monday.

Financial turmoil Sunak, Britain's youngest prime minister for more than 200 years and its first leader of colour, replaced Liz Truss who resigned after 44 days following a "mini budget" that sparked turmoil in financial markets.

With debt interest costs rising and the outlook for the economy deteriorating, he will now need to review all spending, including on politically sensitive areas such as health, education, defence, welfare and pensions. Reflecting the near constant state of turmoil in British politics this year, politicians, journalists and photographers once again crammed into Downing Street on Tuesday to hear a departing speech from Truss. Speaking seven weeks to the day after she arrived as prime minister, Truss did not apologise for her short tenure and said she knew Britain was set for brighter days.

During her time in office the pound hit a record low against the dollar, borrowing costs and mortgage rates surged, and the Bank of England was forced to intervene to protect pension funds from collapsing. Sunak will now start forming his cabinet, with some Conservative lawmakers hoping he will include politicians from all wings of the party. He is expected to retain Jeremy Hunt as finance minister after the former foreign and health secretary helped calm volatile bond markets by ripping up most of Truss's economic programme. —Reuters

### CORRECTION OF FATHER'S NAME



I Muhammad Hashim Ishaque S/O Muhammad Ishaque Sindhu passed the Secondary School Annual Examination 2011 under Roll No 715635 and Intermediate Annual 2013 under Roll No 405635 from BISE Sargodha. My father's correct name is Muhammad Ishaque Sindhu, whereas it was mistakenly published as Muhammad Ishaque, which is in correct. Kindly 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, Sargodha within 15 days.

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### COURT NOTICE

In The Court of Raja AmjadQbal Additional District and Session Judge Jhelum.

Case Title: YasirMehmood VS MaqsoodRafiqetc,

Subject: Appeal Under Section 43 Rule, Notice to: No. 1. MaqsoodRafiq W/O Muhammad Rafiq, No. 3.Masood Ahmed Fazal S/O Muhammad Fazal, R/O's Mohallah-Mashraqi Kala Gujran Tehsil and District Jhelum, Presently in UK, No.5 MaroofBibi W/O MandisR/O Mohallah-Mashraqi Kala Gujran Tehsil and District Jhelum, Presently in America,

Whereas in the above mentioned case it has been proved to the satisfaction of the court that the above mentioned Defendant cannot be served in the ordinary way, It is therefore proclaimed under order 5, Rule 20 CPC that if the said defendant will/shall not appear personally or through a duly authorized agent or pleader in court at 8:00AM on 28-10-2022, the proceeding will be taken ex-parte against you. No arguments of any nature shall be entertained thereafter. Given under my hand and seal of this court.

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In The Court of Waqas Ahmed Warriach CivilJudge 1st class Jhelum.

Case Title: Hamid SharifetcVsNaseem Begum etc,

Subject: Suit for Deceleration etc, Notice to: No. 1. Naseem Begum W/O Muhammad Yousif, No. 4.Farzand Yousif, D/O Muhammad Yousif, No. 5 Muhammad ShehzadRafiq, No. 6. AtifRafiq, No. 7 ArshadRafiq S/o's Muhammad Rafiq, No. 8 RizwanaRafiq D/O Muhammad RafiqR/O's Bora Jangel P/O ChakAkka Tehsil Dina District Jhelum, Presently in UK,

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## 50 perish in air strikes on rebel group in Myanmar

**BANGKOK:** Myanmar military air strikes on a concert held by a major ethnic rebel group killed around 50 people and wounded 70, the rebels said.

A number of Myanmar's myriad ethnic rebel groups have come out in support of anti-coup fighters since last year's putsch, offering shelter and training while themselves clashing with the junta. Around 8:40pm on Sunday, two Myanmar military jets attacked a ceremony the Kachin Independence Army (KIA) was holding, its spokesman Colonel Naw Bu said. "Around 50 people were killed including KIA members and civilians," he said, adding that around 70 were wounded. Local media reported that up to 60 soldiers and civilians had been killed, including singers who had been performing at the event in Hpakant township in the country's north. Images shared by local media purported to show the aftermath, with debris littering the ground.

The United Nations' office in Myanmar said it was "deeply concerned and saddened by reports of airstrikes that took place in Hpakant, Kachin State". "Initial reports suggest that over 100 civilians may have been affected by the bombing," it said in a statement. "Numerous fatalities have also been reported," it added.

A junta spokesman did not respond to a request for comment. The US Embassy in Yangon said it was "following reports of a military airstrike targeting a Kachin

gathering resulting in the deaths of a large number of civilians". Amnesty International called the strike "part of a pattern of unlawful aerial attacks by the military which have killed and injured civilians in areas controlled by armed groups". The KIA has clashed regularly with the military for decades, with heavy fighting erupting in the wake of last year's coup. Last May, it said it downed a military helicopter gunship during fierce clashes near the town of Momauk in the far north.

Escalating violence Myanmar has been in turmoil since a military coup last year, with swathes of the country engulfed by fighting. Reports of the strikes come days before Southeast Asian foreign ministers will hold emergency talks to discuss Myanmar ahead of November's Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) leaders' summit. The ASEAN has spearheaded so far fruitless efforts to resolve the crisis, and the bloc is frustrated by escalating human rights atrocities. In September, at least 11 schoolchildren died in a military strike on a Myanmar village in northern Sagaing region. The junta said it had sent troops in helicopters to Let Yet Kone after receiving a tip-off that fighters from the KIA and a local anti-coup militia were moving weapons. More than 2,300 people have been killed in the military's crackdown on dissent since the coup and over 15,000 arrested, according to a local monitoring group. —AFP

## Series of robberies continue in City

By Basit Ali

**LAHORE:** The series of robberies in the city of Lahore could not be stopped.

The robbery incident occurred in Shalimar Housing Scheme Salamapura of Harbanspora area on Tuesday.

During the attempt of two armed robbers to rob the driver of the car in front of the house, one person was injured by the robbers' firing on resisting the robbery.

On the spot, one bandit was caught by the people of the neighborhood and the second bandit escaped.

According to the details, last Saturday night around 2:30 pm, three brothers in a car stopped in front of their house while returning from Mahfil-e-Milad. The robbers came on a motorcycle and took away the mobile phone and cash. When the



two brothers gave the mobile phone and cash to the robbers, the third brother caught the robber.

One of the robbers was nabbed by the locals while the other robber managed to escape from the spot while the injured person was immediately shifted to the services hospital and the police registered a case and ordered further action.

### COURT NOTICE

**BEFORE ABDUL HAQ JAPPA JUDGE BANKING COURT BAHAWALPUR**

Suit Under Section 9 of the Financial Institutions. Caste: 667/21 Subject: Habib Bank Limited Bhung Branch Tehsil Rojhan District Rajanpur VS Alamgir Khan

To:Alamgir Khan S/o Ghulam Nabi Caste Dasti R/o Basti Haji Zafar Khan Kacha Razi P/o Bhung Tehsil Rojhan District Rajanpur.

Whereas; the aforesaid plaintiff has instituted a suit against you and others for the recovery of Rs . 548499.97/- along with markup/interest and cost etc. Claimed to be payable by you . A summons U/s 9(5) of ordinance No. XLVI of 2001 referred above is hereby issued requiring you to make within 30 days from the service of this summons, Next date of the further proceedings in this case has been fixed on 28-10-2021 Given under my hand and seal of the COURT THIS 25-10-2021. JUDGE BANKING COURT BAHAWALPUR