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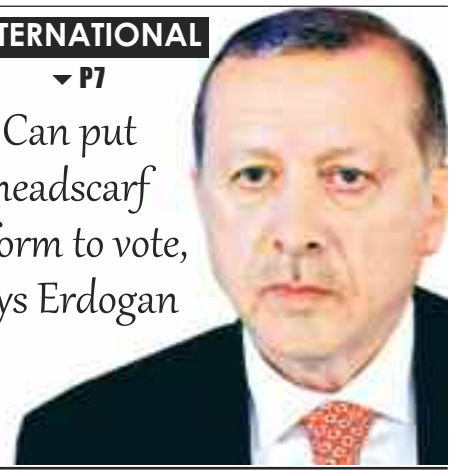


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Terrorist held for attack on Chinese dentist

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: The Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) Thursday arrested a suspected member of an outlawed outfit, possibly foiling a plot to murder a Chinese dentist in Hyderabad. The accused, Mohammad Afzal Loond, also known as Aafi, was picked up in a CTD operation near Kamran Chaurangi in Gulistan-e-Jauhar area.

According to a CTD official, Loond is a member of the SRA, a banned militant outfit and is accused of planning to target a Chinese doctor in Hyderabad. The law enforcers recovered a handgun and a motorbike from the suspect.

It was revealed that the suspect was in direct contact with the SRA's exiled

leader Zulfiqar Khaskheli, also known as Safer who, according to the suspect, was supporting him financially. The suspect also informed the CTD investigators that he used the money sent to him by Khaskheli to buy the pistol and motorcycle. Khaskheli had ordered Loond to kill a Chinese dentist in Hyderabad and he had also receded the target, the CTD said quoting the suspect.

The CTD spokesman also said that the suspect was a fellow of the suspects that attacked a Chinese dental clinic in Karachi. In September, an armed attacker posing as a dental patient killed a Chinese-Pakistani dual national and injured two others at a clinic run by one of the victims, according to the police.

PSX stays bullish, gains 146 more points

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) continued with bullish trend on Thursday, gaining 146.12 points, a positive change of 0.35 percent, closing at 42,090.71 against 41,944.59 points on the last working day.

A total of 325,716,698 shares were traded during the day as compared to 230,561,335 shares the previous day, whereas the price of shares stood at Rs 7.208 billion against Rs 6.249 billion on the last trading day. Some 350 companies transacted their shares in the stock market, 216 of them recorded gains, and 109 sustained losses, whereas the share price of 25 companies remained unchanged.

The three top trading companies were Hascol Petrol with 78,510,500

shares at Rs 8.34 per share, WorldCall Telecom with 33,101,000 shares at Rs 1.54 per share, and Ghani Glo Hol, 17,512,002 shares at Rs 16.59 per share. Goodluck Industries witnessed a maximum increase of Rs 51.76 per share price, closing at Rs 741.91 whereas the runner-up was Sapphire FiberXD with a Rs 47.71 rise in its per share price to Rs 1,250.

Turkish inflation tops 85pc, highest since 1997

Turkish inflation surged past 85pc in Oct, its highest level since 1997, official data showed Thursday, as President Recep Tayyip Erdogan sticks to unorthodox policies to combat a cost-of-living crisis. Central banks worldwide are raising borrowing costs in efforts to tame soaring consumer prices. —APP

Imran Khan as PTI chief

LHC reserves verdict on plea for IK removal

LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday reserved its verdict on maintainability of a petition, seeking directions for removing Imran Khan from the office of the chairman PTI. Justice Muhammad Sajid Mehmood Sethi heard the petition, filed by Advocate Muhammad Afaq.

During the proceedings, the petitioner's counsel read out Article 62 and 63 of the Constitution and submitted that Imran Khan could not hold the party office after his disqualification by the Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) in Toshakhana case.

At this, the court observed how Imran Khan could not keep the party of-

office, asking the counsel to advance arguments on the issue. The counsel replied that he did not want interim relief for now and requested the court to issue notice to the parties. Subsequently, the court reserved the verdict on maintainability of the petition.

Advocate Muhammad Afaq, through the petition, implored the ECP, federal government and others as respondents. He submitted that the ECP had disqualified Imran Khan and he had no legal standing to continue as the PTI chairman. He requested the court to issue directions for removing Imran Khan from the office of PTI chairman and order the party to appoint

PTI chief shifted to Shaukat Khanum Hospital in Lahore

Imran, others wounded in firing at PTI's container

From Our Staff Correspondent

WAZIRABAD: Former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, Senator Faisal Javed and other party leaders were wounded after gunshots fired at the long march container.

According to details, the firing incident happened during the long march reception camp at Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad. PTI leader Fawad Chaudhry has confirmed that Imran Khan was shot in the leg in a targeted attack during the long march in Wazirabad on Thursday.

Fawad further said that three people were injured in the attack, including Senator Faisal Javed and Ahmad Chattha. Imran Khan with later seen with a bandage on his right leg, just above the foot, according to reports and a blurry image. He was moved to another vehicle from his container truck, from where announcements were made that he was safe.

Imran Khan is our red line

After a man opened fire at PTI chairman Imran Khan to injure him in Gujranwala, party leader Shahbaz Gill said that "Imran Khan is our red line and an attempt has been made to cross

that red line." He also said that Khan will fight till his last breath.

In a video statement on Twitter, Senator Faisal Javed said that "May Allah keep everyone safe and sound, and some of our friends are serious. Injured, one of our party worker is being told that he has been martyred."

PM summons report into firing

PM Shehbaz Sharif on Thursday sought a report of the firing incident on Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) long march container which led to the injuries of former prime minister Imran Khan.

The firing took place at Imran Khan's container in which the PTI chief including Faisal Javed, Ahmed Nasir Chattha and other party leaders were injured at Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad. They were immediately shifted to local hospital for medical assistance. On the other hand, the prime minister strongly condemned the firing incident and also sought a report.

PM Shehbaz also directed Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, IG Punjab Police Faisal Shahkar and Chief Secretary Punjab to immediately report.

Ministers condemn incident

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Long march at all cost, says Imran

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan has said that he is not the one who would be frightened with such incidents. The former PM was wounded on Thursday when his convoy was shot at at Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad. "A man opened fire with an automatic weapon. Several people are wounded. Imran Khan is also injured," Asad Umar said. Khan was taken to hospital. Former cricketer Khan, 70, was leading a protest march on Islamabad to demand snap elections.

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PM Shehbaz also directed Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah, IG Punjab Police Faisal Shahkar and Chief Secretary Punjab to immediately report.

Later, in a tweet, Rana Sanaullah also condemned the attack on the PTI chairman and directed the chief secretary and

Suspect shot dead, another in custody

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: A man suspected of attacking former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan during a political rally on Thursday has been shot dead, an aide said. "A second man was taken into police custody," Raouf Hasan, a senior Khan aide told AFP, adding that it was unclear who shot the first attacker.

IGP Punjab to submit a report of the incident. "A report of the firing incident has also been sought from the federal security agencies," the tweet read further.

Meanwhile, Federal Minister for planning and development Ahsan Iqbal has also condemned the incident. In his tweet, the minister said, "Thank God Imran Niazi is safe," adding that there is no room for violence in politics. He also urged the Punjab government to review the security arrangements.

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WAZIRABAD: Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chairman Imran Khan after attack on his container.

Pakistan, China vow strong relations in joint statement

BEIJING: Pakistan and China have reaffirmed commitment to further strengthen and deepen bilateral All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership and enhance practical cooperation in all areas.

Both countries declared this in a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's two-day visit to China late Wednesday. The statement further said that both the sides reiterated their mutual support on issues concerning each other's core interests.

The Pakistani side expressed its commitment to the one-China Policy and support on issues of Taiwan, South China Sea, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet. The Chinese side reaffirmed its support for Pakistan's sovereignty, territorial integrity, security, and promoting its socio-economic development and prosperity. The Chinese side reiterated that relations with Pakistan will always be given the highest priority in its foreign policy. The

Pakistani side underscored that Pakistan-China relationship is the cornerstone of its foreign policy and that the Pakistani people always support the closest friendship between the two countries.

The Chinese leadership expressed condolences and sympathies on recent loss of life and property as a result of the unprecedented floods in Pakistan. PM Shehbaz Sharif reaffirmed his Government's willingness to commit to high quality development of the BRI and highlighted the salience of the CPEC, a flagship project under BRI, to Pakistan's economic and social development.

Shehbaz meets with Minister of CPC Dept, Chairman CIDCA

During his stay in Beijing, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif also held meetings with Minister of the International Department of the Chinese Communist Party Liu Jianchao and Chairman China International Development Cooperation Agency Luo Zhaohui and discussed bilateral rela-

tions and matters of mutual interest.

PM returns after successful visit

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif has returned to the capital after completing the visit to China on Thursday.

Pakistan and China have reaffirmed commitment to further strengthen and deepen bilateral All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership and enhance practical cooperation in all areas.

The resolve came during the joint statement issued at the conclusion of the Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's two-day visit to China. The statement said that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif held in-depth discussion with the Chinese leadership, including President and the Prime Minister, on the bilateral relations as well as regional situation and international political landscape.

The two sides agreed on the importance of China-Pakistan All-weather Strategic Cooperative Partnership amidst the emerging global challenges. —APP

Army condemns firing during PTI long march: ISPR

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Army on Thursday strongly condemned firing incident on former prime minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR) Director General Lieutenant General Babar Iftikhar said. In a statement issued by the media wing of the military, it extended sincere prayers for precious life lost and speedy recovery and wellbeing of Chairman PTI Imran Khan and all those injured in this unfortunate incident.

Earlier today, former Prime Minister and Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) chairman Imran Khan, other party leaders including Senator Faisal Javed were wounded and one died after gunshots fired at the long march container. The firing incident happened during the long march reception camp at Allahwala Chowk in Wazirabad. District police officer Ghazanfar Ali said one person was killed and ten others were wounded in the attack.

Among the wounded was Faisal Javed, a lawmaker from Tehreek-e-Insaf. In a video statement, with blood staining his clothes, Javed said Khan's protest march to Islamabad would not stop. A bullet hit his shin, the PTI spokesperson Fawad Chaudhry said. "Imran Khan and (party colleague) Faisal Javed received bullet wounds. A bullet hit IK's shin.

Islamabad police to ensure peace in long march

ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police has said that all the officers and jawans of the force have a clear understanding of their duties and are working according to the law as it vowed to protect the lives and properties of the citizens.

"Rumours are being spread by some political leaders against Islamabad Capital Police," the ICT spokesperson said in a statement. It said that the ICT Police and other civil armed forces are the guarantors of peace in the federal capital. "Such propaganda campaigns and rumours will strengthen the determination and morale of the officials," the statement said, adding that no official of the police force will be

CM visits Shaukat Khanum Hospital to inquire after Imran's health

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Ch Parvez Elahi reached Shaukat Khanum Hospital to inquire after the health of Chairman PTI Imran Khan. The CM inquired after the health and well-being of Chairman PTI Imran Khan who is under treatment at Shaukat Khanum Hospital.

While talking with the CM, Imran Khan stated that by the grace of Allah Almighty he is feeling better. Parvez expressed his grave concern over the incident and other leaders getting injured. He thanked Allah Almighty for keeping Imran Khan safe and sound and the evil designs of the enemy had been foiled.

The CM prayed for the early recovery of Imran Khan and stated that the whole nation stands with him and prays for his well-being. The Chief Minister expressed the resolve that the accused found involved in the incident will be brought in the court of law. Parvez expressed his heartfelt grief and sorrow over the firing incident in the Haqqeeq Azadi march adding that this nefarious incident should be greatly condemned.

Parvez takes notice of firing on PTI chief's container

Punjab Chief Minister Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, taking notice of firing on PTI Chairman Imran Khan's container, sought a report from the Inspector General of Police (IGP). In a

statement issued here, the chief minister ordered for presenting a report after thorough investigation into the incident and added that the accused involved in the firing should be brought to grip of the law. He strongly condemned the incident and thanked Almighty Allah that Imran Khan was safe in the incident.

The chief minister directed to ensure provision of the best medical treatment to the injured.

CM imposes emergency to avert smog hazards

On the direction of Chief Minister Punjab Chaudhry Parvez Elahi, an environmental emergency has been imposed across the province to prevent from the hazards of smog.



LAHORE: Punjab Chief Minister Ch Parvez Elahi coming to Shaukat Khanum Hospital to inquire after the health of Chairman PTI Imran Khan.