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Supreme Leader holds meeting with some key defense officials

KABUL: The Supreme Leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Mullah Hebbatullah Akhundzada held a meeting with a number of highranking defense ministry's officials the other day, spokesman of the Islam Emirate, Zabihullah Mujahid said in a statement.

The meeting was attended by the officials of the deputy ministry's strategic intelligence and the central and other army corpses of the Ministry of National Defense, the statement

"The intelligence of a coun-

try is a key organ working for good reputation and protection of the system and defeating the enemy, as well as preventing corruption. So, there is a need for you to fully concentrate in the appointment of the related officials," said the Supreme Leader adding that eligible individuals and men of virtue should be preferred in the ap-

pointments. He reiterated that the related officials should do their best to appoint eligible and trusted people in order not to arrest criminals instead of non-criminals and not to jail them ille-

"If the term of the prisoners needed extension, there is a need for taking permission from the court or the related leadership. The prisoners should be treated well and any illegal punishment should be avoided," said the Supreme Leader.

He also said the related officials should think about their responsibilities and that how they could influence the Islamic sharia. "You should avoid implementation of the previous brutal laws, which have been practiced during the previous

Friendship and discrimination based on relation, tribe and region and nepotism in appointments should seriously be avoided, the leader asked.

Other issues relating to the Islamic sharia such as praying, should be observed, the Supreme Leader advised.

The meeting participants heard the advices of the leader and assured him of performing what he instructed and shared their achievements and works they had done during their activities, the statement concluded. The Kabul Times

New national curriculum expected to develop in Higher Education Ministry, Hanafi

KABUL: A new national curriculum should be developed and replaced with the previous one for the ministry of higher education, second deputy Prime Minister Mawlavi Abdul Salam Hanafi told a ceremony the other day.

In a ceremony introducing Neda Mohammad Nadim as the new acting minister of higher education, Hanafi said that the nation's educational curriculum should be made in accordance with

the international standards.

"No country will advance without education and we must work day and night to develop a new curriculum that addresses the country's education needs," said Hanafi adding the graduates were cadres serving the nation.

In the ceremony, the newly appointed acting Higher Education Minister said that the ministry would develop a curriculum based on Islamic Sharia and in accordance with the international standards. "The main aim of the Islamic Emirate is not just to have a ministry, but it wants the Afghan children receive an education helping them improve their capabilities," said Nadim.

According to an information from the ministry, the curriculum for 40 faculties has already been approved and the process will continue in the future.

The Kabul Times



Deputy PM Hanafi meets scholars, influential figures of Herat

KABUL: Deputy Prime Minister of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Mawlavi Abdul Salam Hanafi met with a number of scholars, influential figures of the country's western-Herat province the other day.

In the meeting, they briefed about social and security situation of the province to Deputy Prime Minister adding since the return of the Islamic Emirate to power, the social and security situation in this province has improved and the people were fully satisfied with the security situation.

They called on leadership of the Islamic Emirate to pay special attention to the situation of the families of the martyrs and disabled, the employment of Mujahideen in the country, and to prevent the loss of the public property.

Welcoming, the scholars and elders Deputy PM Hanafi, appreciated the efforts and sacrifices of the people and scholars of the ancient province for ending the occupation and establishing the Islamic system. "Security, mental and social peace of the people is one of the main responsibility of the Islamic Emirate," Hanafi said expressing pleasure over sure security of the people under the Islamic system.

The Kabul Times

Suicide, extra-judicial killings, kidnapping and torture in prisons dropped to zero, Stanekzai

KABUL: The UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan, Richard Bennett and accompanying delegation met with Deputy Foreign Minister Shir Muhammad Abbas Stanekzai, the ministry of foreign affairs said in a statement the other day. Bennett thanked MoFA

for providing them with travel facilities and open access to sites. Welcoming Mr. Bennett, Deputy Minister Stanekzai said that human rights issues exist everywhere, from our neighboring to European countries, whereas Afghanistan has just come out of a near half-a-century war, according to the statement.

Referring to problems of the previous administration, quoted the statement Stankezay as saying "Compared to the past, the rate of suicide, extrajudicial killings of women, kidnapping and torture in prisons has dropped to zero." The deputy foreign minister urged for the UN support in resolving economic challenges, banking restrictions, treatment of drug addicts and other problems.

Bennett pledged to talk with donor states to provide assistance to ending poverty in Afghanistan.

The Kabul Times

MoMP collects over 301 mln Afghani in revenue in a week



KABUL: Ministry of Mines and Petroleum of the Islamic Emirate (MoMP) has collected 301, 360, 439 Afghanis and 2.2 million U.S.dollar in one week a statement qouted by Bakhtar News Agency said the other day.

During the past week the ministry collected 314 million Afghani in revenue and handed over to the state treasury of the Islamic Emirate, the statement said as quoted by the state-run Bakhtar News

This is to be mentioned that since the Islamic Emirate's return to power in the country, there has been a significant increase in government revenue, which shows the elimination of corruption and transparency in revenue collection.

The Kabul Times

DAB announces new banknotes entering market

KABUL: The country's central bank – Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB) has announced that the newly printed Afghani banknotes would arrive soon in the market.

In a statement, the central bank said that the process of distributing the newly printed banknotes would be carried out based on the requirements.

The banknotes would enter the market gradually and based on the requirements and the wornout banknotes would be virtually disintegrated in the system, said the bank in the statement.

The statement asked the Afghan citizens to try to protect the newly printed national currency.

Earlier, the U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan, Thomas West, said the new printed Afghani will replace worn-out banknotes in the

Speaking about the Afghan frozen funds, the envoy said he was very pleased to say that in the past 24 hours, they have finally seen the conclusion of currency transaction meaning that new printed Afghani will replace banknotes that are virtually disintegrating in the system.

"I don't have a great sense of exactly when those banknotes are going to show up in Afghanistan, but we are going to continue supplying the priority transaction," said West adding however, the time when the new banknotes will enter the Afghan markets has not been determined.

About the Afghan frozen assets, the envoy said in August 2021, "it was not the executive branch that told the banks to suspend the access, it was the banks.

"The first meeting of the board of trustees is expected to take place next month in Switzerland," said West adding the board of trustees, which is comprised of representatives from the U.S. and Switzerland, as well as Anwar ul-Haq Ahady, who formerly served as Afghan Minister of Commerce and Industry, and Shah Mohammad Mehrabi, will make major decisions about the \$3.5 billion Afghan assets.

West went on as saying that there will be an additional advisory body of Afghan professionals and experienced people.

The Kabul Times

Afghan baby girl abducted by U.S. marine

KABUL: Afghanistan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a statement has said a U.S. soldier has abducted a minor girl, whose family had been killed in the bombardment of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. The Islamic Emirate (IEA) is making effort to seek safe and early release of the girl.

According to the MoFA statement, the IEA has received information that a U.S. marine soldier Joshua Mast had abducted an Afghan girl in Virginia in the U.S. He had been keeping her as his family member. The family members of this girl had been killed in the bombardment of U.S. forces in Afghanistan. The U.S. soldier had separated this girl from her relatives. Expressing concern over the matter, the foreign ministry said that the issue would be taken up with the U.S. officials to ensure that the girl was returned to her

"The U.S. and its allies have taken thousands of Afghan people out of Afghanistan. They have been kept in various camps without a clear future," MoFA said, calling on the respective countries to provide human and legal rights to the Afghan refugees as per the international laws.

The Kabul Times

Power supply project inaugurated in Paktia



KABUL: A power supply project costing up to 4. 3 million Afghani (some 50,307 U.S. dollar) has been completed and inaugurated in the country's southern province of Paktia, the deputy provincial governor, Enamullah Salahuddin told Bakhtar News Agency.

The project was funded by the ministry of finance to be completed in the province, once hit hard by natural disaster, the statement added.

The project covers the provincial Islamic and national police regional training centers with the cost of 50,307 U.S.

dollar to supply the imported electricity, the agency said quoting the deputy governor.

The area had previously been using thermo-power failing to address the Islamic and national police training center's requirement.

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Food for thought

"Hijab has direct link to morality of individuals in society."

Moral governance of the holy Prophet the best constitution

The main goals of all prophets, particularly that of the holy prophet of Islam Mohammad (peace be upon him) were to propagate monotheism, ethics and Islamic sharia at a whole for the Muslim nation.

The spreading of religious law is a means for achieving monotheism and ethics and a move towards the best Islamic governance for an Islamic system.

A constitution is not only established for developing a democratic system, but from the onset, the holy prophet of Islam Mohammad (PBUH) established a just society as he strove to propagate and practice the equal and fair distribution of funds, as he couldn't tolerate poverty engulfing the Muslims at that time.

The prophet of Islam Mohammad (peace be upon him) taught religious laws, which can be termed a full and complete Islamic constitution even during his political life.

The socio-political life of the prophet Mohammad (peace be upon him) should be focused and practiced by his followers from a moral aspect, which can be called a type of his good governance for the Islamic nation.

On the other hand, establishment of a constitution is regarded as the most important law that can govern all of a country's citizens and the rules and regulations are the key for a system to function and provide services to people.

A constitution is a document covering rules and regulations, under which, a nation or a state should function and a country's constitution likens a master plan for governing its nation.

So, this was good news for the whole Muslim people of Afghanistan, after the spokesman of the Islamic Emirate talked about the government's efforts to write and approve a constitution based on the Islamic sharia that will replace the previous one.

Work on the formation of the constitution is underway and the Islamic emirate has now started to set the national assurance as lack of it will cause heavy challenges ahead of the government.

However, most parts of the previous constitution have also been tantamount to the Islamic law, but it was not practiced as much as required.

Formation of a constitution can also be one of the most important factors which may persuade the international community to recognize the Islamic Emirate, as it on its turn, can guarantee national legitimacy of the system.

The contents of the constitution can be formed through summoning a committee or a grand assembly with membership from religious scholars, politicians and other of the country's elites.

The commission for overseeing the constitution, with new honest and committed members, would also resume works and a good governance with strong and wide Islamic pillars would be restored.

The Islamic Emirate is gradually stepping up towards a good governance and state-building in accordance with the Islamic sharia.

UN; a comprehensive international organization for welfare of world's people

Afghanistan accepted the membership of the United Nations in November 1946. Afghanistan has benefited from the various aids of the United Nations particularly during the years that it has suffered from insecurity and problems.



The United Nations is the most comprehensive international organization for accelerating international cooperation for the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of the welfare of the peoples of the world.

Besides, the goal of the United Nations is to achieve international cooperation to solve economic and human problems at the international

The United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into

There is no other global organization with the legitimacy, convening power and normative impact of the United Nations. No other global organization gives hope to so many people for a better world and can deliver the future we want. Today, the urgency for all countries to come together, to fulfil the promise of the nations united, has rarely been greater.

UN Day, celebrated every year, offers the opportunity to amplify our common agenda

and reaffirm the purposes and principles of the UN Charter that have guided us for the past 77 years. The Charter of the United Nations is the founding document of the United Nations. It was signed on 26 June 1945, in San Francisco, at the conclusion of the United Nations Conference on International Organization, and came into force on 24 October 1945. The United Nations can take action on a wide variety of issues due to its unique international character and the powers vested in its Charter, which is considered an international treaty. As such, the UN Charter is an instrument of

international law, and UN Member States are bound by it. The UN Charter codifies the major principles of international relations, from sovereign equality of States to the prohibition of the use of force in international relations.

Since the UN's founding in 1945, the mission and work of the Organization have been guided by the purposes and principles contained in its founding Charter, which has been amended three times in 1963, 1965, and 1973.

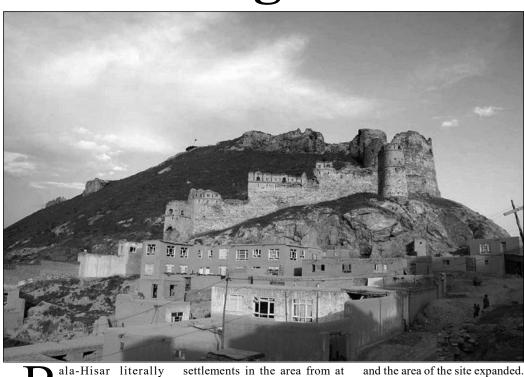
The Charter consists of a preamble and 111 articles grouped into 19 chapters. The preamble consists of two principal parts. The first part contains a general call for the maintenance of peace and international security and respect for human rights.

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The United Nations has continually expressed concern about the economic situation in Afghanistan and warned that if the economic situation is not addressed, the range of problems in this country may expand. In the past one year, the organization has provided the country with humanitarian aids and other technical assistance. Zarabi



Kabul Bala Hisar; historic site in Afghanistan capital



ala-Hisar literally cient fortress located in the country's south of the old city of Kabul. The estimated date of construction is around the 5th century AD. Bala-Hisar sits to the south of the modern city center at the tail end of the Koh-e-Sherdarwaza Mountain

The Walls of Kabul, which are 6.1 m high and 3.7 m thick, start at the fortress and follow the mountain ridge in a sweeping curve down to the river. It sports a set of gates for access to the fortress. The Koh-e-Sherdarwaza Mountain is behind the fort.

The origins of the Bala-Hisar fortress are obscure. Pre-Kushan pottery as well as Indo-Greek and Achaemenid coins have been resettlements in the area from at least the 6th century CE. Usage of the site as a citadel has been dated to a period as early as the 5th century; however, minimal evidence exists regarding its pre-

Evidence of notable activity at the site begins with the Mughals. The fortress was besieged and conquered by Babur, the founder of the Mughal Empire, in 1504. After Akbar succeeded his father and consolidated his rule over Kabul, the Bala-Hisar became the primary residence of the governor of Kabul Subah.

Under the Mughals, the site developed into a notable palacefortress, comparable in size to those at the Mughal capitals of Agra and Lahore. The outer walls

murdered inside the fort in September 1879 triggering a general uprising and the second phase of the Second Anglo-Afghan War.

It was damaged during the Second Anglo-Afghan War when the British Residency was burned down, then later when the armory exploded. British Army officer Frederick Roberts had wanted to demolish the fortress completely, but in the end it was strengthened and fortified in the Spring of 1880, a few months before the British left Afghanistan.

On August 5, 1979, the Bala-Hisar uprising was organized by anti-government groups, but it was suppressed and tens of people were arrested and executed by the regime.

Bala-Hisar once again became the focal point of conflict between factions during the Afghan civil war in 1994, between Masoud's and Hekmatyar's forces. Much of the fortress was damaged as a result.

When looking at the outer wall of the main fortress, it is possible to see layers of building materials from years of destruction and refortification.

The tanks and other war wreckage from the last 30 years are strewn about the top of the hillside. Much of the hillside is built up on tunnels and underground storage.

In early 2021, the country's Ministry of Information and Culture signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Aga Khan Trust for Culture on the reconstructing and consolidation of the walls and the structure, as well as to establish an archeological park at the site. Saida Ahmadi

On the role of social networks in the information space



As a result of the government's policy aimed at ensuring freedom of speech, the domestic media scene is becoming increasingly active, with representatives of the blogosphere and users of social networks discussing current social and political subjects.

An analysis of the dynamics of the domestic media space reveals that the cross-platform Telegram remains the most popular source of receiving and distributing information among the country's Internet community. For instance, the total number of channels in the Uzbek segment of the messenger, according tgstat.com analyzer, is 101,000, and the number of active groups amounts to about 12,000. In addition, it is worth noting that the total number of audience exceeds 574 million users. In terms of popularity of this platform within the country, Uzbekistan ranks 4th in the world after Russia, Iran and

As for social networks, the most popular platforms are Facebook and Instagram with a combined audience of 6.9 and 5.7 million active users respectively, which have shown rapid growth over the past three years. The least visited social media platforms are Linkedin (376,000 users) and Twitter (29,000 users). Moreover, on Twitter there is a decrease in the number of followers from 83,000 in 2019 to 29,000 in 2021, due to the blocking of this platform in RU.

As for the Russian social network Odnoklasa.ru, it has 17.7 million users from Uzbekistan, but in practice is not as popular as Facebook and Instagram.

Trends in the number of active users from Uzbekistan on social networks

Web development has also seen rapid growth. Thus, from the second quarter of 2018 to today,

60,457 to 105,045. The largest web resources in the domestic media space are Kun.uz (6.2 million visits per month), Daryo.uz (3.9 million) and Qalampir.uz (2.9

It is noteworthy that from 2019 to 2022 the number of Internet publications increased by more than a quarter from 539 to

Number of active domains

As far as the domestic blogosphere is concerned, the activities of local bloggers can be divided into three main areas: entertainment, socio-political and review. It is worth noting that the most popular members of the domestic blogosphere mainly distribute their content on social platforms such as Instagram, YouTube, Telegram and Tik-Tok with a combined audience of over 70 million users, of which 52 million (74.3%) subscribers come from bloggers with entertainment content.

It is important to emphasize that, despite the fact that only 10% (7 million subscribers of the top five bloggers in this field) of the total audience consists of bloggers covering sociopolitical issues, given the long-standing sociopolitical and economic problems in the country, their publications are the most circulated in social media. In addition, the topic of cooking is quite popular in the blogosphere in terms of thematic areas, with more than 4.3 million followers. The so-called "reviewers" (of cosmetics, cars and other thematic areas) together have 3.8 million people. Whereas travel-blogging is the least popular in the domestic blogosphere with 1.8 million users, which is an unsatisfactory result given Uzbekistan's tourism potential. There are underdeveloped sec-

tors in the domestic blogosphere.

These include a paucity of

es (guidebooks), blogs on family relationships, psychology, travel, interior design and construction, as well as on programming and the games industry. In addition, the domestic media sphere has a poorly developed film review sphere, which, along with the above-mentioned areas, is widespread abroad, occupying more than 80% of the entire blogosphere.

As analysis has shown, the domestic virtual community reacts much more actively to critical infomercials than to positive ones, which is due to a number of factors.

For example, in the second quarter of 2022, a number of negative events occurred that received a high user response on the Internet. Among these events we can mention:

- the situation around the rising cost of flour, bread, sugar and other types of food;

- overflowing of the Tupalang reservoir dam in Surkhandarya province;

- flooding of the streets of the capital city after heavy rains;

- infomodal arising as a result of rash actions of some ordinary citizens (violence against children and women, cases of lynching,

- systemic problems (cutting down of trees, environmental pollution, abuse of power by officials, corruption in public administration, etc.).

A study of materials with a positive attitude to the five most publicly significant news items over the same period showed that they enjoyed considerably less interest among the virtual commu-- decision of the Republican

Special Commission to lift all the coronavirus restrictions as of June 10 this year;

- news about possible abolition of fees for windshield tint-- increasing social benefits to

ordinary citizens (increasing social benefits to pensioners, the disabled and persons who lost the breadwinner, as well as increasing the ROB by 12%);

- providing one-time financial aid to socially vulnerable population groups; - implementation of "Yashil Makon" project.

On the basis of the above, it may be noted that positive materials evoke sympathy among representatives of the Internet community towards the Republican leadership, and news about the initiatives of government agencies aimed at improving the welfare of average citizens serve as generators of positive comments from users. Shavkat Otamuratov

Negative climate change impacts on millions of Afghans

The World Food Program (WFP) says as the climate change has put negative impacts on millions of Afghanistan people and the winter is almost arriving, a large number of people have no access to sufficient food and drinking water in the country.

The organization by repeatedly warning of human crisis in Afghanistan has asked for providing urgent aids to the country's needy families.

On the occasion of the World Food Day, the World Food Program in a tweet has said that millions of Afghans are affected negatively by climate change, adding that some of the negative impacts include droughts, skyrocketing food prices and going to bed hun-

Climate change in Afghanistan has caused a severe economic crisis in Afghanistan. Besides, the humanitarian and

economic crisis has increased in the past few years in the country, which has left the majority of the population in despair as the United Nations says more than half of the country's population live below the poverty line.

As the winter is arriving, life for the country's population particularly the needy families is getting worse. Although international welfare organizations and some countries including India, Turkey and Uzbekistan have provided Afghanistan with food aid, economic stagnation and increasing poverty have made the new aids more urgent than ever to be provided for the

needy people of the country.
Hunger and the skyrocketing food prices are two other serious problems facing the Afghan people in the country.

Nilofer, a young girl who's winning bread for her sisters and parents, has told The Kabul Times correspondent that it's so difficult for her to mak-

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ing a living. "I'm the only bread-winner for my family. I studied until 9th grade and am now sewing to make money," Nilofer said, adding that they have not received any aids from any welfare organizations.

Mujtaba, another Kabul resident, says there's no work opportunity and the food prices are skyrocketing.

"I cannot find \$2 on a single day. I'm only afford to buy some loaves of bread and nothing else," Mujtaba said, asking the international welfare organizations for more urgent aids to the country's needy people. The increase in prices of food was a big concern for poor families in the past, but in the current situation, the double increase in the price of food has put a very serious

impact on people's lives. Most of the Afghan families cannot afford to buy the first key staples of food as flour and rice.

According to Afghan economic experts, economic stagnation, hunger and the increase in the price of food have made the life conditions of the poor families difficult in the country. They believe that keeping the foreign assets of Afghanistan's central bank frozen, increasing unemployment and climate change will double the humanitarian crisis in the country.

Although the Islamic Emirate is making continued effort to change the situation, it will take time. The IEA is working to implement small and big projects so that more people get jobs. Besides, the IEA is working to convince the international community to recognize their government.

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Russian authorities urge residents to leave Kherson 'immediately'

in occupied Kherson have urged residents to leave "immediately" as they expect Ukrainian troops to wage a counteroffensive campaign to reclaim the city in southern Ukraine.

The regional administration posted a message on the Telegram son city, citing a tense situation on the front and the threat of shelling and alleged plans for "terror attacks" by Ukrainian forces.

Kherson's Kremlin-backed authorities previously announced plans to evacuate all Russian-appointed officials and as many as 60,000 civilians across the river.

do said would be an "organised, gradual displacement.'

An estimated 25,000 people from the region had made their way across the river, according to another Russian-installed official, Kirill Stremousov, who said civilians were relocating willingly.

"People are actively moving

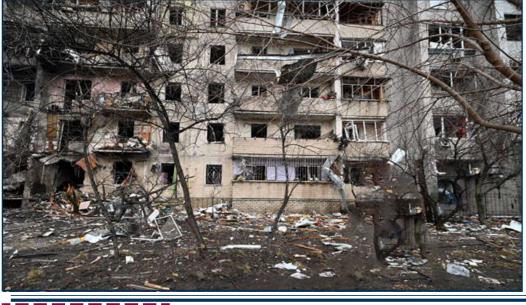
We do not drag anyone anywhere," he said in his Telegram post, adding that some residents could be waiting for the Ukrainian army to reclaim the city.

However, Ukrainian and Western officials have expressed concern about potential forced transfers of residents to Russia or Russian-occupied territory. Kyiv urged Kherson residents to resist attempts to relocate them, with one local official alleging Moscow wanted to take civilians hostage and use them as human shields.

On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians in central and western parts of the country had power outrages amid Russia's intensified strikes on power stations, water supply systems and other key infrastructure.

Ukraine's air force said Russia had launched "a massive missile attack" targeting "critical infrastructure", hours after air raid sirens blared across the country. It said it had downed 18 out of 33 cruise missiles launched from air

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Saudi Arabia welcomes victims of Mogadishu bombing for

treatment Saudi Arabia has welcomed victims of a hotel bombing in Somalia for medical treatment in the Kingdom, the official Saudi Press

Six people who were injured in a hotel bombing in Mogadishu were flown into Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport following the directives of Saudi Ara-

Agency (SPA) reported on Fri-

medical

bia's King Salman bin Abdulaziz. Representatives of the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center (KSrelief), the Ministry of Health, and the Somali Ambassador to the King-dom, Salim Maow Haji, welcomed them upon arriving to the Kingdom.

The Somali ambassador "expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for his prompt response, and for the professional and organized work of transporting the injured, noting that this embodies the depth of the relations between the two countries," SPA reported.

Australia joins global pledge to cut methane emissions by 30 pct

Australia's climate change minister Chris Bowen on Sunday said the government has joined the Global Methane Pledge as part of multilateral efforts to reduce global methane emissions.

"By joining the Pledge, Australia will join the rest of the world's major agricultural commodity exporters including the US, Brazil, and Indonesia in identifying opportunities to reduce emissions in this

hard-to-abate sector," Bowen said in a statement.

The government will continue to partner with industry to decarbonize the economy, especially in energy and waste sectors, and capture waste methane to generate power, he

Government investment to assist the pledge will include up to A\$3 billion (\$1.91 billion) from a \$15 billion National Reconstruction Fund to support

low emissions technology and component manufacturing, and agricultural methane reduction, Bowen said.

The senior minister said the pledge would not require Australia to focus only on agriculture or reduce agricultural production or livestock.

"As result of signing the Pledge, the Australian Government will not legislate or introduce taxes or levies to reduce livestock emissions," Bowen



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said.

The US and EU-led effort pledges to slash methane emissions by 30 percent by 2030. The effort now covers 60 percent of global gross domestic product and 30 percent of global methane emissions.

More than 100 countries have joined the push to cut emissions of the potent greenhouse gas, an initiative aimed at tackling one of the main causes of climate change.

"Canada, with a very similar economy to us, Brazil, Argentina, New Zealand and the European Union are all signatories and it's appropriate that Australia joins," Bowen told reporters in Sydney.

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Israeli forces kill Palestinian in West Bank



Israeli forces have killed a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank, Palestinian health officials said, and the Israeli police shot another Palestinian after he stabbed an Israeli in occupied East Jerusalem, police said.

The Palestinian Ministry of Health said Rabi Arafah Rabi, 32, died at a hospital on Saturday. The ministry said he was hit by "a bullet to the head" at a checkpoint southeast of the city of Qalqilya.

The Israeli military said its troops were trying to detain a vehicle after its passengers had crossed illegally into Israel. It said the vehicle fled and hit a soldier, after which "the soldiers fired toward the vehicle"

In a separate incident in occupied East Jerusalem, the Israeli police said they shot a Palestinian who stabbed and wounded an Israeli, before fleeing. They said police identified the attacker and shot him when he turned towards an officer with an "object" in his

The statement did not say how police identified him, what

kind of object he was holding or how close he was to the officer.

The official Palestinian news agency Wafa reported that the alleged suspect was 16 years old and was seriously wounded by Israeli gunfire. It did not provide his name or further details. Israeli medics evacuated him to a Jerusalem hospital.

The violence is the latest in a wave of deadly attacks in East Jerusalem and the West Bank since the spring, making this year the deadliest since 2015

Palestinian assailants have carried out a series of stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks in East Jerusalem and the West Bank in recent years.

While Israel says it uses deadly force only in life-threatening situations, Palestinians and human rights groups have accused Israeli security forces of using excessive force, and in some cases, killing people uninvolved in violence.

The violence escalated in the spring with Israel intensifying nightly raids in the West Bank after a series of attacks. The raids

often spark deadly clashes between the army and Palestinians. Bottom of Form

More than 125 Palestinians have been killed in Israeli-Palestinian fighting in the West Bank and East Jerusalem this year. The fighting has surged since a series of Palestinian attacks killed 19 people in Israel.

The Israeli army says most of the Palestinians killed were attackers. But stone-throwing young people protesting against the incursions and others not involved in confrontations have been killed.

Israel captured the West Bank in the Six-Day War of 1967 and has built more than 130 settlements there, many of which resemble small towns, with apartment blocks, shopping malls and industrial zones.

The Palestinians want the West Bank to form the main part of their future state. Most countries view the settlements as a violation of international law.

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UAE, GCC condemn Houthi attack on oil terminal in Yemen's **Hadramawt**



The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the UAE have condemned the Iran-backed Houthi militia's "terrorist" attack against al-Dhabba oil terminal in Yemen's Hadramawt governorate.

On Friday, the internationally recognized government of Yemen said that its forces intercepted armed drones launched against al-Dhabba oil terminal, located in the town of al-Shihr in Hadramawt, as an oil tanker was preparing to dock.

The UAE stressed [sic] that this attack is a dangerous escalation and blatant defiance to the international community, and efforts made to end the Yemeni crisis," the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MoFAIC) said in a stateSecretary General of the GCC,

Dr. Navef Falah Mubarak al-Hajraf, told Yemen Foreign Affairs Minister Ahmed Awad bin Mubarak on Saturday, that the attack is a flagrant violation of international laws and a threat to global energy supplies, Al Arabiya reported. Saudi Arabia earlier on Saturday also condemned the attacks. "The attack is a flagrant violation of UN Security Council Resolution 2216 and of international laws and norms," the Kingdom's foreign ministry said in a statement.

The incident is the first major escalation since the Houthis and the Yemeni government failed to renew a UN-brokered truce that expired earlier in October.

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Iran protests: Huge rally in Berlin in support

About 80,000 Iranians and Berlin, German police say, in solidarity with ongoing protests in

Saturday's rally in the German capital is believed to have been the biggest so far held by the Iranian diaspora.

Iranians from across Europe chanted the slogan of the protesters "Women, Life and Liberty!"

In Iran itself, protests triggered by the death of a young woman in custody have entered a sixth week.

Mahsa Amini, 22 died after being arrested by morality police in Tehran on 13 September for allegedly wearing her headscarf too

The police denied reports that she was beaten on the head with a baton and said she suffered a heart

attack On Saturday gatherings were held in several world capitals including Washington, where thou-

sands have been marching. Organisers of the Berlin rally put the number of protesters at

closer to 100,000. Their demands included more Western sanctions against Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard.

Iranian diplomats, the protesters said, should be thrown out of Western capitals.

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