



Prime Minister chairs 12th cabinet meeting



KABUL: The 12th meeting of the Cabinet of the Islamic Emirate was held with Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund, on the chair, discussing several vital issues, Arg said in a statement Tuesday.

The meeting tasked the Ministry of Urban Development and Land to appoint a delegation for

resuming the remaining construction work of Jamia Omar Mosque in Kandahar and share the result with the upcoming meeting, the statement said.

Under the chairmanship of the Acting Minister of Urban Development and Land, Mawlawi Hamdullah Nomani, another delegation consisting representatives from the ministries of Information

and Culture, Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, as well as the National Environmental Protection Agency, Water Supply, and Kabul Municipality has been tasked to review the report of the assigned committee about the resumption of the 5th Macroryan residential town project, the statement added.

Meanwhile, the opinion of the

delegation presided over by the General Directorate of Administrative Affairs, which visited the real-time system of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology was approved and it was decided to complete the remaining works as soon as possible.

The Kabul Times

Afghans' essential human needs should not be linked with political issues, Haqqni

KABUL: The Acting Interior Minister Khalifa Sirajuddin Haqqani, in a meeting on Tuesday with the President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation Atsushi Sunami and his accompanying delegation, said the basic human needs of Afghans should be evaluated separately from political issues.

The meeting was also attended by UNSG's Special Representative for Afghanistan Tadamichi Yamamoto, the ministry said in a statement.

Praising the considerable achievement of the Islamic Emirate in various fields over the past years, Atsushi Sunami hoped that some existing obstacles, including economic problems, would be addressed soon. "In order to solve the problems of Afghanistan, there is a need to hold various meetings between the non-governmental organizations and individuals, because Afghanistan's problems can be solved by considering different ways, and once they are resolved, the gap between this country and the world will disappear," the statement quoted Atsushi Sunami as saying.

Welcoming them, Haqqani said that Japan has helped Afghans in difficult situations and added that the historical relations between the two countries are positively affected by the deeds of kind and compassionate people like the late Tetsu Nakamura, according to the statement.

Describing the visit of experts from Sasakawa Peace Foundation and similar organizations as posi-



tive, Haqqani said that we hope that these organizations would present an actual picture of the country's situation to the world.

"The restrictions imposed by foreigners cause the tragedy of human needs; However, the basic human needs of Afghans should be evaluated separately from the political issues," the statement quoted Haqqani as saying.

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Challenges facing mining sector in Takhar to be addressed, minister

KABUL: The Acting Mines and Petroleum Minister Shaikh Shahabuddin Delawar, in a meeting on Tuesday with Mawlawi Obaidullah Aminzada, the Governor of the country's northern province of Takhar, said that the people's challenges, especially in

the mining sector would be addressed in the province. The meeting discussed various issues, especially attracting investors, effective management of mineral resources, preventing self-exploitation of mines and addressing problems of the people of that prov-

ince in the mining sectors, the ministry said in a statement. Shaikh Delawar assured that necessary measures will be taken to solve the problems of the people in the province according to the mining law and procedure, the statement added. The Kabul Times



Beradar assess ATF's reconstruction process in Baghlan

KABUL: The Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Islamic Emirate, Mullah Abdul Ghani Beradar, during his trip to the country's northern Baghlan province, visited the reconstruction process of the Afghan Textile Factory in Pul-e-Khumri, his office said in a statement the other day. Expressing pleasure over the progress in the mechanical restoration of the Afghan Textile Factory, Mullah Beradar provided the factory's officials with the necessary guidance, the statement said.

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Islamic Emirate to help strengthen regional connectivity, Muttaqi

KABUL: The Acting Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, in a meeting, which was held by the Afghan-Iran Joint Chamber of Commerce in Mash-

taqi said considerable development in the fields of security, unity, economic growth, countering narcotics, and treatment of drug addicts, has been made in Afghan-

low anyone to sue Afghanistan's soil against the neighboring countries and the region," the statement quoted Muttaqi as saying. Speaking about the econom-



had, said that the Afghan government will use all its efforts to improve regional relations.

The meeting was attended by the Afghan Ambassador to Iran and the Governor Khurasan province of that country, the ministry said in a statement the other day.

Speaking at the meeting, Mut-

istan and the Islamic Emirate is making efforts to bolster cooperation with the regional and world countries, according to the statement.

"The Islamic Emirate has always committed to maintain positive and productive relationships with all countries and will not al-

low anyone to sue Afghanistan's soil against the neighboring countries and the region," the statement quoted Muttaqi as saying. Speaking about the econom-

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Technical Committee of Economic Commission holds meeting



KABUL: The Technical Committee of the Economic Commission held its regular meeting at Marmarin Palace, discussing different topics, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs said in a statement Tuesday.

The meeting discussed several vital issues including the estab-

lishment of a secretariat for the TAP project at the Ministry of Water and Energy, the request from tribal leaders in Farah province to initiate reservoir construction ahead of the tunnel's completion, addressing Paranda MHPP and Chak Wardak Dam pending invoices left unprocessed before the re-establishment of the

IEA, and outlining the wheat procurement process for silos, the statement said.

It was decided that the technical committee after a necessary assessment of the said items share the result with the next meeting of the economic commission for final approval.

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Food for thought

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

Return your capital home invest for development of own country

The Minister of Industry and Commerce of the Islamic Emirate has recently regretted over the capital flee from the country and said that Afghan investors have invested approximately 150 billion U.S. dollars abroad.

According to reports, the minister said that only in Turkiye, Afghan investors invested nearly \$95 billion, while in Iran, the Afghans have made major investments and based on unconfirmed statistics, the Afghans invested around \$3 billion in Pakistan.

In the UAE, accurate statistics show an investment of about \$55 billion by Afghan investors. However, the Islamic Emirate's authorities repeatedly reported through statements about increasing exports and imports as well as the level of investment in the country.

This should clearly be stated that no excuse has remained for the Afghan traders to continue investing abroad after security is ensured all over the country and corruption is fought seriously.

Since security is now sure in Afghanistan, the investors should return home and invest in the country, and the Islamic Emirate should make efforts to provide them with further facilities in a bid to be encouraged to withdraw their capital from other countries and invest in their own country.

After the resumption of power by the Islamic Emirate, corruption has eye-catchingly reduced, but the traders should be provided with banking facilities to transfer their money home as we have the potential for investment inside our own country.

As there is high working capacity in Afghanistan, there are hope for further facilities to be provided to help the investments of the Afghans be taken into the country as since the takeover of the Islamic Emirate the national and foreign investors have made contracts for investment of billions U.S. dollars in Afghanistan. So, the Islamic Emirate should make all-out efforts to facilitate further investment.

Jadi 6th; the darkest day in Afghanistan's modern history



During the reign of Mohammad Zahir Shah, the then government of Afghanistan was repeatedly asked to declare a constitutional monarchy in Afghanistan and let freedom of the press and formation of political parties in the country.

The Kingdom finally approved the freedom of expression as the royal family was removed from the government except the king, but the law on the formation of political parties was not approved.

Nevertheless, political parties were formed, and political activities started in the country.

The main parties were the People Democratic Party and Parcham, who received their direction from the KGB of the Soviet Union.

The People's Democratic Party started recruitment for its party and asked the people to support it.

The authoritarian President Mohammad Daud seized power in 1973 without much attention abroad and even little notice in Afghanistan.

Daud Khan was a prince and was seen as just another new king, although he proclaimed a republic. It was the second coup, on 27 April 1978, that changed Afghanistan forever.

The 'Saur (April) Revolution' toppled Daud and killed most of his family.

Within 19 months, Soviet troops would invade to save the regime.

The invasion, and the reaction of the West and regional powers, internationalized the conflict and turned into the last hot battle of the Cold War.

On 6th Jadi, 1358 of the Solar Hijri calendar coinciding with the 24th of December 1979, nearly

140,000 troops of the Red Army invaded Afghanistan.

Afghans believe the Soviet invasion had bad consequences for the country and that Afghanistan is still damaged by its results. Afghans call the day of the Soviet invasion a "dark day."

During the ten years of their invasion, the Soviet Union lost more than 15,000 of its troops and thousands of others were wounded and disabled.

They left a devastating and destroyed country, where war was still ongoing.

By 1988, the Soviets decided to extricate itself from the situation.

Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev saw the Afghan intervention as an increasing drain on the Soviet economy, and the Russian people were tired of a war that many Westerners referred to as "Russia's Vietnam."

For Afghanistan, the Soviet withdrawal did not mean an end to the fighting, however, the final Soviet departure came on the day set as a deadline by the Geneva Accords last April.

It left two heavily armed adversaries, the Kremlin-backed Government of President Najibullah and a fractious but powerful array of mujahidin to conclude their civil war on their own.

Both 7 Saur and 6 Jadi are considered as the darkest days in the history of Afghanistan as the people have suffered for 44 years.

Once mujahidin entered Kabul, the civil war started, the next time, mujahidin of the Islamic Emirate entered and established an Islamic system.

Then on 15 August 2021, the Islamic Emirate forces entered Kabul and ended the 20-year invasion of the U.S. in the country.

Mashal Noori



World's dual behaviors; a change in global order needed



If we see the current situation in the world, we can find that there is a complete dual behavior followed by the world. This dual standard and behavior of the world should be changed and there's a need for a change in the global order.

Afghanistan Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi, in his recent remarks in Iran has pointed to this important point and expressed that with the current situation in the world, a change in the global order is inevitable.

Speaking at the 'High Political Consultative Seminar on Palestine' in Tehran days back, Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Emirate emphasized the contradictions in a world where some countries, under the pretext of minor human rights violations or political reasons, face sanctions using the discourse of human rights.

"We gather at a time when, possibly at this very moment as I speak, a young Palestinian in Gaza is martyred, a mother becomes grief-stricken, and children become orphaned. It's the seventy-eighth day of indiscriminate massacre and

genocide in Gaza, and the world, preaching human rights, human values, freedom, and justice, is a spectator to this brutal massacre," Muttaqi added.

Referring to numerous human rights conventions and humanitarian issues, he questioned the effectiveness of the current global order in addressing the 21st-century human needs.

He emphasized the need for a new world order based on justice and equality, where no human right or country was ignored for political reasons.

"I believe that the conscious and awakened human conscience cannot be satisfied with such dual behaviors.

We need a new global order grounded in justice and equality, bringing peace, justice, and stability to the world," Muttaqi stated.

Regarding sanctions against the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, he criticized the dual standards, stating, "It's ridiculous when my country, Afghanistan, after more than four decades of foreign invasions, wars, and turmoil, faces sanctions under the pretext of human rights when it seeks

security and stability.

How can the Afghan human align with such double standards?"

His remarks on sanctions on the Islamic Emirate, as well as the world's dual behavior, came after the United States of America sanctioned the two leaders of the Islamic Emirate, the President of the Academy of Sciences, Shaikh Fariduddin Mahmood and the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtues and Prevention of Vice Shaikh Khalid Hanafi.

These new sanctions were imposed on the Islamic Emirate key figures on the 10th of December 2023, on the occasion of International Human Rights Day and the 75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

According to U.S. officials, the sanctions were imposed due to human rights violations, while human rights are violated by the U.S. and the world in Gaza on daily basis. When this was announced, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan's spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid has condemned this action of the United States and said that the United States is the most violator of human rights

in the world.

In the ongoing war between Israel and Palestine, in which over 18,000 Palestinians have been martyred, and more than 30,000 have been injured, and most of them are children and women, the U.S. is supporting Israel and the war in Gaza, which is support for worse human rights violator and its self it the violations of human rights. Mujahid added that instead of solving problems, restrictions and pressures create more problems, and the United States should stop the failed policy of pressure.

All know that the motives behind sanctions for democratic values are only an excuse for the U.S. and other western countries. It is time that the United States should leave the path of sanctions and bullying.

On one hand, it does not affect the Islamic Emirate; on the other hand, this is not a solution for restoring the relationships. Instead, interaction and negotiations are good ways forward for problem solutions. If now, it is also time that there is an urgent need for a change in the global order.

Mukhtar Safi

Another 52 Afghans released from Iranian jails

ZARANJ: At least 52 Afghan refugees who had been jailed by the Iranian government, have been released from the Al Ghadir prison in Zahedan province

of that country, the Refugees and Repatriation Department of Nimruz province said in a statement the other day. "As a result of the Afghanistan's embassy ef-

forts 52 Afghan prisoners have been freed from the Al Ghadir prison in Zahedan province of that country and handed over to the relevant officials of the Islamic Emir-

ate in the province," the statement said. Earlier, 200 Afghans had been released and handed over to Afghan officials in Nimruz.

The Kabul Times



Youth; a beacon of hope for nation

Young people have a significant role in the body of the nation, without which the life cycle and the affairs of society face recession and remain inactive.

The youth are the hope of families, the living force of society, and the backbone of the country and the nation.

However, regrettably, young people in Afghanistan, from childhood to youth, from the peak of youth to old age, and even to the doorstep of death, grapple with numerous problems and burn in the fire of suffering and hardship.

In their childhood years, instead of going to school and acquiring knowledge, some young people unfortunately become the breadwinners for their families to meet their basic needs.

They endure thousands of hardships to earn a loaf of bread, and they are deprived of the blessings of education, literacy, and knowledge.

Some of these young people are supported by their fathers despite their difficulties, striving to send them to school and university to pursue their studies.

However, when they graduate from school, college, or university, poverty and unemployment grab hold of them, and they drown in the whirlpool of distress and aimlessness.

Over the past 20 years, thousands of young people have graduated from schools, universities, and academic centers.

Still, there was no caring government or state to address their grief and support them to tackle their challenges at that time.

During the black period of the republic, government officials and leaders were immersed in luxury, neglecting the youth, who were the best human resources, and their problems.

Furthermore, after the 26th April Revolution in the country, the education system suffered severely, and the academic quality in schools and universities reached its lowest point, following a downward trend.

It was another blow to the backbone of the youth's thoughts, and young people did not benefit from the blessing of literacy, science, and knowledge.

Nevertheless, today, Afghanistan has educated and talented youth who suffer from unemployment and an uncertain fate, spending a bitter and dark life in this land.

The youth of the country, whether literate or illiterate, do not have favorable circumstances, and their moments are spent with difficulty.

The precious time of their life is wasted, and the harvest of their life is scattered to the wind.

The youth of the country hope and expect the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan to support them and provide them with job opportunities.

Our system is also responsible for creating favorable conditions for employment and surviving these historical sufferers from the swamp of poverty, deprivation, black times, and ruin so that our youth can rescue themselves of oppression, difficulties, and hardships, and like the youth of other countries, enjoy the blessings of life. **S.Raqib**



Minister assures of transparent aids distribution among IDPs, returnees

Addressing the meeting with a number of the provincial officials Haqqani stressed that assistance delivered for displaced persons and returnees should be distributed fairly, the ministry said in a statement.

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lavi Khalil-ur-Rahman Haqqani during his trip to the country's northern province of Samangan, said Tuesday that the humanitarian aid should transparently be distributed among displaced persons and returnees.

Addressing the meeting with

tance delivered for displaced persons and returnees should be distributed fairly, the ministry said in a statement.

"The assistance should be spent on the education, training and jobs creation of refugees so that it could help address their

According to figures from the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation, over 500,000 Afghans have returned from Pakistan in the past two months after the Pakistani government announced the forced deportation of Afghans to the country. **The Kabul Times**

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Afghan, Iranian media should convey a true picture of Afghanistan to the world, Stanikzai

KABUL: The Deputy Political Minister of Foreign Affairs Sher Mohammad Abbas Stanikzai, on Tuesday during a meeting, with the representatives of renowned Iranian media outlets, said Afghan and Iranian media together can understand the facts and should convey the true picture of Afghanistan to the world.

Abas Stanikzai said that Iran and Afghanistan are two countries that faced international sanctions and could not freely do trade and commerce with other nations; therefore, both countries could improve transit and trade between themselves and establish cordial

and sincere bilateral ties, the ministry said in a statement.

Reaffirming that the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (IEA) desired cordial ties with regional countries and with the international community, Stanikzai said: “The Islamic Emirate will not allow its soil to be used against any other country. Now there was peace and stability in Afghanistan by the virtue of a strong central government.” “Corruption eradicated, poppy cultivation downgraded, opium smuggling had been stopped and people suffering from addiction had been provided with treatment,” the statement

quoted Stanikzai as saying.

He added that girls’ education was their legal right and necessary efforts in this regard were underway to provide a desirable environment for girls’ education.

He said media outlets from both countries through a joint coordinated effort could understand the realities and portray the real image of Afghanistan to the world.

Appreciating the achievements of the Islamic Emirate in different areas during the past two and half years, the visiting delegation pledged to convey the real image of Afghanistan to the world.

The Kabul Times



France murders: Man held after mother and children killed in Meaux

French police have arrested a 33-year-old man suspected of murdering his wife and four children.

An investigation began after their five bodies were found in a flat in Meaux, 40km (25 miles) north-east of Paris.

The victims are a woman and her four children aged between nine months and 10 years old.

Prosecutor Jean-Baptiste Bladier described a scene of “extreme violence” when police reached the flat, with pools of blood at the scene.

The flat showed no sign of break-in and the children's father was not present, he told a press conference on Tuesday.

The alarm was raised after a neighbour had tried to reach the family several times and, when she

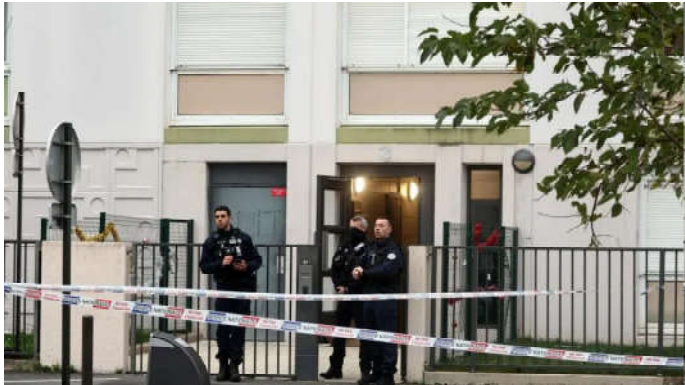
Israeli minister hints at retaliatory actions taken in Iraq, Yemen, Iran



Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant hinted on Tuesday that the country had retaliated in Iraq, Yemen and Iran for attacks carried out against it as the war with Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip widens to other areas of the region.

“We are in a multi-front war and are coming under attack from seven theaters: Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Judea and Samaria (West Bank), Iraq, Yemen and Iran. We have already responded and taken action in six of these theaters,” he told lawmakers.

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saw the shutters were down, she had decided something was wrong.

She told French media she had found blood on the door handle and in front of the door, and then called the police.

The police traced the suspect by following CCTV footage, eventually arresting him at his father's home in nearby Sevrans.

Mr Bladier said the suspect was known to the police due to a previous case of domestic violence, although he had no criminal record.

In 2019, a month before the birth of the couple's third child, the suspect attacked his partner with a knife, according to the prosecutor. The Versailles judicial police service is investigating the murders. Mr Bladier said that the mother and her two eldest daughters aged 10 and seven had suffered “a large number of stab wounds”. The two youngest, a boy aged four and a baby of nine months, did not have any visible wounds on their bodies and had

been “strangled or possibly drowned”. Their post mortem examinations will take place on Wednesday. Neighbours said the 35-year-old mother was “nice and spoke to everybody”.

One woman said of the father that he had been calm but “not comfortable in his skin”. She said the wife had spoken of her husband's depression following the loss of his job. The neighbour also said that the suspect had been “undergoing treatment”.

Following the attack in 2019, the mother did not press charges and the case was dropped due to her partner's mental health at the time. Mr Bladier said that, during the search of the apartment, documents were found that might suggest admission to a psychiatric hospital in 2017 and a prescription for tranquilisers.

The Paris region has recently seen a series of infanticides:

In late November, a 41-year-old man confessed to killing his three daughters, aged four, 10 and 11, and turned himself in. **bbc**

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Officials of the factory promised that they would not spare any effort in the reconstruction and activation of the factory, the statement added.

The factory was inactive during the previous governments, and after the resumption of power by the Islamic Emirate its reconstruction work has been started and now is functioning with more than 350 workers.

The Kabul Times

ACB imposes sanctions on three national players



The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) has decided to delay the 2024 annual central contracts for national players, Mujeeb Ur Rahman, Fazal Haq Farooqi, and Naveen Ul Haq Mureed, the Afghanistan Cricket Board said in a statement the other day.

The ACB has opted not to grant them No Objection Certificates (NOCs) for the next two years following their intention to be released from their annual central contracts, the statement added.

According to the statement, the insistence on not signing the central contract for the players was due to their involvement in commercial leagues, prioritizing

their personal interests over playing for Afghanistan, which is regarded as a national responsibility. The statement added that by opting for their own release, the Afghanistan Cricket Board has decided to take disciplinary measures against these players.

The statement further added that the ACB assigned a dedicated committee to investigate the matter thoroughly, develop appropriate recommendations that best serve the ACB's interests, and share them with the ACB's top management.

“The three players formally communicated their decision to the ACB, expressing their desire to release themselves from the an-

nual central contract, starting from 1st January 2024, as well as requested to consider their consent for their participation in the national events,” a committee member said.

The committee presented the following recommendations to the ACB's top management:

1. Not Awarding Central Contracts: Starting from January 1, 2024, the three players shall not be eligible for the central contract for one year. In this case, ACB will consider and decide their participation in events when needed.

2. Delay Granting No Objection Certificate (NOCs): Consideration of these players as non-eligible to obtain No Objection

Certificates (NOCs) for two years. All current NOCs shall be revoked immediately.

3. Transparently communicate ACB's stance to the cricketing community, including the ICC, the ACC, Member Countries/ Cricket Boards, and the Afghanistan Public.

The decision by the Afghanistan Cricket Board is made with a focus on national priorities, aligned with the ACB's core values and principles. It highlights the necessity for every player to maintain the ACB's principles and prioritize the country's interests above their personal ones.

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India’s navy deploys warships to Arabian Sea after tanker attack

The Indian Navy has dispatched guided missile destroyers to the Arabian Sea after an attack on an Israel-linked chemical tanker off its coast, the Ministry of Defence said.

Three stealth-guided destroyers were deployed “in various areas of the sea” to “maintain a deterrent presence” considering the “recent spate of attacks in the Arabian Sea”, the ministry said in a statement late on Monday. It was also using long-range maritime patrol aircraft for “domain awareness”, it said.

The United States claimed that

the December 23 strike on MV Chem Pluto in the Indian Ocean was “fired from Iran”, an accusation that Tehran has dismissed as baseless.

The attack came as a US-led task force sought to counter similar threats to maritime shipping in the Red Sea posed by Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthi rebels.

Amid the uptick in maritime strikes, this was the first that the US has sought to directly pin on Iran. It was also the first on a vessel outside the Red Sea.

“We can see that militarisation is increasing, not only in the

Red Sea, but also in the Arabian Peninsula,” said Al Jazeera's Resul Sardar, reporting from Djibouti.

“These are the regional ramifications of the war on Gaza,” he reported on Tuesday.

The Indian Navy said it was investigating the nature of the attack on MV Chem Pluto, which “anchored safely” in the financial capital, Mumbai, on Monday.

An initial assessment “pointed to a drone attack”, the ministry said. But “further forensic and technical analysis will be required to establish the vector of attack, including type and amount of explosive used”.

The vessel had been “cleared for further operation” by its company, according to the ministry.

MV Chem Pluto, a Japanese-owned tanker carrying 21 Indians and one Vietnamese citizen, was hit on Saturday while travelling 200 nautical miles (370km) off the coast of India, according to the Pentagon. The attack sparked a fire, which was put out, but caused no casualties.

The Houthis have pledged to target any Israel-linked vessel in the Red Sea, through which some

12 percent of all global trade passes, in solidarity with Gaza which has been bombarded by land, sea and air by the Israeli military.

Sardar said that despite the new US-led task force, there still hasn't been an increase in ships trying to pass through the Red Sea, adding that dozens of cargo ships remain stranded in Djibouti.

Since October, the Houthis have waged attacks on more than a dozen vessels, pushing some of the world's largest firms to abandon the route. The attack in the Indian Ocean, far away from the Red Sea, has raised concerns about even broader risks to maritime shipping amid the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Washington has accused Tehran of being “deeply involved” in the Houthi operations.

But Iran insists that it is not coordinating with the Houthis and plays no role in the attacks.

“The resistance [Houthis] has its own tools ... and acts in accordance with its own decisions and capabilities,” Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Bagheri told the Mehr news agency on Saturday.

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