

London: British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Sunday announced a clamp down on illegal migration with a new proposed law to tackle the issue of migrants crossing over into the UK illegally and dangerously in small boats from across the

English Channel. He had made cracking down on this illegal route between the UK's sea border with France among his top priorities for the year. The Sunak-led government is now planning to table the legislation in Parliament next week to address the issue.



GLOBAL BULLETIN

Iran agrees more IAEA's inspections

Tehran: Iran has allowed increased inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) of its nuclear sites, the official news agency IRNA reported Sunday, just after the IAEA chief's two-day visit to Tehran. Behrouz Kamalvandi, the spokesman of the Atomic Energy Organisation of Iran (AEOI), said the IAEA inspections of Iran's Fordow Fuel Enrichment Plant (FFEP) have now increased to 11 from eight, commenting on the reports of a 50-per cent rise in the IAEA's inspections of Iranian nuclear sites.

2 killed, 3 injured in Pakistan blast

Islamabad: Two people were killed and three others injured when a bomb went off in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province on Sunday, the police said. The incident happened in Banu district where an explosive-laden motorbike exploded when the vehicle of a member of a pro-government peace militia passed by it, police said. The bomb was detonated by a remote-controlled device by unknown terrorists.

Cargo train derailed in Ohio

Springfield: About 20 cars of a Norfolk Southern cargo train derailed near Springfield, the second derailment of the company's trains in Ohio in a month, officials said. But unlike the Feb 3 derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, a company spokesperson said there were no hazardous materials aboard the train. The train, derailed around 5 pm Saturday by State Route 41, near the Clark County Fairgrounds.

Nigeria rescues 14 civilians

Lagos: Nigerian troops have rescued 14 people who were being held hostage by bandits in the northern state of Kaduna, an official said. The rescue mission was carried out by Nigerian troops who targeted at a hideout of the bandits in Chikuna area, said Kaduna State Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs Samuel Aruwan. The troops overpowered the bandits and killed one of them while others fled in disarray, said Aruwan, adding that all the rescued were safe and will be examined before being reunited with their families.

Indonesia fuel depot fire kills 19; 3 still missing

At least 260 firefighters and 52 fire engines extinguished the blaze

AP / Jakarta

Indonesian rescuers and firefighters on Sunday searched for three people who were still missing after a large fire spread from a fuel storage depot in the capital and killed at least 19 people.

The Plumpang fuel storage station, operated by state-run oil and gas company Pertamina, is near a densely populated area in the Tanah Merah neighbourhood in North Jakarta. It supplies 25% of Indonesia's fuel needs.

At least 260 firefighters and 52 fire engines extinguished the blaze just before midnight on Saturday after it tore through the neighborhood for more than two hours, fire officials said.

Footage showed hundreds of people running in panic as thick plumes of black smoke and orange flames filled the sky.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo visited the fire-hit areas on Sunday morning to reassure people that the government would help those in need.

Widodo said he has ordered the minister of state-owned enterprises and the Jakarta governor to immediately find a way to relocate residents



Police visit the state-run oil storage depot in Jakarta after a fire broke out on Saturday

away from the fuel storage area or to move the depot away from the neighbourhood.

"Not only in here, but all state-owned vital objects must be audited and re-evaluated to determine a safe buffer zone for the community, because this involves human life," Widodo told reporters after visiting a temporary shelter for displaced people in North Jakarta's Koja neighbourhood.

National police chief Gen Listyo Sigit Prabowo said a preliminary investigation showed the fire was caused by

a technical problem involving excess pressure as the depot received fuel from Pertamina's Balongan Refinery in West Java province.

"It was found that a fire occurred during a filling of Pertamina fuel," Listyo told a news conference, referring to a type of fuel oil produced by Pertamina.

Residents living near the depot said they smelled a strong odor of gasoline, causing some people to vomit, after which thunder rumbled twice, followed by a huge explosion.

Sri Haryati, a mother of

Fire at Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh

Cox's Bazar: A massive fire raged through a crammed refugee camp for Rohingya Muslims in southern Bangladesh on Sunday, leaving thousands homeless, a fire official and the United Nations said. No casualties were reported at Balukhali camp in Cox's Bazar district, said Emdadul Haque, a fire service official. The UNHCR in Bangladesh said in a tweet that Rohingya refugee volunteers were responding to the fire with the agency and its partners providing support.

three, said the fire began to spread about 20 minutes later, causing panic.

"I immediately grabbed our valuables and ran with my husband and children," Haryati said, adding she heard smaller blasts that echoed across neighbourhood as orange flames jumped from the depot.

Rescuers were still searching for three people who were reported missing.

Will be in presidential race even if indicted: Trump

AP / Oxon Hill

Former US president Donald Trump said on Sunday he would continue his third presidential campaign even if indicted. "Absolutely, I would not even think about leaving," Trump told reporters ahead of a speech at the annual Conservative Political Action Conference.

Trump is under investigation by prosecutors probing his efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 election as well as his handling of classified documents.

Trump delivered the conference's headlining speech, telling a cheering crowd of supporters that he was engaged in his "final battle" as he tries to return to the White House. "We are going to finish what we started," he said. "We are going to see this battle

through to ultimate victory."

While CPAC was once a must-stop for candidates mulling Republican presidential runs, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, who is seen as a top potential Trump challenger, and other major likely contenders have skipped this year's gathering amid scandal and as the group has increasingly become aligned with Trump.

The former president's enduring popularity with this segment of voters was on display throughout the conference this week. Some attendees wore Trump-themed outfits, with "MAGA" hats and sequined jackets. Potential and declared candidates not named Trump received only tepid applause.

And the annual CPAC straw poll, an unscientific survey of attendees, found Trump the



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top choice to be the party's nominee, with 62 per cent support, trailed by DeSantis at 20 per cent and businessman Perry Johnson, who announced his long shot bid at the conference, with 5 per cent.

Nearly all - 95 per cent of the respondents - said they approved of Trump's perform-

ance as president.

"This is an audience that supports President Trump," said Republican Elise Stefanik, R-NY, the No. 3 House Republican, who endorsed Trump days before he officially launched his 2024 campaign.

The only member of House leadership to attend the conference, Stefanik told the media that Trump continued to be the party's leader.

"President Trump is in a very strong position and I think he will be the Republican nominee," she said.

While his potential challengers for the White House were pitching themselves to conservative donors near his Florida home, Trump, in his speech, repeatedly criticised the Republican establishment, which is eager to move past the former president.

Imran missing as cops reach his home to arrest him

AGENCIES / Lahore

Police in Pakistan said officers on Sunday attempted to arrest former prime minister Imran Khan, who is battling several legal cases as he pressures the government for early elections, NDTV reported.

Officers from Islamabad arrived at Khan's home in Lahore, which was surrounded by hundreds of his supporters, but were unable to find him.

"A team of Islamabad police has arrived in Lahore to arrest Imran Khan to comply with the court orders," the Islamabad police said in a tweet.

"Imran Khan is reluctant to surrender - the Superintendent of Police had gone into the room but Imran Khan was not present there," read the Tweet.

The arrest warrant was issued after Khan failed to appear before the court in a corruption case on February 28.

Imran Khan is accused of failing to declare gifts received during his time in office, or the profit made from selling them.

Government officials must declare all gifts but are allowed to keep those below a certain value.

The vice chairman of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, Shah Mehmood Qureshi, told reporters in Lahore: "We have received the notice from Is-



Imran Khan's supporters chant slogans outside his house in Lahore on Saturday

lamabad police - the notice does not contain any order for the arrest."

"We will consult our lawyers and follow the legal process"

Pakistan's courts are often used to tie up lawmakers in tedious and long-winding proceedings that rights monitors have criticised for stifling political opposition.

Imran Khan, who was shot during a rally last year, has attempted to disrupt politics in the South Asian nation since he was forced out of office in a no-confidence vote in April.

He has been pushing for early elections due no later

than October by holding protests, pulling out of parliament and dissolving the two provincial assemblies his party controls in a bid to force the government's hand.

The nation of more than 220 million is in dire economic straits with runaway inflation, scant foreign exchange reserves and stalling bailout talks with the International Monetary Fund.

To pull the country out of its spiral, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif is battling to revive the next tranche of a \$6.5 billion loan deal sketched with the International Monetary Fund in 2019.

Crisis deepens in Iran schoolgirls' poisoning

AP / Dubai

Reports suggest schools across 21 of Iran's 30 provinces have seen suspected cases

A crisis over suspected poisonings targeting Iranian schoolgirls escalated on Sunday as authorities acknowledged over 50 schools were struck in a wave of possible cases. The poisonings have spread further fear among parents as Tehran has faced months of unrest.

It remains unclear who or what is responsible since the alleged poisonings began in November in the Shiite holy city of Qom.

Reports now suggest schools across 21 of Iran's 30 provinces have seen suspected cases, with girls' schools the site of nearly all the incidents.

The attacks have raised fears that other girls could be poisoned apparently just for going to school. Education for girls has never been challenged in the over 40 years since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Iran has been calling on the Taliban in neighbouring Afghanistan to have girls and women return to school.

Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi on Saturday said without elaborating that investiga-

tors had recovered "suspicious samples" in the course of their investigations into the incidents, according to the state-run IRNA news agency. He called for calm among the public, while also accusing the "enemy's media terrorism" of inciting more panic over the alleged poisonings in the country.

However, it wasn't until the poisonings received international media attention that hard-line President Ebrahim Raisi announced an investigation into the incidents on Wednesday.

Vahidi said at least 52 schools had been affected by suspected poisonings.

Iranian media reports have put the number of schools at over 60. At least one boy's school reportedly has been affected. Videos of upset parents and schoolgirls in emergency rooms with IVs in their arms have flooded social media.

Crossword # 704 with grid and clues. Clues include: 1 Nuisance (4), 4 Trouble (6), 8 'O Sole ___' (3), 10 Surprise cries (4), 13 A standard or typical example (8), 14 Large flat fish (7), 15 In its original place - in Latin (2,4), 17 German city (9), 21 City of a cat (3), 22 Address Merkel (3), 23 Little devil (3), 26 One or three as compared to two or four? (3,6), 27 Father of Zeus (6), 28 Parallel lines (7), 32 Manifestations of illness (8), 34 What the Japanese spend? (4), 35 Serious offence (3), 36 Chilean poet (6), 37 East European river (4), Down: 1 Christopher Robin's bear (4), 2 Satirist Mort (4), 3 Stead (4), 5 Excursion (6), 6 Sing wordlessly (3), 7 Boredom on indecency (6), 9 Choose or select (3), 11 Loose fibre used for caulking (5), 12 Tendon (5), 15 Persia today (4), 16 Metrical foot (4), 18 Nevada divorce capital (4), 19 Sprouts (4), 20 Conclusion or finale (3), 23 Express indirectly (5), 24 Hickory-nut (5), 25 ___ his advice: (4,2), 26 Ejected or expelled (6), 28 Root mean sq. (3), 29 Our continent (4), 30 Move through (4), 31 River of Flanders (4), 33 French 'sea' (3).

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Indians stranded in Libya rescued

PTI / New Delhi

A joint effort of the National Commission for Minorities, Ministry of External Affairs and the Indian embassy in Tunisia helped rescue 12 Indian workers who were stranded in Libya for the past two months.

They were illegally taken to Libya from Punjab by an agent who promised them lucrative jobs, good salary and a happy life.

A statement released by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) informed that after they were taken to Libya, they were of-

ferred jobs in private companies without any salary and kept as bonded labour. They also alleged that they were brutally beaten and not even offered proper food.

NCM chairperson Iqbal Singh Lalpura received a representation from some local leaders with a request to bring them back as they belong to the minority communities.

Lalpura forwarded the representation to the ministry on February 6 and requested it to initiate action. The embassy of India in Tunisia was also contacted in this regard.

Philippine Guv's murder: Suspect killed

AP / Manila

Police have killed one suspect and arrested three others in the shootings that killed a central Philippine provincial governor and eight others, including poor villagers seeking aid from the political leader, officials said Sunday.

The killing of Negros Oriental Gov Roel Degamo at his home on Saturday by at least six men wearing military-like camouflage uniforms and bullet-resistant vests was the deadliest attack on politicians in recent weeks in the country.

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr condemned the killing of Degamo, who backed him in presidential election last year, and said his "government will not rest until we have brought the perpetrators of this heinous crime to justice."

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FPJ - SUDOKU - 07 Level: Hard. A 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9. WHAT TO DO: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Every puzzle has only one correct solution.