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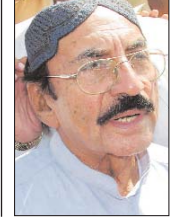
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Lawyers-police clash continues

Many lawyers, journalists, cops injured

TANVEER KHAN

LAHORE: Judicial services were totally paralysed in the city's different courts Saturday after a clash between lawyers and police turned violent.

Reportedly, the clash erupted on the Lahore High Court premises when agitating lawyers tried to take out a rally to condemn the police action against them Friday. Numbers of lawyers, police men and journalists were injured in the clash.

The lawyers convened a protest sitting against the arrests made Friday, followed by a protest rally at Lower Mall, where lawyers and police got locked in clash with police resorting to aerial firing.

Later, the two sides began pelting stones on one another, causing harm to police

mobile van.

Angry lawyers on Saturday fought pitched battles with police and assaulted journalists while protesting against alleged torture of their colleagues in the provincial capital.

The protest on a key thoroughfare in the city prompted policemen to carry out a baton charge and fire in the air to disperse lawyers who demanded action against police officials allegedly responsible for torturing

their colleagues.

The lawyers claimed some members of the fraternity were tortured after police took action for violent protests seeking the transfer of a judge. Saturday's protest

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CJP takes notice of torture on lawyers in Lahore

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ISLAMABAD: Chief Justice of Pakistan Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry on Saturday took suo motu notice of an incident of Friday which occurred on the premises of District Courts (Aiwan-e-Adl), Lahore, in which reportedly police brutally beat up lawyers. "The use of excessive force and resorting to high-headedness and brutality clearly violate the constitutionally guaranteed fundamental rights i.e. right to life, liberty and dignity. Therefore, the matter has been registered under Article 184(3)

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PBC suspends membership of LHC CJ, others

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LAHORE: The provincial capital once again turned into a battlefield as clashes between lawyers and police entered the third day on Saturday. Despite heavy deployment of security persons

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Parties united to help flood victims: PM Lauds services of Punjab chief minister

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KOT ADDU: Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani said on Saturday that political parties might have different perspectives from each other but they were united to mitigate the sufferings of flood-hit people.

The prime minister expressed these views while addressing a ceremony for distribution of Watan Cards among flood-hit people at Kot Addu tehsil of Muzaffargarh district, the second city in south Punjab that was submerged by furious floods after Daira Deen Panah

last August.

Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif was also present.

The prime minister said that winter was approaching fast and appealed to the philanthropists and NGOs to donate tents for flood-hit people to save them against extreme cold weather.

He said the government would not sit idle till distribution of Rs 20,000 assistance among affected families through Watan Cards and added that it would be enhanced up to Rs 100,000.

Repair and reconstruction of demolished houses may take a month or two

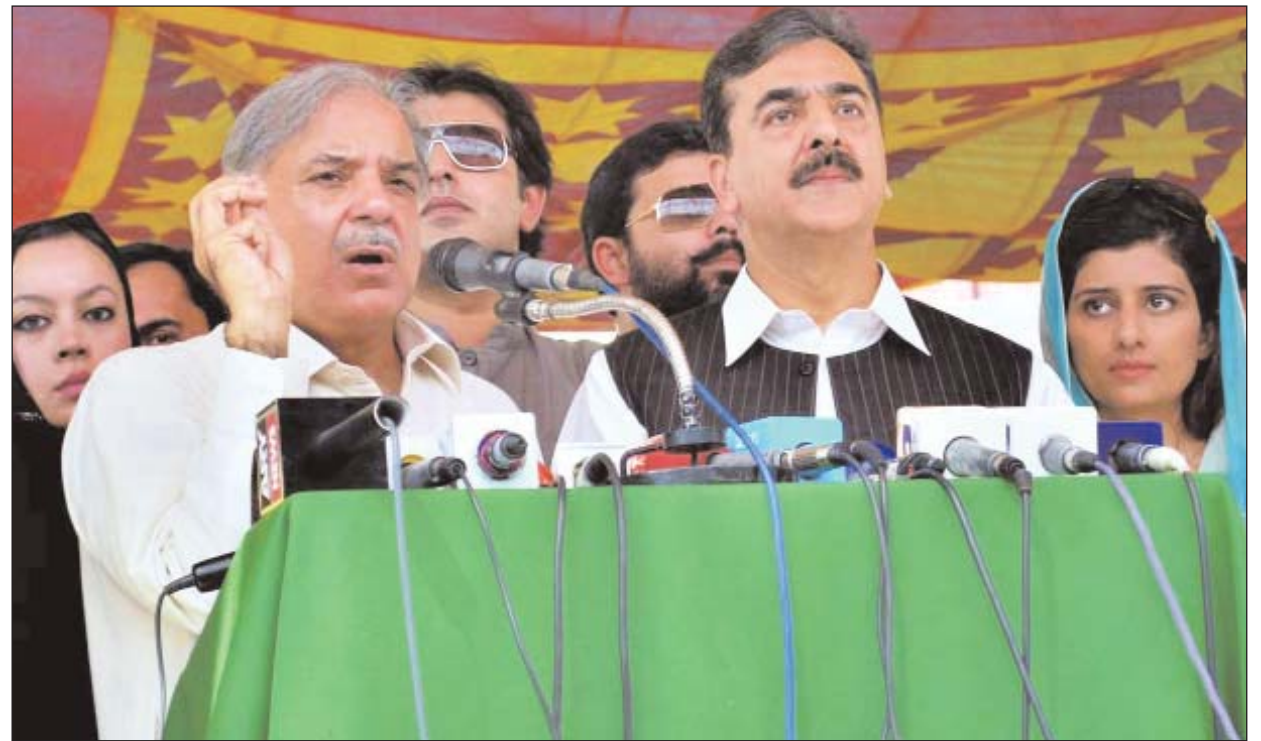
and people would certainly need temporary shelter during the winter season, the PM observed.

He pledged all possible support to flood affected people and added that resources would be made available to the provincial governments for onward distribution among the affected.

"We are making efforts jointly to serve flood-hit people," the PM said.

He specifically lauded services of Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif for flood-hit people and also thanked workers of all parties,

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KOT ADDU: Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif addresses a ceremony for the distribution of Watan Cards launched by Prime Minister Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani. - APP PHOTO

Petraeus calls Kayani, regrets NATO strikes

STAFF REPORT

RAWALPINDI: Top US and NATO commander in Afghanistan David Petraeus called Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) General Ashfaq Parvez Kayani on Saturday, and regretted the NATO strike that killed three Pakistani troops.

Three soldiers were killed in an early morning raid on Thursday when a NATO chopper fired at a Pakistani military post 200 metres inside the border in Kurram Agency.

According to details, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) commander assured the COAS that such an incident would not take place again. He conveyed his sincere feelings over the incident. He said that it was a sad thing that the incident took place under the NATO-led

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Joint probe begins into NATO attack

THE POST MONITORING

KARACHI: Officials of the Pakistan Army and NATO forces on Saturday launched a joint investigation into the border incursions that killed three Pakistani soldiers last week.

The investigations, to be led by officials of the Pakistan army, will also include US army officials, reported a news channel.

The probe team will visit Afghanistan to carry out an inquiry and hold talks regarding the attacks, the report added. Stern action will be taken against those involved in the cross border attack.

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This was the fourth aerial

Demo against Musharraf

AGENCIES

BIRMINGHAM: Islamic protesters have massed in a British city ahead of a rally addressed by former Pakistan president Pervez Musharraf.

The Islamic political organisation Hizb ut-Tahrir said up to 200 of its supporters had gathered in Birmingham to demonstrate against the ex-military ruler.

General Musharraf is set to address a rally of up to 1,500 people at the city's New Bingley Hall. The former president, who led Pakistan for nine years from 1999 after taking power in a military coup, is launching a new political party, the All Pakistan Muslim League. But his critics in Hizb ut-Tahrir branded him "a slave of America" who supported the war against the Muslims of Afghanistan. They gathered outside the rally venue this morning under banners sayin

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Absconders' names to be placed on ECL

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KARACHI: Federal Minister for Interior, Rehman Malik has said that efforts were being made to place the names of absconding terrorists on Exit Control List (ECL).

Talking to media persons after attending a meeting on law and order situation here Saturday at the camp office of National Crisis Manage-

ment Cell, he said that all channels, including the assistance of Interpol will be sought, to bring back culprits involved in target killings or any acts of terrorism.

He said that the government was keeping a liaison with all the foreign countries concerned in this regard.

The Minister said that FIA has made visible improvement to curb the menace of 'Hawala Busi-

ness' and it helped improve the transfer of money through legal channels.

He said that the FIA has been directed to check the

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Four shot dead in Karachi

KARACHI: At least four persons have been shot dead in overnight-targeted killing incidents in Karachi on Saturday, a news channel reported. Police sources said, dead bodies have been shifted to hospitals for autopsy. One among four killings was claimed to have been done on grounds of personal enmity, police said. Police said they have launched probe into killings. - AGENCIES

NEWSHOT

44 dead in Indonesian train crash

JAKARTA: A train crash in central Indonesia on Saturday killed at least 44 people and injured dozens, several with severe burns and broken bones, officials and witnesses said. As most passengers slept on the train, which was sitting idle at the station in Petarukan, a northern coastal city in Central Java province, a train from the capital slammed into it around 3 a.m., according to Transportation Ministry spokesman Bambang Ervan.

He added that investigators were trying to determine if human error was to blame. - AGENCIES

Punjab govt, US sign agreement

LAHORE: An agreement has been reached between the Punjab government and United States for provision of educational facilities in the flood-ravaged areas of south Punjab.

Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif and US ambassador to Pakistan Anne W. Patterson witnessed the pact signing ceremony held here on Saturday.

The Education Secretary told newsmen, "More than 1.4 million students of 7,818 schools will benefit from this pact." Speaking on the occasion, Patterson said that reports of mounting differences between Pakistan and the United States were baseless. - STAFF REPORT

Power shortfall rises to 5000 mw

LAHORE: Power crisis has worsened, as supply-demand gap widens by 5000 MW across the country, a news channel reported Saturday.

This has led to increased load-shedding in all the small and big cities of the country including Lahore, as the concerned authorities appear to have failed in overcoming the shortage.

PEPCO's weak financial condition besides failure to make payment for furnace oil and shortage of water and gas has brought the total generation down to 11,900 MW against the current demand of 15,977 MW.

According to sources, powerhouses at Faisalabad, HUBCO, Kot Addu, Rosh and Southern Electric have shut down. - AGENCIES

US drone strikes kill 19 in NWA

AGENCIES

DATTA KHEL: A series of US drone strikes targeting vehicles killed 19 militants in various parts of Pakistan.

Two drone strikes targeting vehicles killed seven militants in Pakistan's rugged tribal region near the Afghan border, officials said.

Both attacks took place in Asar village of Datta Khel town, some 50km west of Miranshah, the main town in North Waziristan tribal district known as a hub for Taliban and al-Qaeda-linked militants.

"The US drone fired three missiles at the militants' vehicle, killing four rebels," a senior security official in the area said of the first strike, adding that the nationalities of those killed were not immediately known.

Another senior security official in the area confirmed the strike and toll.

The second strike, also targeting a vehicle, killed three

rebels in the same village.

"Four missiles were fired from a US drone on another vehicle which was going to the site of the first attack for rescue work, killing three militants," a senior security official in the area said.

Meanwhile, in Pakistan's restive northwestern North Waziristan tribal region at least 12 suspected militants were killed. The unmanned spy planes carried out three attacks in the region yesterday, officials were quoted as saying by the local media.

Three missiles hit a pick-up truck and a house in Lowara Mandai area near the border with Afghanistan, killing four suspected militants.

A jeep was attacked near Dand Kali area with two missiles, witnesses said. Five persons were killed in this attack.

Another three suspected militants were killed when missiles targeted a car in Sherani area.

Reports said some foreign

fighters were among the dead. US drones have carried out 19 attacks in the Waziristan region this month - the highest figure for a single month since the strikes began in 2004.

Most of the recent strikes have targeted Datta Khel, a region of North Waziristan tribal agency dominated by militants who carry out attacks on US and NATO forces in Afghanistan.

Most of this month's strikes have targeted fighters led by militant commander Jalaluddin Haqqani.

CIA steps up drone campaign in Pakistan: The US military is secretly diverting aerial drones from Afghanistan to escalate a CIA-led campaign against militants in neighbouring Pakistan, the Wall Street Journal reported Saturday.

The military has lent Predator and Reaper drones to Central Intelligence Agency operatives to target and bomb militants on the

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WASHINGTON: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi meets Senator Carl Levin, Chairman Senate Armed Services Committee. - APP PHOTO

Govt fury over NATO strikes persists

EXCLUSIVE

Ansar Mahmood Bhatti

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government's fury over NATO strikes still continues despite the fact that General Petraeus has apologized to army Chief Ashfaq Parvez Kayani. Sources close to prime minister believe, the apology should have come from the NATO chief. They also say, since the prime minister is the head of the government therefore apology should have been directed to him rather than any other person.

Sources reveal that General Petraeus direct contact with army chief has in fact annoyed the political leadership, which according to these insiders, feels downgraded by the US authorities. 'Since Pakistani soldiers were killed in attacks therefore General Petraeus apology to General Kayani does make a sense, however a similar apology should have been directed to the civilian leadership including the prime minister or the president for they are the ones who actually run affairs of the country', said sources.

On Friday during the National Assembly session the prime minister had chose

to lambaste rather severely the NATO strikes into the Pakistani territory and had called for an immediate apology. But to date NATO has not rendered an apology to the government of Pakistan. The prime minister had also hinted at a matching reponse if such strikes were not stopped.

I had already mentioned in my previous pieces on this subject that the incumbent NATO chief happens to be the former prime minister of Denmark and is the one who had actually supported campaign against Muslims during the cartoon controversy. He had declined to take action against the newspaper publishing blas-

phemous material about the Holy Prophet.

After the recent strikes relations between NATO and Pakistan government have become further tense and this is the direct sequel of these incidents that NATO supply line through Pakistan has been cut off. Our sources say that there would more attacks on NATO containers if the NATO authorities fail to issue an appropriate apology.

The NATO officers based in Pakistan tried to get in touch with the higher authorities but could not succeed mainly because both the prime minister and the

president were out of city. Government sources say, especially the prime minister has decided to tackle with this issue rather with an iron hand and is in no mood to give further relaxation to NATO officials.

According to well-placed sources, frantic efforts were made by the concerned quarters to get the prime minister speech, which he delivered in the National Assembly, published prominently in all papers so as to send a loud and clear message to the allies that they will not be allowed to get caught into Pakistani territory.

It may be mentioned here that Pakistan

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