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Pakistan out of risks of default, economy on path of recovery: PM Shehbaz

By our correspondent Islamabad: According to the sources of Daily Notable, Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif on Tuesday said that due to difficult decisions taken by the coalition government, Pakistan was out of the risks of default. He said the government was taking all possible steps to further strengthen the national economy and was striving with priority measures to reduce price hike and provide relief to the common people. The prime minister expressed these views while talking to a delegation of Jefferies, a leading global investment banking and capital markets firm. Minister for Finance Ishaq Dar was also present during the meeting. PM Office Media Wing said in a press release. The prime minister regretted that unfounded rumours were being spread about

the economy of Pakistan and reprehensible efforts were being made to create havoc. He said the coalition government without caring for the political price, saved the country from the repercussions of the previous four years of maladministration by the former government. He also reiterated that the government was making efforts to reduce the foreign trade deficit and providing all possible facilities to the foreign investors. Welcoming the delegation, the prime minister invited the firm to open its office in Pakistan. The delegation termed the economic recovery of Pakistan as a good sign under the leadership of prime minister that faced the economic challenges in an effective manner and put the country on the path of economic stability. - PUNA

FIFA World Cup 2022

Brazil, Portugal secure qualification to World Cup knockout stage with shutout wins

Doha: According to the sources of Daily Notable, Brazil overcame the absence of Neymar to beat Switzerland 1-0 and advance to the round of the 16 of the World Cup on Monday in Doha, Qatar. Casemiro scored in the 83rd minute with a shot from inside the area to put Brazil in the last 16 with a match to spare in Group G. Brazil striker Neymar stayed at the team's hotel treating a right ankle injury sustained in the tournament. Team doctors have not yet given a timetable on his return, or said if he will return at all. The win gave Brazil six points from two

matches, leaving Switzerland with three. Serbia and Cameroon, which drew 3-3 earlier Monday, have point each. Switzerland, which had no attempts on target, needs a win in the last match against Serbia to guarantee its spot in the next stage. A draw may be enough depending on the match between Brazil and Cameroon. The result extended Brazil's unbeaten run in the group stage to 17 matches, with 14 wins and three draws. It has lost only one of its last 29 group games, with the last defeat coming against Norway in 1998 in France. -PUNA

Gen Asim Munir assumes command of Pakistan Army



Rawalpindi: General Qamar Javed Bajwa hands over the baton of command to Gen Asim Munir during a ceremony at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi-PUNA

By our correspondent Rawalpindi: According to the sources of Daily Notable, General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Tuesday handed over the command of the Pakistan Army to his successor Gen Asim Munir in a ceremony held at the General Headquarters in Rawalpindi.

With the change of command, Gen Munir has become the 17th army chief of the Pakistan Army when Gen Bajwa handed over the baton to him. Before handing over the command, Gen Bajwa, in his last address, congratulated his successor Gen Asim Munir for being promoted

to the four star rank and as the head of the army. "I have full faith that under his leadership army will reach new heights and his appointment will prove to be a positive for the country," said Gen Bajwa. He added that he was happy to know that he was retiring by

commanding the army," he said. Appreciating the Pakistan Army, Gen Bajwa said that his prayers will always be with it in difficult times. "I am proud that the army protects the borders from Siachen to Thar despite having limited resources," he added. Gen Bajwa said that the army defends regardless of language, colour, caste and religion. "I will soon go into oblivion, but the spiritual connection will always remain with the army," said General Bajwa.

The ceremony was attended by the Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee General Sahir Shamsah Mirza and chiefs of the armed forces. It was also attended by senior serving and retired military officers with their families. Chief ministers, federal ministers, secretaries and foreign military officers deployed at embassies were also present at the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, Gen Bajwa visited the Yadgar-e-Shuhda for the last time as chief of army staff. Gen Munir had accompanied him during the visit. Gen Munir was chosen to lead the country's army by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on November 24. The summary of his appointment was approved at the meeting of President Arif Alvi the same day. PUNA

Russia warns U.S. that its deeper involvement in Ukraine brings growing risks

Moscow: According to the sources of Daily Notable, Russia is trying to make the United States understand that Washington's increasing involvement in the Ukraine conflict carries growing risks, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Tuesday, according to Russian news agencies.

dragging out the conflict, now in its 10th month, while risking a possible direct confrontation between Russia and the West. 2 minute read November 29, 2022 7:33 PM GMT+5 Last Updated 2 hours ago

Russia warns U.S. that its deeper involvement in Ukraine brings growing risks. Reuters - Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov arrives for a meeting in Vienna

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov said on Tuesday, according to Russian news agencies. Moscow has repeatedly complained that Western military support for Ukraine is dragging out the conflict, now in its 10th month, while risking a possible direct confrontation between Russia and the West. Scroll to continue. "We are sending sig-

nals to the Americans that their line of escalation and ever deeper involvement in this conflict is fraught with dire consequences. The risks are growing," the Interfax news agency quoted Ryabkov as saying. Kyiv and the West say Russia is to blame for any further escalation following what they say was Moscow's unilateral invasion of Ukraine on Feb. 24, ongoing occupation

of Ukrainian territory, and thinly veiled nuclear threats. Ryabkov was cited as saying that there was no dialogue between Washington and Moscow, but that the two sides "periodically exchange signals". He was not aware of any contact through a specific U.S.-Russia military hot line installed at the start of what Moscow calls "a

Chinese authorities seek out protesters to explain themselves

Beijing: According to the sources of Daily Notable, Chinese authorities have begun inquiries into some of the people who gathered at weekend protests against COVID-19 curbs, people who were at the Beijing demonstrations told Reuters, as police remained out in numbers on the city's

streets. Two protesters told Reuters that callers identifying themselves as Beijing police officers asked them to report to a police station on Tuesday with written accounts of their activities on Sunday night. A student also said they were asked by their college if they had been in an area

where a protest happened and to provide a written account. "We are all desperately deleting our chat history," said another person who witnessed the Beijing protest and declined to be identified. The person said police asked how they heard about the protest and what was their motive for going.

It was not clear how authorities identified the people they wanted to question about their participation in the protests, and it was also not clear how many such people the authorities aimed to question. Beijing's Public Security Bureau did not respond to a request for comment. A spokes-

person for China's Foreign Ministry said rights and freedoms must be exercised within the framework of the law. Simmering discontent with stringent COVID-19 prevention policies three years into the pandemic ignited into protests in cities thousands of kilometres apart over

the weekend. Mainland China's biggest wave of civil disobedience since President Xi Jinping took power a decade ago comes as the number of COVID-19 cases hit record daily highs and large parts of several cities face new lockdowns. Continued on page 2

Nigerian migrants discovered on ship's rudder after 11 days at sea

Las Palmas: According to the sources of Daily Notable, Spain's maritime rescue service says it has rescued three stowaways found on a ship's rudder in the Canary Islands after the vessel sailed there from Nigeria. The men found on the Alhithi II oil tanker at the Las Palmas port on Monday afternoon appeared to have symptoms of dehydration

and hypothermia and were transferred to hospitals on the island for medical attention, according to Spain's Maritime Safety and Rescue Society. The survivors were all from Nigeria, the Spanish government's delegation in the Canary Islands told The Associated Press. One of them remained hospitalized Tuesday. The agency shared

a photo of the three men sitting on top of the rudder under the ship's massive hull with their feet hanging only a few centimetres from the water. According to the MaritimeTraffic website that tracks ships, the Malta-flagged vessel left Lagos, Nigeria, on Nov. 17 and arrived in Las Palmas on Monday after an 11-day journey. The distance

is roughly 3,000 kilometres. Though extremely dangerous, it is not the first time stowaways have been found risking their lives to reach Spain's Canary Islands off northwest Africa in this way. In 2020, a 14-year-old Nigerian boy was interviewed by Spain's El Pais newspaper after surviving two weeks on a ship's rudder, at the

mercy of bad weather and rough seas. He had also departed from Lagos. "It's not the first time nor will it be the last," tweeted Toema Santana, a migration adviser to the regional government of the Canary Islands. Santana added that on previous occasions where this has happened, the ship owner is usually responsible

for returning the stowaways to their point of departure. Thousands of migrants and refugees from North and West Africa have reached the Canary Islands irregularly in recent years. Most make the dangerous Atlantic crossing on crowded boats after departing from the coast of Morocco, the Western Sahara, Mauritania and even

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