# Pakistan monsoon death toll hits 657; nearly 1,000 injured: Officials

At least 657 people have died and nearly 1,000 have been injured since late June in rain-related incidents in Pakistan, according to officials. In a media briefing on Sunday, National Disaster Management Authority clask in a media briefing on Sunday, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) spokesperson Tayyab Shah said that heavy monsoon rains are expected to persist until August 22. He warmed that two to three more monsoon spell as the spell



dren, and 43 women. In Punjab, 164 people — 70 children, 63 men, and 31 women— have died in rainrelated incidents since lun rekted incidents since June 26. While Sindh recorded 28 deaths, including 14 chil-dren and 4 women; in Balochistan, 20 people, including 11 chiltren, died At least 32 people, including eight children, died in Gligh-Ballistan, while 15 people, including five minors, were killed as heavy rains lashed Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Eight people, including 4 children, died in Islamabad. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Provincial Disaster Management Authority Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) Director General Asfandyar Khattak in a press conference on Sunday said around 150 people are missing from Buner and Shanga districts. According to officials, 84 people, including 21 members of a family preparing for a wedding, were killed in flash floods triggered by cloud-

bursts in Buner. Rescue operations are underway and five armeet forces held of the provincial government. Khattak said, adding that the provincial government has released PKR 1.5 billion for relief activities. The PDMA DG said 33 trucks of non-food items had reached Buner, eight had reached Swat and seven had reached Sajaur, while additional supplies were also being dispatched.

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Meanwhile, investigators have recovered the black have recovered the black have for the helicopter that crashed during a rescue operation near Peshawar, officials said on Monday. The MI-17 helicopter had crashed on August 15 while transporting relief supplies to flood-affected residents in the Salarzai area of Bajaur, resulting in the death of all five crew members. Prime Minister Shebhaz Sharif has directed federal ministers to supervise relief operations in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. Under the PMS Relief Package, truckloads of supplies are being dis-Relief Package, truckbads of supplies are being dispatched to the affected dispatched to the affected dispatched to the affected dispatched to the relief goods include food rations, tents, and medicines, which are being handed over to the respective district administrations, officials said. According to the education department, the devastating rains and flash floods have completely destroyed 61 government schools, while 414 others were partially damaged in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

## Afghanistan after nearly three years away

WASHINGTON: (AGENCY)

Returning to Kabul after nearly three years was like coming home. Immediately the essence of Alghanistan coming home immediately the essence of Alghanistan trol a smile, a hand to the heart and Salam-Ahlaum. The same from the bearded gentleman behind the counter that collects information from foreigners entering the country. I was a smill only the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is an analysis of the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the country in the country in the country in the country is a smill of the country in the coun Returning to Kabul after decades, others I meet on the street, who smile, who ask if they can help, who put their hand to their heart to greet you. This trip back was sad and joyful Sad because I went to Kabul to mourn with Amir Shah, my



friend and colkague of more than 30 years, the death of his mother, Bibi Hajji. She had lived a long life raised Amir Shah alone. His father died when he was just two years old. He knows his father only through a picture, but his mother, Bibi Hajji, as he says "was all my life, just her and me." Even as she grew frailer with the passing years, she always stood to wekome you. She would hold my face in her hands and tell me how happy she was to see me. In these past three years away from Alghanistan she made a video from her home in Kabul and in the video she said: "Kathy Jan you have left Kabul, but don't forget me." At her grave we offered a prayer and I tok!

her again I would remem-ber her always and I thanked her for giving the manked her for gwing the world the amazing and deeply kind man her son, Amir Shah, had grown to be. Together with his wife, they raised eight chiktren, all of whom have lives of which to be proud thanks to their father's relentless determinating and cariffications and cariffications. their father's relentless determination and sacrifice determination and sacrifice, working as a journalist through some of his country's most dangerous times. Amir Shah began his storied career driving taxi and retired one of Afghanistan's most respected journalists and the strongest of pillars in The Associated Press' Afghanistan operation. Bibl Hail's graw was a simule Afghanistan operation. Bibi hajji's grave was a simple one, but it stood in the shadow of the stunning blue domed Ziaratee-Sakhi Shrine and Mosque in Kabul's Karte Sakhi area. Located not far from Kabul University, at the foot of Kabul's Asamayi Hill, better known in the city as TV Hill. thown in the city as TV Hill, the mosque and shrine is a powerfully important place for the country's minority Shiite Muslims.

### Putin's bodyguards carried 'poop suitcase' to Alaska summit with Trump: Report

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Russian President Vladimir
Putin's bodyguards reportedly carried a "poop suircase" to collect his faecal
waste during the Friday
Alaska summit with US
President Donald Trump, as
reported by The Express
US. The unusual security
measure was said to be
aimed at preventing foreign
powers from obtaining
information about the
Russian leader's health.
"Putin's bodyguards collect
his faecal waste and bring it
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Long to Butter Gente and Mikhail Rubin in the French publication Paris Match, The Express US reported that members of the Russian President's Federal Protection Service (FPS) collect his human waste, including his facees, store it in special bags, and carry it in dedicated briefcases. The measure reportedly dates back several years, including Puttin's visit to France in May 2017, The Express US reported. It is Express US reported. It is suspected that the surpris-ing security measure is undertaken to stop foreign



powers from taking sam-ples of Putin's human waste, potentially gaining informa-tion on the Russian kader's health. Journalist Farida Rustamova also reported

health. Journalist Farida Rustamova also reported that such measures existed during Putin's visit to Vienna, where he used a portable toilet. 'She said that a source revealed the president has carried out the practice since he began his leadership in 1999.' The Express US reported. The reports came amid ongoing speculation about the 72-year-old president's health. Concerns have been raised over the years after Putin appeared to be jerking his legs during a press conference. In Astana, Kazakhstan, last November. Dr Bob Berookhim had suspected that it could be a neurological condition such as Parkinson's diseases. US, the president of the condition of the president with the condition of the president with the president of the pre President Alexandr Lukashenko in 2023. In

2022, the Kremlin also moved to quash rumours circulated by the General SVR Telegram.

## 'Zelenskyy could end war almost immediately if he wants': Trump before key meet

WASHINGTON : (AGENCY)

A day before meeting his A day before meeting his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zeknskyy, US President Donald Trump on Sunday ckimed that the Ukrainian bader could "end the war with Russia almost immediately if he wans to." Trump also reminded of the 2014 annexation of Crimea under the Obama administration and ruled out Ukraine's entry into NATO. "President Zelenskyy of Ukraine can end the war with Russia almost immediately, if he wants to, or he wants to wan with Russia almost immediately, if he wants to, or he can continue to fight. Remember how it started No getting back Obama given Crimea (12 years ago, without a shot being fired!), and NO GOING INTO NATO BY UKRAINE. Some things never change!!!!, Trump wrote on Truth Social Zeenskey who has

Zelenskyy, who has arrived in Washington for talks with Trump, pushed back strongly against the temporary, short-term peace deal attention. back strongly against the temporary. short-term peace deal, stressing that the "peace must be lasting." He referred to past incidents, such as when Ukraine was forced to give up Crimea. "And peace must be lasting, Not like it was years ago, when Ukraine was forced to give up Crimea and part of our East—part of Donbas—and Putin simply used it as a springboard for a new attack. Or when Ukraine was given so-calked security guarantees' in



1994, but they didn't work," Zelenskyy wrote in an X post announcing his arrival in Washington. He further asserted that Ukraine would not cede any more territory. "Crimea should not have

not cede any more territory. "Crimea should not have been given up then, just as Ukrainians did not give up Kyiv, Odesa, or Kharikv after 2022. Ukrainians are fighting for their land, for their independence. Now, our solders have successes in Donesk and Sumy regions. I am confident that we will defend Ukraine, effectively guarantee security, and that our people will always be grateful to President Trump, everyone in America, and every partner and ally for their support and invaluable assistance; he added The Trump's high-stakes talks with Russian President Yukhainian Suman and ally for their support Trump's high-stakes talks with Russian President Valdmir Puttin in Alaska,

which the US leader described as a success. After the 3-hour-long meeting, the US President wrote on Truth Social, "A great and very successful day in Alaskal The meeting with President Vladimir Putin of Puscia, went were well as Aaska! The meeting with President Vadimir Putin of Russia went very well, as did a late night phone call with President Vadimir Putin of Ukraine, and various European Leaders, including the highly respected Secretary General of NATO. It was determined by all that the best way to end the horrific war between Russia and Ukraine is to go directly to a Peace Agreement, which would end the war, and not a mere Ceasefire Agreement, which often times do not hold up." Meanwhile, US Secretary Marco Rubio, in an interview with NISC News Meet the Press, said the President personally called Zekensky, and several European kad-

ers from his plane while returning from Alaska. "President called them from returning from Alaska. "President called them from the airphane, spent two hours in the midtle of the night talking to them. And that's why we've been engaged with them every step of the way, is we are trying to find what can we get to that both sides can agree on, and it's been difficult. This is a hard issue set. But we're dedicating a lot of time to it." Rubio said, On what Russia is demanding in peace settlement, Rubio noted that Moscow's conditions are far from acceptions are not willing to be supportive of and that we're not going to the substantial are not going to give up on, we said As ner CNN headres. the Ukrainians are asking for things that the Russians are not going to give up on," he said As per CNN, leaders from France, Germany, the UK, Italy, and Finland are expected to attend the meeting. European Commission Desident Leyen and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte will also be part of the delegation. The Elysee Palace said French President Emmanuel Macron will "continue the work of coordination between Europeans and the United States with the aim of achieving a just and lasting peace that preserves Ukraine's vialt interests and the security.

#### Air Canada grounded as striking union defies order to get back to work MONTREAL: (AGENCY)

Air Canada's fleet of hundreds of Air Canada's feet of hundreds of planes remained grounded on Monday morning after striking flight attendants refused a gov-ernment-backed order to get back to work and called on the ariline to return to the bargain-ing table. The carrier, which nor-mally carries 130,000 people daily and is part of the global

Star Alliance of airlines, had planned to start ramping up operations on Sunday evening, after a labour relations board anter a labour reations board ordered the union to return to work and start binding arbi-tration. The union said no, set-ting up an almost unprece-dented standoff with the Canadian government, which had requested the back-to-work order.

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## Zelenskyy brings Europe's top leaders with him to meet Trump on ending Russia's war

WASHINGTON: (AGENCY)

Ukraine's future could hinge on a hastily assembled meeting Monday at the White House as Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zeknskyy brings with him an extraordinary cader of European leaders to show US President Donald Trump a united front against Russia. The European political heavy-hitters were left out of Trump's summit with Russian President Vadimir Putti bast Pricky, and they look to safeguard Ukraine and the continent from any widening aggression from Moscow, by arriving as a group, they hope to avoid any debades like Zeknsky's Abruary meeting the Called State of the Called Sta Ukraine's future could hinge on a hastily assembled



Ukraine, Monday's showing is a sign both of the progress and the possible distress coming out of the Alaska meeting as many of Europe's leaders are descending on Washington with the explicit goal of protecting Ukraine's interests, a rare and sweeping show of diplomatic force. "It's important that America agrees to work with Europe to provide security guarantees for Ukraine, and therefore for all of Europe," Zekenskyy said on X. The night before the meeting, however, Trump seemed to put the onus on Zeknskyy to agree to concessions and

suggested that Ukraine could not regain Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014, setting off an armed conflict that led to its broader 2022 invasion. "President Zelenskyy of Ukraine can end the war er ZUZZ invasion. "President Zelenskyy of Ukraine can end the war with Russia almost immediately, if he wants to, or he can continue to fight," he wrote Sunday night on social media. "Remember how it started. No getting back Obama given Crimea (12 years ago, without a shot being firedtl), and NO GOING INTO NATO BY UKRAINE. Some things never change!!" Zelenskyy appeared to respond with

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his own post late Sunday,
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He went on to say that
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Ursula von der Leyen. Zeenskyy in America's capital are European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, Prendemandel Macroresident Prime Minister Keir Sarmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, Italian Premier Giorgia Meloni, Finnish President Aksander Subb and NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte. On the table for discussion are possible NATO-like security guarantees.

## Two new polio cases confirmed in Pakistan, tally rises to 21 in 2025

ISLAMABAD : (AGENCY)

One new poliovirus case was confirmed each in Klyber Pakhtunkhwa and Sindh, bringing Pakistan's total count this year to 21, National Institute of Health (NIH) said on Monday, Dawn reported Pakistan is one of the last two countries in the world, alongstide Afghanistan, where polio remains endemic, Despite global eradication efforts, Dawn reported that factors such as security challenges, vaccine hesitancy and misinformation continue to obstruct. One new poliovirus case information continue to obstruct and mainformation continue to obstruct a statement from the Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication at Islamabad's NHI, the latest cases involve a six-year-old girl from Union Council Pattan in KP's Kohistan district and a 21-month-old girl from UC Matll-2 in Sindh's Badin. With these detections, the total number of polio cases in Pakistan in 2025 has reached 21, including 1.3 from KP, six from Sindh, and one each



from Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan," the statement from Punjab and Gilgii-Balitstan," the statement noted. Dawn reported that pollo is a highly infectious and incurable disease that can cause lifelong paralysis. The only effective protection against the debilitating virus is the repeated administration of the oral pollogistration of all routine immunisations, the NIH said it added that from September 1 to 7, a sub-national pollo vaccination campaign will be conducted, targeting more than 28 million chiltren under five across 99 districts nation-wide. "The campaign in southern Khyber Pakhtun khwa will be conducted from 15 September, The goal is to ensure every child in these districts."

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