

## Kashmiris holding peaceful protest in Washington today

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A meeting of US-resident Kashmiris in Washington DC on Saturday at the residence of SardarAftabRoshan Khan to hold peace protest to express solidarity with the people of India-held Kashmir in Washington on Sunday to attract the global attention towards deteriorating human rights plight of Kashmiris, says a message emailed to Daily Pakistan Observer here Saturday evening. SardarAmjadJalil, Chairman, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Board of Investments was the guest of honor. He said that the people of Azad Kashmir, regardless of their political affiliations or ideology have always stood by the Kashmiris in their endeavor. They will never accept any solution for Kashmir other than the right to self-determination. He further said that the peaceful resolution of longstanding Kashmir dispute will pave the way for economic development of both India and Pakistan who are spending billions of dollars on defense. SardarAmjad said that the people of Indian occupied Kashmir are giving unprecedented sacrifices. We cannot let these sacrifices go in vain under any circumstances.

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SardarZarif Khan, Advisor to the President of Azad Kashmir thanked the participants for their willingness to be the part the organizing Committee and urged everybody to attend the peaceful protest along with their families and friends. Modi administration is using all available military might to suppress the peaceful political resistance movement of Kashmir, SardarZarif added.

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A meeting of like-minded persons took place at the residence of Sardar Aftab Roshan Khan to discuss the latest situation in Indian occupied Kashmir and to exchange ideas in order to finalize the date to observe solidarity with the people of Indian occupied Kashmir. It was agreed upon that the peace protest to express solidarity with the people of Kashmir will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2024, at the Embassy of India in Washington, DC.

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Shoaib Irshad, Secretary General, Kashmir American Welfare Association (KAWA) said that the people of Indian occupied Kashmir have given unprecedented sacrifices, and our responsibility is not to let them down. Our message to the people of Kashmir is to continue the peaceful struggle, don't compromise on your basic principle of self-determination and freedom will be ours! InSha'Allah!

Sardar Aftab Roshan Khan, the host said that the atrocities committed by Indian occupation army in Kashmir are continuing in an unabated manner. Unfortunately, India has felt no pressure whatsoever from the world powers to desist from its semi-genocidal campaign.

Maqsood Chughtai said that the people of Azad Kashmir have the genuine love and affection for the people of Indian occupied Kashmir who have given enormous sacrifices, and our responsibility is to listen to the cries of the innocent people coming from the Valley of Kashmir.

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#### ECUADOR VIOLENCE

Ecuador's law enforcement forces have detained "329 terrorists" and killed five

Quito (EFE) - The head of the Joint Command of Ecuador's Armed Forces, Jaime Vela, announced on Wednesday that in operations carried out on Tuesday against the wave of attacks and riots generated by organized crime groups, "329 terrorists" have been arrested and five have been killed. "We have detained 329 terrorists, we have killed five terrorists," said Vela while making a balance of the operations developed as a result of the decree of the country's president, Daniel Noboa, who declared on Tuesday an internal armed conflict due to the resurgence of violent actions by organized crime groups.

#### ECUADOR VIOLENCE

International community, concerned about the situation in Ecuador, supports Noboa

The international community expressed its concern Wednesday over the deteriorating security situation in Ecuador due to the wave of violence unleashed by criminal groups and expressed its support for Ecuadorian President Daniel Noboa, who declared a state of emergency and stated that the country is at war. UN Secretary General António Guterres said Wednesday he was alarmed by the "deteriorating situation" in Ecuador, condemned the recent violence by criminal groups and expressed his solidarity with the Ecuadorian people.

#### ECUADOR VIOLENCE PERU

Peru formalizes 60-day state of emergency in five regions bordering Ecuador

Lima (EFE) - The Peruvian government on Wednesday officially declared a state of emergency in five regions of the country bordering Ecuador, with the aim of strengthening security and internal order in the face of the wave of violence that occurred on Tuesday in Ecuadorian territory, reported a supreme decree. The measure, subscribed by President Dina Boluarte, includes districts of 7 provinces located in the regions of Tumbes, Piura, Cajamarca, Amazonas and Loreto, indicated the norm published in the bulletin of the official newspaper El Peruano.

#### ECUADOR VIOLENCE

U.S. Pledges to Help Ecuador Bring Perpetrators of Violence to Justice

Washington (EFE) - The United States pledged Wednesday to help Ecuador bring to justice those responsible for recent violence, including Tuesday's takeover of a television station in Guayaquil by an armed group. In a message on the social network X (formerly Twitter), White House national security adviser Jake Sullivan condemned the violence in Ecuador: "We strongly condemn the recent criminal attacks by armed groups in Ecuador against private, public and government institutions.

#### ISRAEL PALESTINE

Israeli delegation discusses in Egypt a truce of up to one month in Gaza, according to Egyptian sources.

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Cairo (EFE) - An Israeli delegation discussed Wednesday in Cairo the possibility of reaching a truce of between 21 and 30 days in the Gaza Strip through an exchange of hostages held by the Islamist group Hamas for Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, Egyptian security sources told EFE. The sources, who requested anonymity, said the talks focused on "the likelihood" of Hamas releasing some 40 civilian hostages - mainly elderly, wounded, women and minors - in exchange for the release of "hundreds of Palestinian prisoners" and a cease-fire in Gaza of between 21 and 30 days.

#### ISRAEL PALESTINE

Israel claims that two journalists it killed in Gaza on Sunday were "terrorist agents".

Jerusalem (EFE) - The Israeli army said Wednesday that two journalists it killed in an air strike last Sunday in Gaza were "identified as terrorist agents" of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, in a case that generated widespread denunciations and controversy. On the morning of January 7, "Israeli troops detected a hostile drone near Rafah, an immediate threat to nearby soldiers," after which a fighter jet was sent "to target the drone operators" who were killed in the attack.

#### HUTIS ATTACKS

Houthis say their attacks in the Red Sea are to exert "economic pressure" on Israel

Cairo (EFE) - Yemen's Houthi rebels said Wednesday that their attacks on commercial vessels in the Red Sea are not aimed at "sinking" ships linked to Israel, but at forcing them to redirect to other routes to exert "economic pressure" on the Jewish state. "The aim is not to sink or seize ships linked to Israel, but rather to force them to use the Cape of Good Hope as a letter of economic pressure on Israel to stop the crimes of genocide in Gaza," Houthi political bureau member Mohamed al Bukaiti said on X (formerly Twitter).

#### PAPUA PROTESTS

At least 15 killed during riots in Papua New Guinea cities.

Sydney, Australia (EFE) - At least 15 people have been killed during riots in towns in Papua New Guinea, whose government has called in the army to try to restore order. Following a peaceful protest called the day before by the police and other security forces, some thugs took advantage of the situation to loot in Port Moresby, the capital, and the city of Lae, the second most populous in the country.

#### MIGRATION CRISIS IN MEXICO

Asylum requests in Mexico rise 18% in 2023 to a record that saturates the border

Mexico City/Tapachula (Mexico) (EFE) - Asylum requests in Mexico rose 18.2% in 2023 to a record 140,982, the official report of the Mexican Commission for Refugee Aid (Comar) revealed Wednesday, a phenomenon that reflects a humanitarian crisis that saturates the southern border. The applications are higher than the 119,273 received in 2022 and are also 8.8% more than the previous record of 129,585 achieved just in 2021, when the increase was attributed to the crisis resulting from the covid-19 pandemic.

#### U.S. ELECTIONS

Chris Christie, Trump's biggest critic, withdraws from Republican presidential race

Washington (EFE).- Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie announced Wednesday that he is suspending his campaign to be the Republican Party's nominee for the November presidential election, although he promised to fight to "not facilitate" Trump's arrival again to the U.S. presidency. "It is clear that there is no path for me to win the nomination. This is why I am suspending my campaign for U.S. president," Christie said during a meeting with voters in Windham, New Hampshire.

#### ARGENTINA IMF

Agreement with IMF will allow Argentina to have US\$4.65 billion for maturities.

Buenos Aires (EFE) - Argentina will have 3,500 special drawing rights (SDR), equivalent to some 4.65 billion dollars, to pay debt maturities, after reaching an agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in the framework of the seventh review of the extended facilities program signed with the entity in 2022. As informed this Wednesday by the Minister of Economy, Luis Caputo, in a press conference, this is not "a new agreement", but that the Executive of Javier Milei tried to "refloat" the already existing one because the other "would have implied much more time".

#### USA TRUMP

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The judge cancels the appearance of Trump tomorrow at the close of his trial in New York

New York (EFE).- Former U.S. President Donald Trump (2017-2021) will finally not speak Thursday during closing arguments in his fraud trial in New York, after his lawyers did not respond to a judge's order for the former president to limit his intervention to the case at hand, without other considerations. The news comes after news broke that Trump, who faces a fine of up to \$370 million and a lifetime veto on real estate in the state, planned to speak before the judge hands down his sentence on Thursday. EFE

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## Voices of Peaceful Protest

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### Body

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It's been 40 years since Martin Luther King's Birthday became a national holiday, and the question of how to celebrate it was probably best answered by the late John Lewis. The Georgia representative called it "a day on, not a day off," "a day of action, a day of love, to give of ourselves to others and begin anew the building of the beloved community." A new picture book about Lewis and two about Coretta Scott King make for illuminating reading on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s holiday and throughout the year.

Written by Alice Faye Duncan and illustrated by R. Gregory Christie, *CORETTA'S JOURNEY: The Life and Times of Coretta Scott King* (Calkins Creek/Astra, 48 pp., \$18.99, ages 7 to 10) provides a stirring introduction to a woman who stood strong before and after her husband's 1968 assassination. With telling details, Duncan describes the likely sources of Coretta Scott King's fortitude: her remarkable parents, her religious faith and a willingness to defend herself. Coretta's mother advised her two daughters to "get an education and try to be somebody," and the book's first half shows how Coretta became somebody in Alabama, Ohio and Boston.

Alternating between poems and prose, Duncan's text is informative as well as emotionally powerful, with a sense of cosmic destiny about Coretta's future with Martin sprinkled throughout: "Venus and Saturn converged/Two agents for change." Christie's illustrations similarly range from dreamlike images (young Coretta sitting on an impossibly high tree branch and gazing at the stars) to real-life documentation (Coretta celebrating her husband's Nobel Peace Prize with him).

"Coretta's Journey" includes harrowing episodes, like the burning by white supremacists of her childhood home, alongside the satisfactions of creating change in the world, raising four children and ensuring that Martin's legacy would be honored. For 15 years, she pressed for a national holiday -- the first established to honor someone other than Columbus or an American president.

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Happily, Ekua Holmes's vibrant illustrations go a long way toward canceling out these quibbles. Starting with her luminous cover portrait, they do justice to a woman who had a mission well before her soon-to-be husband drove her home from their first date in his green Chevrolet. Holmes effectively incorporates pieces of the past -- covers of Jet magazine, archival photos, bits of printed music and text -- into her paintings, and her use of color and block shading helps to bring out the story's many nuances. Despite the hardships endured, this art suggests, the couple's marriage stands as the quintessential embodiment of what Coretta referred to in her memoir as "the power of love in action."

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"Coretta"

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