

***At UNSC, Pakistan
Slams Israel's Gaza
Takeover Plan And Urges
Deployment Of Int'l
Protection Force***

United Nations (News Desk): Pakistan has strongly denounced Israel's plan to take control of Gaza, urging the United Nations Security Council to take enforcement measures, including deploying an international protection force, to halt Israeli aggression and protect the besieged Palestinians. Speaking at an emergency meeting of the 15-member Council, Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmad, warned that severing Gaza from the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory is a direct assault on the foundation of the two-state vision, stressing that governance decisions must be made by Palestinians alone. Citing Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's stance that the root cause of the crisis is Israel's illegal occupation, he called on the Council to invoke Chapter VII of the UN Charter to prevent Israel from occupying Gaza City—a move he described as part of a campaign of ethnic cleansing that violates UN resolutions



Ikrāmullah, the student hailing from Qila Saifullah in Balochistan, who was affected due to 2022 floods and whom PM provided educational facilities at Lawrence college Murree called on Prime Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif in Islamabad

FAISALABAD (News Desk) Speakers at a seminar on down syndrome at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad called for importance of strengthening support mechanisms for individuals with down syndrome. The event titled awareness session on down syndrome was organized by University of Agriculture Faisalabad in collaboration with Karachi Down Syndrome Program. Institute of Home Sciences Director Dr Beenish Israr, Dr Ayesha Riaz, Dr Alvina Haseeb, Dr Adeela Manzoor, Assistant Manager KDSP Aimen Rashid and other notable spoke on the occasion. They said that down syndrome was a chromosomal condition, but with proper rehabilitation services, individuals can be fully mainstreamed into society. With the timely proper support and early intervention, these individuals can lead independent and fulfilling lives. The event featured success stories of individuals with Down syndrome, and the need for collaborative efforts to enhance accessibility and opportunities.

Gilgit (News Desk): At least eight local volunteers were killed after being buried under debris when a landslide struck the Danyore stream area of Gilgit on Sunday, with fears that several others may still be trapped. According to police sources, the volunteers were working to repair and restore a flood-damaged water channel when a large mound of earth suddenly collapsed, burying multiple people beneath it. Hospital officials confirmed that all those killed were members of the local volunteer team, while three injured persons are receiving medical treatment. Rescue operations are continuing, with local residents also assisting in the search for missing individuals. The district administration has declared an emergency in affected hospitals. A spokesperson for the Gilgit-Baltistan government said the region is facing severe impacts of climate change, with melting glaciers increasing water flow in several streams. This has triggered flooding in the Shisper stream, causing extensive damage to nearby agricultural lands. Crops, orchards, and trees have been washed away, while a section of the Karakoram Highway has been damaged, leading to the closure of the Hunza route once again.

Dubai (News Desk): Under the patronage of Sheikh Ahmed bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Second Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Chairman of the Dubai Media Council, the Dubai Press Club (DPC) announced that it will organise the fifth edition of Dubai PodFest on 30th September 2025, coinciding with International Podcast Day—a global celebration of the power and influence of podcasts. Bringing together prominent Arab podcasters, media organisations, and leading audio content platforms, Dubai PodFest serves as the region's leading event dedicated to podcasting, offering a platform to exchange ideas, share success stories, and shape the future of Arabic audio content. Participants will explore global trends, discuss strategies for expanding the reach and competitiveness of Arabic content, and address challenges facing podcast creators. Mona Al Marri, Vice Chairperson and Managing Director of the Dubai Media Council and President of the DPC, said the event reflects Sheikh Ahmed's vision to position Dubai as a hub for Arab media, a driver of creative content, and a global destination for new media talent. She added that the PodFest brings together leading Emirati and Arab media professionals to explore ways to support this growing sector. Maryam Al Mulla, Director of DPC, emphasised the commitment to supporting the podcasting industry's growth and spotlighting success stories to inspire young talent. Mahfoudha Abdullah, Manager of Dubai PodFest, noted that the event provides opportunities to enhance the Arab podcasting landscape amid rapid technological change. Dubai Press Club has invited podcast professionals, entrepreneurs, and content creators to join panel discussions, workshops, and interactive sessions during the event.

UAE Harnesses AI To Boost Arabic Language Global Reach

Abu Dhabi (News Desk): The UAE has emerged as a global model in harnessing artificial intelligence (AI) to preserve and promote the Arabic language and its cultural heritage in the digital age, enhancing its regional and international standing as a language equipped for the future. Government entities are driving AI-powered initiatives across publishing, education, lexicography, and creative content. Among the landmark achievements is the completion of the Historical Dictionary of the Arabic Language in Sharjah, documenting the language's evolution through history. Building on this, the "GPT Historical Dictionary of the Arabic Language" project now offers researchers and enthusiasts access to over 20 million Arabic words, enabling text creation, reading, video conversion, and continuous content updates through a collaboration between the Arabic Language Academy in Sharjah and the Emirates Scholar Research Centre.