



TWO dead after a migrant boat sank off the coast of Tunisia on Saturday morning

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NATO-calibre weapons being transferred to ISIL-K: UN

UNITED NATIONS

NATO-calibre weapons being transferred to ISIL-K (Islamic State-Khorasan Province) by groups affiliated with the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, as per a UN report.

The 17th report of the Secretary-General on the threat posed by ISIL (Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant), also known as Daesh, to international peace and security said that UN member states remained concerned about the proliferation of weapons in Afghanistan, the Middle East and Africa, in particular the access by Daesh and its regional affiliates to small arms and light weapons, as well as their increased use of unmanned aircraft systems and improvised explosive devices.

Regional Member States reported that NATO-calibre weapons typically associated with the former Afghan National Defence and Security Forces were being transferred to ISIL-K by groups affiliated with the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, such as Tehrik-e Taliban Pakistan and the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement, also known as the Turkistan Islamic Party.

The report added that member states assessed ISIL-K as being the most serious terrorist threat in Afghanistan.

PRO-ARMY

Caretaker Pak PM is a first-timer in the Upper House

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ISLAMABAD

SENATOR Anwarul Haq Kakar was on Saturday appointed the caretaker prime minister of Pakistan to head a neutral political set-up to run the cash-strapped country until the next general elections.

Kakar, 52, is an ethnic Pushtun from Balochistan province and a part of the Balochistan Awami Party (BAP)—a party considered close to the powerful establishment of the country. Kakar was elected to the Senate in 2018 and has been a very active politician. He has also served as the spokesperson of the Balochistan provincial government prior to his election to the upper house.

Born in 1971 in the Muslim Bagh area of Qila Saifullah district of Balochistan, Kakar holds a Master's degree in Political Science, Sociology and is an alumnus of the University of Balochistan. According to the website of Senate of Pakistan, Kakar was a member of five committees which included Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development (as Chairperson), Business Advisory Committee, Finance and Revenue, Foreign Affairs and Science and Technology committees. Political analyst Hasan Askari Rizvi told AFP that Kakar "has a limited political career and not much weight in Pakistani politics," but that could work in his favour. "This can be an advantage because he has no strong affiliation with the major political parties," he said. "But the disadvantage is that being a lightweight politician he may find it difficult to cope with the problems he's going to face without the active support of the military."



Anwarul Haq Kakar, Pak caretaker PM

Australia PM urges China to free jailed journalist

SYDNEY

PM Anthony Albanese called on Saturday for China to release jailed Australian journalist Cheng Lei, saying he was

worried about her condition after three years behind bars.

Cheng has described her bleak prison conditions in a note dictated to a note to Australian officials from her cell, saying she misses trees and sunlight but "most of all I miss my children." The message was shared with Australian news outlets and on the social media platform X by Cheng's partner,

Nick Coyle, on Thursday. Asked if he was concerned about her welfare, Albanese said, "I certainly am, and Cheng should be released. This is three years too long." AFP

Hawaii starts probe into wildfire handling as death toll hits 80

LAHAINA

HAWAII'S chief legal officer said on Friday she was opening a probe into the handling of devastating wildfires that killed at least 80 people in the state this week, as criticism grows of the official response.

The announcement and increased death toll came as residents of Lahaina were allowed back into the town for the first time—with most finding their homes reduced to ashes.

Hawaii's Attorney General Anne Lopez said her office would examine "critical decision-making and standing policies leading up to, during and after the wildfires on Maui and Hawaii's islands this week." She added that her department would make the findings public. Late Friday, Maui County officials revised the death toll to 80, adding that 1,418 people were in emergency evacuation shelters.

The fires follow other extreme weather events in North America this summer, with record-breaking wildfires still burning across Canada and a major heat wave baking the US southwest. Europe and parts of Asia have also endured soaring temperatures, with major fires and floods wreaking havoc. Scientists have said global warming caused by carbon emissions is contributing to the extreme weather. AFP

EXPRESS READ

Detained Niger prez seen by doctor: Source

Niamey: Niger's detained president was seen by his doctor on Saturday, his entourage said, amid mounting concern for his condition, while West Africa's regional bloc scrapped a crisis meeting on the coup that deposed him. Bazoum "had a visit by his doctor today," a member of his entourage told AFP, adding the physician had also brought food for Bazoum, his wife and son. "He's fine, given the situation," the source added. Mohamed Bazoum was toppled on July 26 by his presidential guard, which has since held him at his residence.

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