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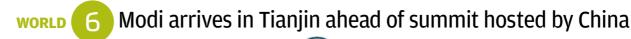
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Abbas barred from UN talks

AFP | Washington

AUS official said yester-day that Palestinian Authority president Mahmud Abbas is among 80 officials being denied visas to attend next month's UN General Assembly, where France is leading a push to recognise a Palestinian state.

"Abbas is affected by this action along with approximately 80 other PA officials," a State Department official said in a statement, detailing those impacted by the extraordinary decision announced on Friday by the US, a key ally of Israel.

Arad building fire TDT | Manama

¬ivil Defense contained 🜙 a fire that broke out in a

residential building in Arad. The National Ambulance transferred the injured to hospital, where their condition was reported stable.

Houthi Premier. ministers killed in Israeli strike

AFP | Sanaa

Yemen's Houthi rebels said yesterday their prime minister and other ministers were killed in an Israeli air strike earlier this week, the most senior officials known to have died in a series of attacks during the Gaza war.

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Workplace comfort

MPs study draft amendment requiring suitable seats for women at work

Mohammed Darwish TDT | Manama

arliament's Services Committee is studying a draft amendment to the Labour Law in the Private Sector to require employers to provide suitable seating for women at work.

The proposal is being prepared for debate in the next session and for presentation in the fourth session of the current legislative term.

Its aim is to ensure a comfortable and safe workplace for women employees.

MP Hanan Fardan, a main sponsor, said the draft seeks to protect women's rights by obliging employers to offer appropriate seats for female staff, creating conditions that support productivity and job stability.

Complaints

She said the idea followed raini staff in shops and private able. companies who were made to



The lawmaker said such treatrepeated complaints from Bah- ment is inhuman and unaccept-

> Supporters argue that the also serves employers.

measure would advance social justice and equal opportunity.

"The draft seeks to protect women's rights by obliging employers to offer appropriate seats for female staff, creating conditions that support productivity and job stability."

- MP HANAN FARDAN

They add that passing the ciety and to guarantee equality with men in political, social, cultural and economic life without According to the proposal's prejudice to Islamic sharia.

stand for whole shifts under a chance to sit during long hours explanatory memorandum, the The memorandum says the nancy or urgent medical needs, policy she described as 'enslave- eases strain, lifts morale and Constitution requires the state duty to provide seats would and that the proposal matches ment', exploiting a woman's raises output and loyalty, which to balance a woman's duties to apply in all workplaces, even national goals to support women her family with her work in so- where tasks involve movement. in the labour market.

Long shifts

Regular sitting during long shifts, it notes, reduces fatigue, improves performance and cuts absenteeism.

It adds that seating helps prevent injuries linked to long periods of standing, especially in roles that demand constant

Providing seats, it says, gives women a sense of comfort and safety, which supports better mental health and higher output, to the employer's gain.

The explanatory memorandum states that seating for women workers is essential to protect health, improve performance and invest in human capital, and that it would help to reduce harassment and violence in the workplace, with a likely rise in employee lovalty.

On humanitarian and social grounds, it says a working woman has a right to conditions that offer comfort in line with her health, especially during preg-

Biggest rescue operation

Floods displace half a million people in Pakistan

AFP | Lahore

Nearly half a million peo-ple have been displaced by villages. flooding in eastern Pakistan afsive rescue operation.

Three transboundary rivers livestock. that cut through Punjab prov-

ince, which borders India, have people have been affected by the ilies from affected areas, mostly forts are continuing," Khan said. swollen to exceptionally high flooding.

ter days of heavy rain swelled the Punjab government's relief province's disaster management week has killed 30 people, he rivers, relief officials said yes- services, said 481,000 people agency, added at a press conterday, as they carried out a mas-stranded by the floods have been ference. evacuated, along with 405,000

"This is the biggest rescue operation in Punjab's history,"

and over 1.300 rescue personnel

located in rural areas near the banks of the three rivers.

Nabeel Javed, the head of Irfan Ali Khan, the head of the flooding since the start of the stock. said, with hundreds left dead Shahdara, on the outskirts of throughout the heavier than the provincial capital of Lahore, He said more than 800 boats usual season that began in June. dozens of families were gath-

Overall, more than 1.5 million were involved in evacuating fam- attended. All kinds of rescue ef- rising water in their homes.

More than 500 relief camps have been set up to provide shel-The latest spell of monsoon ter to families and their live-

In the impoverished town of "No human life is being left unered in a school after fleeing the





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