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July 26, 2021: National / International [Current Affairs](#)

1. PTI clinches most seats to form next government in AJK

- The Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) was all set to form the next government in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) on its own, as unofficial and unconfirmed results for 43 of the total 45 general seats of the Legislative Assembly suggested it being far ahead of its competitors.
 - The PTI won in 25 constituencies nine of them in Pakistan-followed by the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) in 10 constituencies (one of them in Pakistan) and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz in six constituencies (two of them in Pakistan), according to the unofficial results collected till late on Sunday night from candidates as well as sources in the Election Commission
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2. Door-to-door Covid vaccination drive to start in four KP districts

- The health department is starting door-to-door Covid-19 vaccination campaign in four districts of the province on July 28, 2021.
 - The inoculation drive is being launched on the recommendation of National Command and Operation Centre (NCOC) in Abbottabad, Mansehra, Peshawar and Mardan on July 28 to cover at least 40 per cent target population by middle of August.
 - Officials told this scribe that those districts had been selected on the basis of more population and infectivity. They said that those districts were hubs of commercial activities and visited by more people
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3. Air strikes in support of Afghan troops to go on: US general

- The United States will continue air strikes in support of Afghan forces fighting the Taliban, a top US general said on July 25, 2021, as the insurgents press on with offensives across the country. `The United States has increased air strikes in the support of Afghan forces over the last several days, and we are prepared to continue this heightened level of support in the coming weeks if the Taliban continue their attacks,` General Kenneth McKenzie, head of the US Army Central Command, told reporters in Kabul.
 - McKenzie acknowledged that there were tough days ahead for the Afghan government, but insisted that the Taliban were nowhere close to victory.
 - `The Taliban are attempting to create a sense of inevitability about their campaign. They are wrong,` he said
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4. Al Qaeda present in 15 Afghan provinces: UN

- Al Qaeda is present in at least 15 Afghan provinces, primarily in the eastern, southern and southeastern regions, says a United Nations report prepared for the Security Council.
 - The twenty-eighth report of the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team, submitted to the council this week, contains the latest information on ISIL (Daesh), Al Qaeda and their affiliates.
 - The team has been established under a UN Security Council (UNSC) resolution and its reports are printed in all official languages of the world body.
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5. Parliament suspended in Tunisia

- Tunisian President Kais Saied suspended parliament and dismissed Prime Minister Hichem Mechichi on July 25, 2021 following protests against the ruling party.
 - Saied announced the moves after an emergency meeting at his palace as thousands of Tunisians marched in several cities protesting about government failures in the North African nation and crippling coronavirus rates.
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6. Israel freezes oil deal with UAE

- Israel's environmental protection ministry said on July 25, 2021 it was delaying implementation of a proposed oil transport deal with the United Arab Emirates, freezing a project that has angered environmentalists.
 - The agreement, which followed the UAE and Israel establishing diplomatic ties last year, would see Gulf oil brought to the Red Sea port of Eilat by tanker, then moved by pipeline through mainland Israel to the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon, from where it would be shipped to Europe.
 - The oil deal, involving Israel's state-owned Europe Asia Pipeline Company (EAPC) and an Israeli-Emirati company called MED-RED Land Bridge Ltd, has not launched
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7. Typhoon drenches China's east, affects Shanghai

- Typhoon In-Fa uprooted trees and drenched communities in knee-deep water in parts of eastern China, but there were no reports of major damage as it made landfall on July 25, 2021.
 - Sea, air and rail traffic had been shut down across a swathe of the coast centered on the major shipping port of Ningbo, where the weakening typhoon rumbled ashore around midday packing winds of up to 38 metres per second, according to the China Meteorological Administration.
 - Response teams in Ningbo cleared away fallen trees in the city centre, while residents in some neighbourhoods waded through floodwaters and merchants piled up sandbags in front of their businesses to keep out water.
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8. Russia marks navy's 325th anniversary

- President Vladimir Putin said on July 25, 2021 that Russia's navy was capable of delivering lethal strikes against underwater and aerial enemy targets during a parade of warships in the port city of Saint Petersburg.
- Russia marked the 325th anniversary of the founding of its navy with ship parades at major ports.
- The Russian leader's boast comes days after military officials announced tests of advanced new weapons, some of which come from an arsenal Putin has described as 'invincible.' 'The Russian navy today has everything it needs to guarantee the protection of

our country and our national interests,` he said.

9. Two Israeli airlines start direct flights to Morocco

- Two Israeli carriers on July 25, 2021 launched nonstop commercial flights to Marrakesh from Tel Aviv following the upgrading of diplomatic relations last year between Morocco and Israel.
 - Israel and Morocco agreed last December to upgrade diplomatic ties and relaunch direct flights part of a deal brokered by the United States that also included Washington`s recognition of Moroccan sovereignty over Western Sahara.
 - `This route will help promote tourism, trade and economic cooperation between the two countries,` said Israeli Tourism Minister Yoel Razvozov
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10. Otelo, architect of Portugal`s 1974 revolution, dies aged 84

- Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho, architect of the so-called Carnation Revolution that ended more than four decades of dictatorship in Portugal, died on July 25, 2021 aged 84, the April Captains group announced.
 - Known in Portugal simply as Otelo, he died at Lisbon`s military hospital, spokesman for the group behind the April 1974 revolution, Colonel Vasco Lourenco, told national media.
 - The high-profile but controversial figure played a key role in the bloodless coup that brought sweeping social, economic and political changes to Portugal
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