

says Stoltenberg

"The details will take shape in the weeks to come. But make no mistake, Ukraine can rely on Nato support now and for the long haul," he said, after foreign ministers held talks in Brussels. Despite a welcome for the proposed fund from staunch Ukraine allies such as Poland and the Baltic states there appeared to be considerable scepticism among other allies. Germany's Foreign Minister Annalena Baer-

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70 percent of Nato countries, but Hungary and Turkey remain holdouts blocking a swift nomination ahead of the summit. Meanwhile, Ukraine lowered its draft-eligible age for men from 27 to 25 on Wednesday, reflecting the strain that more than two years of war with Russia has put on its military and the need to infuse its depleted ranks with new conscripts. Agencies

Red Sea attacks obstruct peace process: US envoy

WASHINGTON: Yemen's Houthi rebels are undermining the war-torn country's peace process by attacking ships in the Red Sea, US special envoy Tim Lenderking said on Wednesday, urging them to stop.

Attacks by the rebels are also preventing humanitarian aid from getting to their own people and to the Gaza Strip, Lenderking said following visits to Saudi Arabia and Oman.

"The Houthis must immediately halt their attacks in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden because they are undermining progress on the Yemen peace process and complicating the delivery of humanitarian assistance to Yemenis and others in need, including the Palestinian people," Lenderking told a virtual briefing. He said talks in Saudi Arabia and Oman had aimed to "secure Houthi de-escalation and renew focus on securing a durable peace for the Yemeni people."

"While there remains broad international sup-

port for an inclusive Yemeni-Yemeni peace process to find a lasting solution to the country's conflict, successful negotiations are extremely difficult as long as the Houthis continue their aggressive actions," he warned.

"Absent a political settlement, we fear Yemen's humanitarian and economic crises will only get worse." Lenderking said shipping arrivals at the rebel-held Hodeidah port, "the lifeblood for the Yemeni people," were down 15 percent because of the attacks. Most of the attacks have been by drone and missile, but the Houthis also captured the Galaxy Leader, a vehicle-carrying ship, along with its international crew in November.

"Unfortunately, these attacks against international shipping have undermined the credibility of the Houthis as a good faith actor in Yemen," said Lenderking, calling on them to release the Galaxy Leader's crew.

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Landmine wounded UN observers, says Lebanon

BEIRUT: An ongoing Lebanese army investigation has determined that a landmine wounded three UN military observers and a translator last week, a judicial official said on Wednesday, as Israel implicated Hizbollah.

"Preliminary results of a Lebanese army investigation have found that the observers were wounded by a landmine," the Lebanese official said, requesting anonymity. The ongoing investigation by the army and peacekeepers from the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) has yet to determine who planted the mine, the official added, noting three mines were in the area, "one of which exploded."

UNIFIL said that military observers from Australia, Chile and Norway and a Lebanese language assistant were wounded in Saturday's blast.

The observers from the UN Truce Supervision Organization, which supports UNIFIL, had been on a foot patrol along the so-called Blue Line -- the UN-demarcated border between Lebanon

and Israel, the peacekeepers said.

Israel's military said on Wednesday it had obtained information that indicated a Hizbollah explosive charge had caused the blast.

"According to information available to the (army), the explosion that occurred on March 30 occurred after a UNIFIL patrol passed over a charge that had been previously placed by Hizbollah in the area," army spokesman Avichay Adraee said on X.

A source close to Hizbollah said the group would "certainly not respond to the Israeli accusations," adding that the matter was in the hands of UNIFIL and the army.

UNIFIL spokesperson Andrea Tenenti said that preliminary reports showed "the explosion was not caused by direct or indirect fire."

Lebanon's state-run National News Agency had reported Saturday that an "enemy (Israeli) drone" raided the Rmeish area where the blasts struck.

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Biden and Trump win key primaries

KENOSHA: Voters in four states weighed in on Tuesday on their parties' presidential nominees, a largely symbolic vote now that both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump have locked up the Democratic and Republican nominations. Biden and Trump easily won primaries in Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and Wisconsin, adding to their delegate hauls for their party conventions this summer.

Their victories, while hardly surprising, nev-

ertheless offer clues about enthusiasm among base voters for the upcoming 2020 rematch that has left a majority of Americans underwhelmed.

Biden has faced opposition from activists encouraging Democrats to vote against him to send a message of disapproval for his handling of the war between Israel and Hamas, and some Republican Trump critics are still voting for rivals who have dropped out.

"Uncommitted" in Rhode Island and Connecticut

was getting a similar share of the Democratic vote as protest campaigns in Minnesota and Michigan, which got 19% and 13% respectively.

In particular, the tallies in Wisconsin, a pivotal November battleground, will give hints about the share of Republicans who still aren't on board with Trump and how many Democrats are disillusioned with Biden. Trump campaigned on Tuesday in Wisconsin and Michigan, two Midwest battlegrounds.

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Announcing the opening of nominations for membership in the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Company is pleased to inform the shareholders of the opening of the nomination for the Board of Directors during the period from Thursday the 4th of April 2024 to Monday the 15th of April 2024. Each person/ shareholder who has met the conditions for nomination to the Board of Directors may nominate himself/herself to the Board under an application submitted to the Company's Management at its headquarters in office 901, 48 Burj Gate, Dubai, and the application must be accompanied by an introductory summary of the applicant and the membership description on the basis of which he/she wishes to nominate himself/herself (executive member - non-executive member - independent member).

General Terms:

1. The number of members required to be elected to the Board of Directors is 7 members.
2. Nominations for membership in the Board of Directors will remain open for a period of (10) days from the date of the announcement, in accordance with the requirements of Article (9) of the Chairman of Authority's Board of Directors' Decision no. (3/Chairman) of 2020 concerning Approval of Joint Stock Companies Governance Guide and its amendments from time to time.
3. Whoever nominates himself/herself for membership in the Board of Directors must meet the conditions stipulated in Federal Decree of Law No. (32) of 2021 regarding commercial companies and the Chairman of Authority's Board of Directors' Decision no. (3/Chairman) of 2020 concerning Approval of Joint Stock Companies Governance Guide and the Company's Articles of Association and its amendments thereto from time to time.
4. The nomination application must be accompanied by the documents referred to in Article (10) of Chairman of Authority's Board of Directors' Decision no. (3/Chairman) of 2020 and its amendments from time to time.
5. After closing the nomination, a candidate shall not relinquish his/her nomination to another person.
6. The names and details of the candidates shall be published on the notice board of the Company and on the Company website (www.almalcapital.com) on the 22nd of April 2024.
7. The Securities Commodities Authority and Market shall be provided with a list of candidates' names in the day following the nomination closing.