

'full-scale war'

Khamenei says killing commanders cannot stop Hezbollah

Iranian leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Wednesday that Israel's killing of commanders couldn't bring the Iran-backed Lebanese militant group to its knees, but this was not the sort of damage caused to Hezbollah, but this was not the sort of damage caused to its knees," he said in meeting with military personnel and Iranian officials.

Human strength of Hezbollah is much more than that. Their military strength are much more than that and cannot be seriously affected.

Border has seen near-daily exchanges of fire since the outbreak of the war, after Hamas's unprecedented attack on Israel. The violence has continued since last week after coordinated sabotage attacks on communication devices killed 39 people and wounded almost

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Asia plot defiant

Zelensky to dig up dirt on Biden.

Zelensky said he hoped to see Trump while in the United States and explain that the war is more complicated.

Zelensky has sharply criticized Trump's running mate, J.D. Vance, who has said

bluntly that he does not care about Ukraine and that the United States should focus instead on confronting China.

"Let Mr. Vance read up on the history of the Second World War, when a country was forced to give part of its territory to one particular person," Zelensky told The New Yorker. In Germany, the second-largest contributor of military aid to Ukraine, Chancellor Olaf Scholz is also

ADB maintains growth forecast for Developing Asia

MANILA: Developing Asia is on track to grow 5% this year, supported by strong consumption and high demand for tech exports, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) forecast on Wednesday, and said China was expected to roll out more economic support measures.

In an update to its Asian Development Outlook report, the ADB left most growth projections for economies in the region unchanged from its July report, maintaining its growth outlook for developing Asia at 5.0% this year and 4.9% next year.

It revised down its inflation forecasts for developing Asia, which groups 46 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, to 2.8% for this



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WORLD ECONOMY & POLITICS

Leaders at UN warn

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UNITED NATIONS: World leaders lined up at the United Nations on Tuesday to call on Israel to refrain from a full-scale war in Lebanon, with the organization's chief warning the situation was on the "brink".

The UN General Assembly, the high point of the international diplomatic calendar, comes after Lebanese authorities said 58 people displaced by Israel's strikes has likely soared to 50 of them children. "Full-scale war is not in anyone's interest. Even though the situation has escalated, a diplomatic solution is still possible," US President Joe Biden said in his farewell address to the global body.

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Zelensky all on nuclear UN

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Taliban jam international broadcasts in Kabul: CPJ

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2024 by the e-voting service provider.

c. Identity of the members intending to cast vote through e-voting shall be authenticated through electronic signature or authentication for login.

d. Members shall cast vote online from October 21, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. till October 23, 2024 5:00 P.M. Voting shall close on October 23, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Once the vote on the resolution has been casted by a Member, he/she shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

PROCEDURE FOR VOTING THROUGH POSTAL BALLOT

- Members may alternatively opt for voting through postal ballot. For convenience of the members, Ballot Paper is annexed to this notice and the same is also available on the Company's website www.biafo.com.
- The members must ensure that the duly filled and signed ballot paper, along with a copy of Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) should reach the Chairman of the meeting through post at the Company's registered address, [1st Floor, Biafo House, Plot No. 23, St No. 38-40, I&T Centre, G-10/4, Islamabad, Pakistan], or email at management@biafo.com one day before the AGM, i.e., on October 23, 2024 before 5:00 P.M. A postal ballot received after this time/date shall not be considered for voting.
- The signature on the Ballot Paper shall match with signature on the CNIC.

E-DIVIDEND

As per Section 242 of the Companies Act, 2017, in case of a listed company, any dividend payable in cash shall only be paid through electronic mode directly into the bank account designated by the entitled shareholders. Therefore, through this notice, all shareholders are requested to update their IBAN details in the Central Depository System through respective participants. In case of physical shares, to provide bank account details to our Share Registrar, M/s F.D. Registrar Services (PVT) Ltd. E-Dividend mandate form is enclosed.

DEPOSIT OF PHYSICAL SHARES INTO CDC ACCOUNT

As per Section 72 of the Companies Act, 2017 every existing company shall be required to replace its physical shares with book entry form in a manner as may be specified and from the date notified by the SECP, within a period not exceeding four years from the commencement of the Companies Act, 2017 i.e. May 31, 2017. The shareholder having physical shareholding may open CDC sub-account with any of the brokers or investor's account directly with the CDC to place their physical shares into scrip-less form. This will facilitate them in many ways including safe custody and sale of shares, any time they want, as the trading of physical shares is not permitted as per existing regulations of the Stock Exchange.

FILER AND NON-FILER STATUS

- i) In pursuance of Section 150 of the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 whereby different rates are prescribed for deduction of withholding tax on the amount of dividend paid by the companies. These tax rates are as under:
- For filers of income tax returns 15%
 - For non-filers of income tax returns 30%

To enable the Company to make tax deduction on the amount of cash dividend @ 15% instead of 30%, all the shareholders whose names are not entered into the Active Tax payers List (ATL) provided on the website of FBR, despite the fact that they are filers, are advised to make sure that their names are entered into ATL on or before the date of approval of cash dividend at the Annual General Meeting on October 24, 2024 otherwise tax on their cash dividend will be deducted @ 30% instead of @ 15%.

Further, according to clarification received from Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), with-holding tax will be determined separately on "Filer/Non-Filer" status of Principal shareholder as well as joint holder(s) based on their shareholding proportions, in case of joint accounts. In this regard all shareholders who hold shares jointly are requested to provide shareholding Proportions of Principal shareholders and Joint-holder(s) in respect of shares held by them (only if not already provided) to our Shares Registrar, in writing as follows:

Company Name	Folio/ CDS Account No.	Total Shares	Principal Shareholder		Joint Shareholder	
			Name and CNIC No.	Shareholding Proportion (No. of Shares)	Name and CNIC No.	Shareholding Proportion (No. of Shares)

- ii) For any query / problem / information, the investors may contact the Company or the Share Registrar at the following addresses, phone numbers, email addresses:
- Biafo Industries Limited**
1st Floor, Biafo House, Plot No. 23, St No. 38-40, I&T Centre, G-10/4, Islamabad, Pakistan.
Tel: +92 51 2353450-53, 2353455-57, Fax: +92 51 2353458
Website: www.biafo.com, E-mail: management@biafo.com
- F.D. Registrar Services (PVT) Ltd.**
17th Floor, Saima Trade Tower-A, I.I. Chundrigar Road, Karachi
Tel: +92 21 32271905-6

- iii) The Corporate shareholders having CDC accounts are required to have their National Tax Number (NTN) updated with their respective participants, whereas corporate members having physical shares should send a copy of their NTN certificate to the company or its Share Registrar i.e. M/s F.D. Registrar Services (PVT) Ltd. The shareholders while sending NTN or NTN certificates, as the case may be, must quote company name and their respective folio numbers.

STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 134(3) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2017

Circulation of Annual Audited Financial Statements through QR enabled code and weblink:

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The approval of the shareholders has to be obtained in the general meeting to circulate the annual audited financial statements to its members through the QR enabled code and weblink.

A shareholder may request the Company Secretary or Share Registrar of the Company to provide a hard copy of Annual Audited Accounts, and the same will be provided at shareholder's registered addresses, free of cost within one week of the demand. In this regard, the Company's designated email address / Share Registrar email address will be placed on website of the Company. A shareholder may also prefer to receive hard copies for all future Annual Audited Accounts.

In view of the above, it is proposed that the Special Resolution at Agenda 5 of the Notice of AGM be passed.

None of the Directors of the Company have any personal interest in the aforesaid Special Business except in their capacity as Shareholders or Directors of the Company.

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"We should all be alarmed by the escalation. Lebanon is at the brink," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said when he opened the gathering.

Israel's ambassador to the UN Danny Danon said his country was "not eager" for a ground invasion of Lebanon.

"We don't want to send our boys to fight in a foreign country," he said.

It is unclear what progress can be made to defuse the situation in Lebanon, with efforts to broker a ceasefire in Gaza — which Israel has relentlessly pounded since

October 2023 — coming to nothing.

Biden on Tuesday pushed again for an elusive ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, telling the global body it was time to "end this war."

Mediator Qatar accused Israel of obstructing Gaza ceasefire talks, with Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani saying "there is no Israeli partner for peace" under the government of Benjamin Netanyahu.

But he added: "We will continue our efforts of mediation to resolve the disputes through peaceful means."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan accused Israel of dragging the entire region "into war."

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Volkswagen digs in as workers threaten strikes over plant closures

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"This will require a contribution from the employees," Arne Meiswinkel said after the talks in Hanover. IG Metall has threatened strikes from the start of December and is insisting on a 7% pay rise.

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