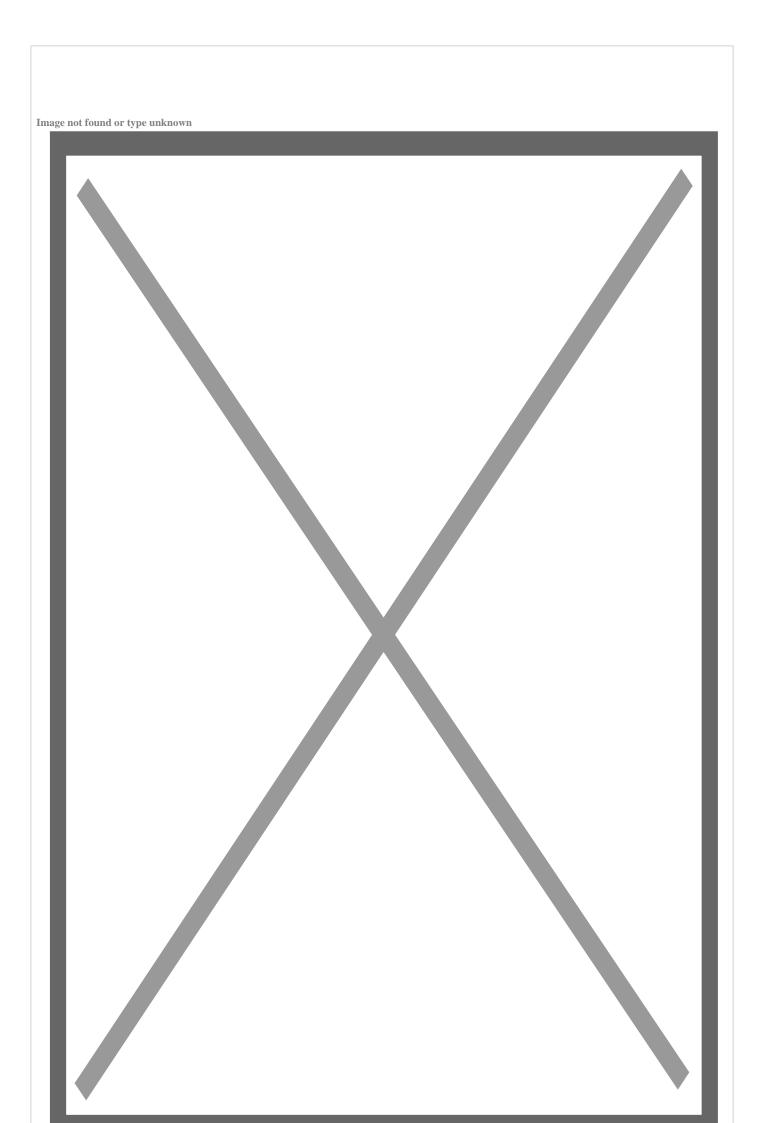
Pakistani prime minister says no peace in world without permanent ceasefire in Gaza



Riyadh, April 30 (RHC)-- Pakistan's prime minister has said the world would not get to bear witness to peace unless the Israeli regime permanently ceased its military aggression against the Gaza Strip, which the regime has brought under a genocidal war.

"The world will not be in peace unless there is permanent peace in Gaza," Shehbaz Sharif said on Monday. The Pakistani permier was addressing a special meeting of the World Economic Forum in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

Sharif said conflicts around the world, including the one that has been raging in Gaza, has contributed significantly to global inflation. The inflation, he said, was "breaking the back of developing countries."

Earlier this month, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan released a joint statement, calling on the international community to pressure Israel to halt the aggression.

The statement was made after Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman hosted Sharif in the holy city of Mecca on April 7th. Both parties called for international efforts "to halt Israeli military operations in Gaza, mitigate humanitarian impact and…pressure Israel to cease hostilities, adhere to international law, and facilitate unhindered humanitarian aid access to Gaza."

The two leaders also called for "the establishment of an independent Palestinian state" with the Tel Avivoccupied East al-Quds in the West Bank as its capital.

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