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E-visa service to attract businessmen, tourists: President Arif Alvi

LAHORE: President Dr Arif Alvi on Friday said that the opening of E-visas and visa on arrival facilities would attract more businessmen and tourists towards Pakistan. "The government is committed to providing amiable business environment to the foreign investors in the country", he said while addressing the inaugural dinner of the 2nd International Textile Expo 2019 in Lahore. The president welcomed the 300 foreign representatives besides 400 exhibitors to the four-day TEXPO. He added the China -Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) provides multifarious business opportunities and development of Gwadar Port would go a long way in improving the communication and transportation for the textile and other industries. President Alvi contented that seven new economic zones are being established in the country which offers great investment opportunities to the foreign businessmen. Last month, Prime Minister Imran Khan had inaugurated Pakistan's online visa regime for foreign nationals, in a ceremony held in Islamabad. Addressing the ceremony, PM Khan had said, "We need to change that mindset so that investors could come to Pakistan and make an investment here." The issuance of online visas for foreigners was the first step towards 'Naya Pakistan', he had said.





PM Imran calls Israeli, Indian leaders out on ‘moral bankruptcy’

“The truth always prevails and is always the best policy,”

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan took to Twitter on Tuesday to take a swipe at Indian and Israeli leaders for what he said going against international laws, United Nations Security Council (UNSC) resolutions and the constitution of their own countries just to win election. “When leaders in Israel & India show a moral bankruptcy in their readiness to annex occupied West Bank & IOK [India-held Kashmir] in defiance of int[ernational] law, UNSC resolutions & their own Constitution for votes, don’t their people feel a sense of outrage & wonder how far they will go simply to win an election,” questioned the prime minister. PM Khan’s tweet follows on the heels of his earlier criticism of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). Earlier, on April 6, the prime minister had said Indian ruling party’s attempt to win election through whipping up war hysteria and false claims of downing a Pakistan’s F-16 aircraft has backfired. “The truth always prevails and is always the best policy,” he tweeted and added India’s ruling party’s attempt to win elections through whipping up war hysteria and false claims of downing a Pak F 16 has backfired with US Defence officials also confirming that no F16 was missing from Pakistan’s fleet.



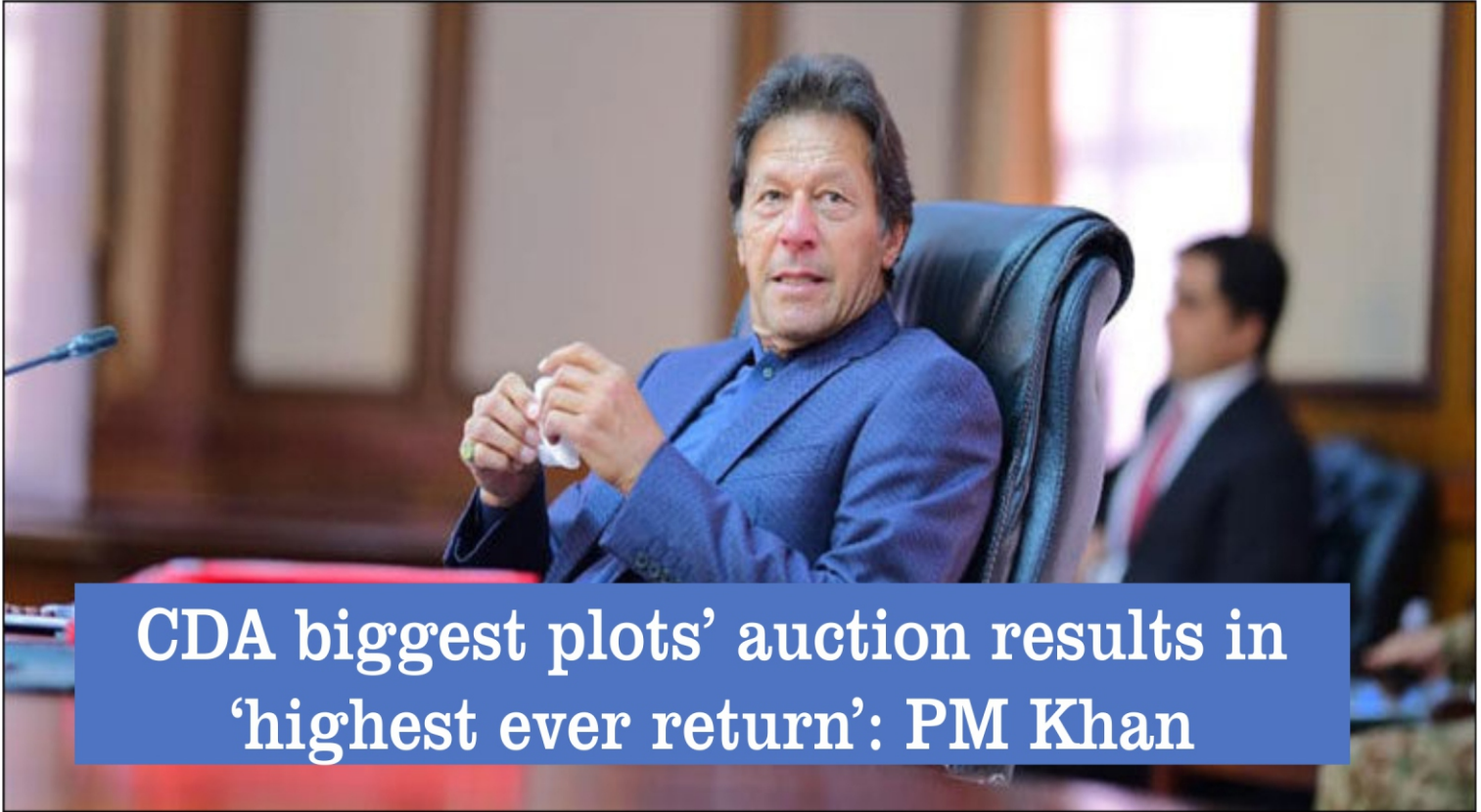


PM Imran sees better chance of peace talks with India if BJP wins election

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan said he thinks there may be a better chance of peace talks with India if Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) wins the general election due to begin there on Thursday. Khan said that if the next Indian government were led by the opposition Congress party, it might be too scared to seek a settlement with Pakistan over Indian-occupied Kashmir, fearing a backlash from the right. "Perhaps if the BJP – a right-wing party – wins, some kind of settlement in Kashmir could be reached," Khan told a small group of foreign journalists in an interview. This was despite the massive alienation that Muslims in Kashmir and Muslims in general were facing in Modi's India, said Khan, who took office last August. "I never thought I would see what is happening in India right now," said the former international cricket star. "Muslim-ness is being attacked." Khan said Indian Muslims he knew who many years ago had been happy about their situation in India were now very worried by extreme Hindu nationalism. He said Modi, like Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, was electioneering based on "fear and nationalist feeling". The BJP's pledge this week to propose stripping decades-old special rights from the people of Jammu and Kashmir, which prevent outsiders from buying property in the state, was a major concern, though it could also be electioneering, Khan said. Khan said Kashmir was a political struggle and there was no military solution. Relations between Pakistan and India, which have fought three wars since gaining independence from Britain in 1947, two over Kashmir, reached a crisis point in February after a suicide bombing killed 40 Indian paramilitary police in Kashmir.





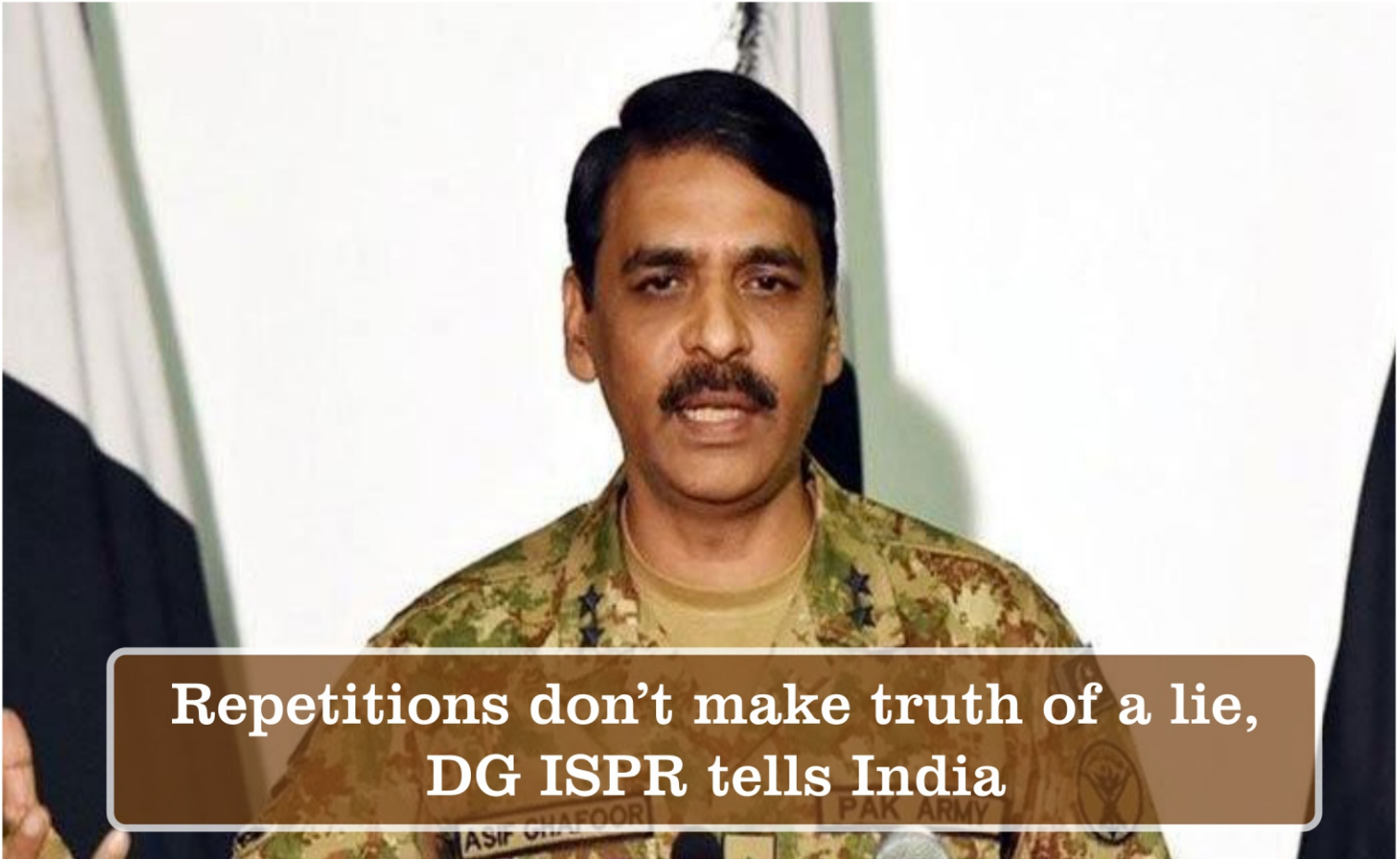
CDA biggest plots' auction results in 'highest ever return': PM Khan

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan on Friday highlighted that the biggest plots' auction organised by Capital Development Authority (CDA) [Islamabad] resulted in 'highest ever return' of Rs11.28 billion. In his Friday's tweet, PM Imran Khan praised organisation of the four-day plots' auctioning event by the development authority in Islamabad, the decision which has generated a handsome amount of profit for CDA. The premier emphasised that the development sheds light on two important facts; 'One, it is a vote of confidence in future of Pakistan's economy.' He added, "Two, it reveals how much money has been lost in the past because of non-transparent, corrupt practices." A press release issued by CDA said that the authority auctioned commercial plots in different developed sectors of Islamabad on Wednesday (yesterday) where eight commercial plots were auctioned Rs4.048 billion while on the first and second day of the auction of residential plots 31 residential plots, were sold out approximately Rs1.254 billion.

IMF programme to be completed soon: Asad Umar

WASHINGTON: Finance Minister Asad Umar on Friday said Pakistan has been facing a crisis of balance of payments for a long time and we went to the IMF due to some previous wrong decisions. "The programme with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would soon be completed for Pakistan", he stated while talking in a ceremony in Washington. Umar said it has been decided in principle to start the IMF mission and the decision has been taken in the best interest of the national economy and added that the program will bring improvement in the economy. He said IMF delegation will visit Pakistan in coming weeks to finalize technical details. Asad Umar said trade activities in the region will improve the living standard of the people. He said Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed his desire to improve relations with India in his first speech and offered to enhance trade relations. He said gas agreement with Turkmenistan has been signed while Free Trade Agreement with Turkey will be concluded soon. He said PPP and PML-N governments also sought IMF programs. The minister is in Washington for talks with the IMF for a fresh bailout package for Pakistan, what he terms will be the last for the country.







Repetitions don't make truth of a lie, DG ISPR tells India

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan Army spokesperson has rejected fresh claim by India that it downed a Pakistani F-16 fighter jet in the aerial dogfight between the two countries in February, telling India that "repetitions don't make truth of a lie". Indian Air Force officials once again claimed on Monday they have "irrefutable evidence" that Pakistan used an F-16 fighter jet in the dogfight which was shot down by its MiG-21 Bison. "Repetitions don't make truth of a lie. Despite claiming possession of evidence on shooting F-16, IAF still short of presenting it. Don't overlook Pakistan's silence for not drum beating losses on Indian side. Fact is that PAF shot down two IAF jets, wreckage seen on ground by all," Director-General of Inter-Services Public Relations Major General Asif Ghafoor tweeted. The DG ISPR was responding to a press conference by Indian Air Vice Marshal RGK Kapoor who said on Monday that "the IAF has irrefutable evidence of not only the fact that F-16 was used by Pakistan Air Force on February 27, but also that an IAF MiG 21 Bison shot down a Pakistan Air Force F-16." The reiteration by India comes after two senior US defence officials with direct knowledge of the situation told Foreign Policy magazine that US personnel recently counted Pakistan's F-16s and found none missing. The count, conducted by US authorities on the ground in Pakistan, cast doubt on India's version of events, suggesting that Indian authorities may have misled the international community about what happened that day. Earlier this month, the Pakistani military also released images of all four missile seeker heads of downed Indian Mig-21 fighter jet. "IAF (Indian Air Force) claim of hitting F-16 by their Mig-21, before having been shot down by PAF (Pakistan Air Force) gets exposed," the DG ISPR had tweeted then. Tensions soared between India and

Pakistan in the aftermath of the February 14 suicide bombing in Pulwama, occupied Kashmir. India piled the blame for Pulwama bombing on Pakistan without presenting any proof. The allegations were strongly refuted by Pakistan. In response, India said it carried out on February 26 air strikes on what it called a militant training camp at Balakot inside Pakistan. The Indian government was quick to take credit for a "successful" airstrike and put the death toll to over 300. Pakistani officials, as well as the locals, rejected the claims, inviting local and international media to visit the site of the so-called attack where around a dozen trees were the only "casualty". The Pakistan Air Force, in retaliatory action, downed two Indian aircraft the next day, capturing Indian Wing Commander Abhinandan who was then released as a peace gesture by Pakistan.



Maj Gen Asif Ghafoor ✓
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PAF Air Chief Mujahid Anwar meets his Turkish counterpart

ISLAMABAD: Commander of Turkish Airforce General Hasan Küçükakyüz visited Air Headquarter in the federal capital and called on Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan on Wednesday. According to details, the Turkish air chief arrived with his delegation to visit the headquarter where Air Marshal Mujahid Anwar welcomed the visiting dignitaries. General Hasan paid tribute to the martyrs of Pakistani airforce and presented floral wreath at the memorial of martyrs. Later, the two air chiefs exchanged views on the security situation and other matters of mutual interest. The Turkish commander appreciated the professionalism of the Pakistani Airforce and noted the fact that Airforce of Turkey always stood beside Pakistan through every difficult time. Both the sides reinvigorated their military ties and expressed resolve to take it farther.





**Pakistan not part of arms race
in region: FM Qureshi**

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said on Wednesday Pakistan is not part of an arms race in the region. Addressing the National Conference on Strategic Stability in South Asia in Islamabad, the minister said India's ballistic missile programme would cause an imbalance in the region. The Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) will have to adopt a balanced policy, he said, calling on major world powers to understand the prevailing geostrategic situation in the region. Pakistan had given India a suggestion aimed at stopping an arms race in the region but so far New Delhi has not responded to it, the foreign minister lamented. He said Pakistan remains firm in its commitment to improving its relations with all neighbouring countries to build a prosperous South Asia. The foreign minister stressed that resolution of conflicts is vital to strategic stability in the region. He said the long-standing Kashmir dispute posed a threat to regional peace, adding the dispute remains unresolved for about half a century. Qureshi said India's denying Kashmiris right to self-determination and its flagrant human rights violations had led to a feeling of frustration amongst the Kashmiris. He said the freedom struggle in the occupied Kashmir valley had gained momentum and caught world attention.

**India plotting another
attack against Pakistan**

MULTAN: Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi disclosed on Sunday India is once again planning military action against Pakistan. "Pakistan has reliable intelligence that India is hatching a new plot and may resort to military aggression against Pakistan between April 16-20," the foreign minister said while speaking at an important press conference here. "An incident similar to Pulwama could recur in the occupied Kashmir valley," he said, adding the purpose of this sinister plan is to build diplomatic pressure on Pakistan and justify Indian military action. Qureshi said keeping in view these facts, the Foreign Office decided right away to hold a meeting of the ambassadors of the P-5 countries (UN Security Council's five permanent members) and briefed them on Pakistan's concerns about the possible Indian aggression. He urged the international community to take note of the irresponsible behaviour of India. "Indian atrocities have intensified in held Kashmir since the Pulwama incident. If India's actions go unchecked it could lead to instability in South Asia." The Kashmiris' peaceful struggle for their right to self-determination is being mercilessly trampled by Indian forces, he lamented, adding Pakistan has always stood by the Kashmiris and will continue to do so in the future. The foreign minister said international media exposed India's propaganda against Pakistan during and after military exchanges of Feb-26-28.



LAHORE: An accountability court in Lahore on Tuesday indicted Opposition Leader in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif and his son Hamza Shehbaz – opposition leader in the Punjab Assembly – in the Ramzan Sugar Mills reference. Accountability Judge Najamul Hassan read out charges against them. The father-son duo denied charges and opted to contest them. The judge allowed Shehbaz and Hamza to leave the court after framing charges against them. Over the course of the hearing, Shehbaz tried to say something in his defence but the judge stopped him. “I saved hundreds of billions of rupees of the government over 10 years,” the PML-N president said, questioning how could he have used the national kitty for the construction of a drain. The judge assured him that he will be given a fair hearing. “These are just allegations against you, which are yet to be proved,” he added. Strict security arrangements were made with a good number of security personnel deployed at the court to avoid any untoward incident. In the previous hearing on March 27, the court had postponed the indictment of Shehbaz Sharif and his son in the Ramzan Sugar Mills reference. Sharifs’ lawyer had requested the court to postpone the indictment. The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has filed a reference, accusing the former Punjab chief minister of causing loss to the national exchequer and misusing his authority by sanctioning construction of a bridge to facilitate his sugar mill. NAB officials said Shehbaz, being chief minister of Punjab, misused his authority by issuing directives for the construction of a 10 kilometer long drain in Chiniot district primarily to benefit the sugar mills his sons owned. Shehbaz and Hamza have been accused of fraudulently causing a Rs213 million loss to the national exchequer.

Last year in Oct, Shahbaz Sharif was taken into custody by the NAB Lahore in connection with the Ashiana Housing and Ramzan Sugar Mills cases



LHC suspends Hanif Abbasi's sentence in ephedrine quota case



LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Thursday suspended life imprisonment sentence awarded to Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) leader Hanif Abbasi, in ephedrine quota case and ordered his release. A two-judge bench headed by Justice Aalia Neelum heard Abbasi's bail petition. At outset of the hearing in the LHC, public prosecutor said in his arguments that Abbasi illegally sold 137 kg of ephedrine to Grace Pharmaceutical Company. To this, PML-N leader's counsel said his client was awarded sentence by the lower court by neglecting the facts of the case. "Ephedrine was sold to different company through legal procedure", he added. The honorable bench after listening to the arguments from both sides, suspended Abbasi's sentence and ordered his release in the case. The PML-N leader was arrested just four days before the general election in the country last year. A former MNA, Abbasi was to contest the 2018 general election from NA-60 Rawalpindi. Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) had registered a case against Abbasi and others in June 2012 under sections 9-C, 14 and 15 of the Control of Narcotics Substances (CNS) Act for misuse of 500kg of ephedrine. Hanif Abbasi was awarded life term sentence by a special anti-narcotics court on June 22, while seven other accused were acquitted due to lack of evidence..

Sharifs politick in Pakistan, park wealth abroad: Fawad Chaudhry



ISLAMABAD: Criticizing the leadership of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N), Information Minister Fawad Chaudhry here on Thursday said that Sharif family did politics in Pakistan but parked its wealth abroad. Talking to journalists, Fawad Chaudhry said that members of the Sharif family fell ill when they sent to jail and left for London as soon as they released. He said that an ordinary prisoners were not allowed to enter the next barrack while the members of Sharif family were enjoying in London. He said that the nation and law were waiting for Leader of the Opposition Shehbaz Sharif's arrival in the country. The minister said that it seemed that Nawaz Sharif' angina pain vanished after he was released from prison. He said that it was a pain for being deprived of government. Earlier on April 10, Leader of the Opposition in the National Assembly Shehbaz Sharif had left for London to see his grandchildren. The Pakistan Muslim League – Nawaz (PML-N) leader had departed for London to see his daughter-in-law and ailing grand daughter who was suffering from heart complications. He would also undergo a medical checkup at a London hospital.

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ASF foils heroin smuggling bid at Karachi airport



KARACHI: The Airport Security Force (ASF) on Tuesday foiled a bid to smuggle over 18 kilogrammes of heroin out of the country and arrested an alleged smuggler at Jinnah International Airport, Karachi. According to ASF officials, a person namely Zaruf was to board a private airline flight for Birmingham via Dubai. Upon checking, more than 18 kilogrammes heroin was seized from the hidden pockets of his luggage. The value of the seized heroin was estimated at millions of rupees. The ASF handed the accused over to the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) for further investigation. Earlier, on April 7, the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) had seized 250 grammes of heroin hidden in a consignment of oil filters at the Allama Iqbal International Airport. According to ANF officials, the consignment was to be shipped to Canada. Acting on a secret information, the officials checked the consignment, which led to recovery of heroin worth millions of rupees.



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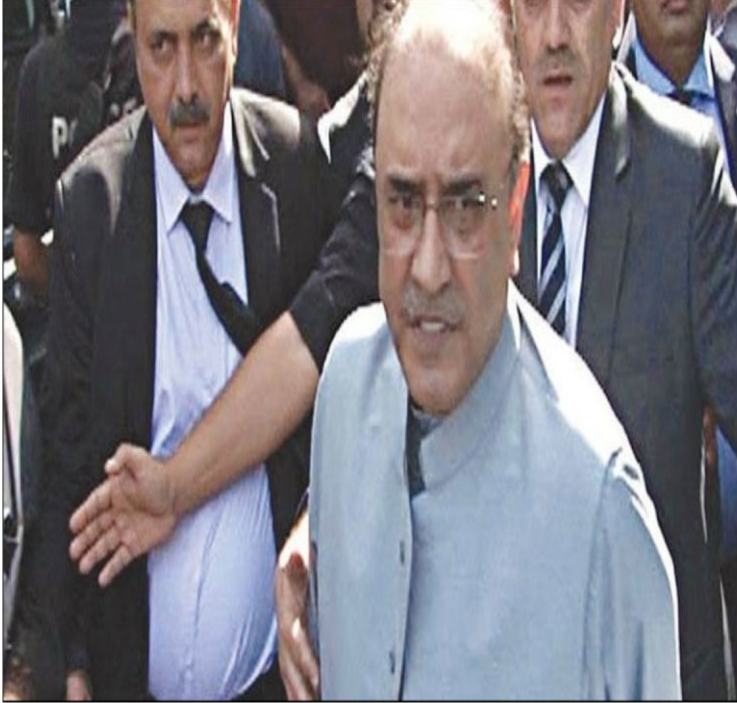
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Interim bail of Zardari, Talpur extended until April 29



ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Wednesday extended the interim bail of former president Asif Ali Zardari and his sister Faryal Talpur until April 29 in the multi-billion fake bank accounts case. An IHC bench, comprising Justice Aamer Farooq and Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kiani, gave the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) more time to submit its response to the bail petitions of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) leaders. Zardari and his sister appeared in the court for extension of their interim bail. The NAB prosecutor requested the bench to grant more time to submit response to the petitions. Accepting the bureau's request, the high court adjourned the hearing till April 29. Earlier, on March 28, the court had approved the bail of the PPP co-chairman and his sister against a surety of Rs1 million each. The accountability court in Islamabad on April 8 conducted the first hearing into the fake bank accounts case. During the hearing, the two accused woman Noreen and Kiran formally submitted an application seeking to become approvers in this reference. Asif Zardari and his sister appeared before the Accountability Court-II Judge Arshad Malik amid tight security arrangements around the judicial complex Islamabad.

Hamza gets interim bail in Ramzan Sugar Mills, Saaf Pani cases



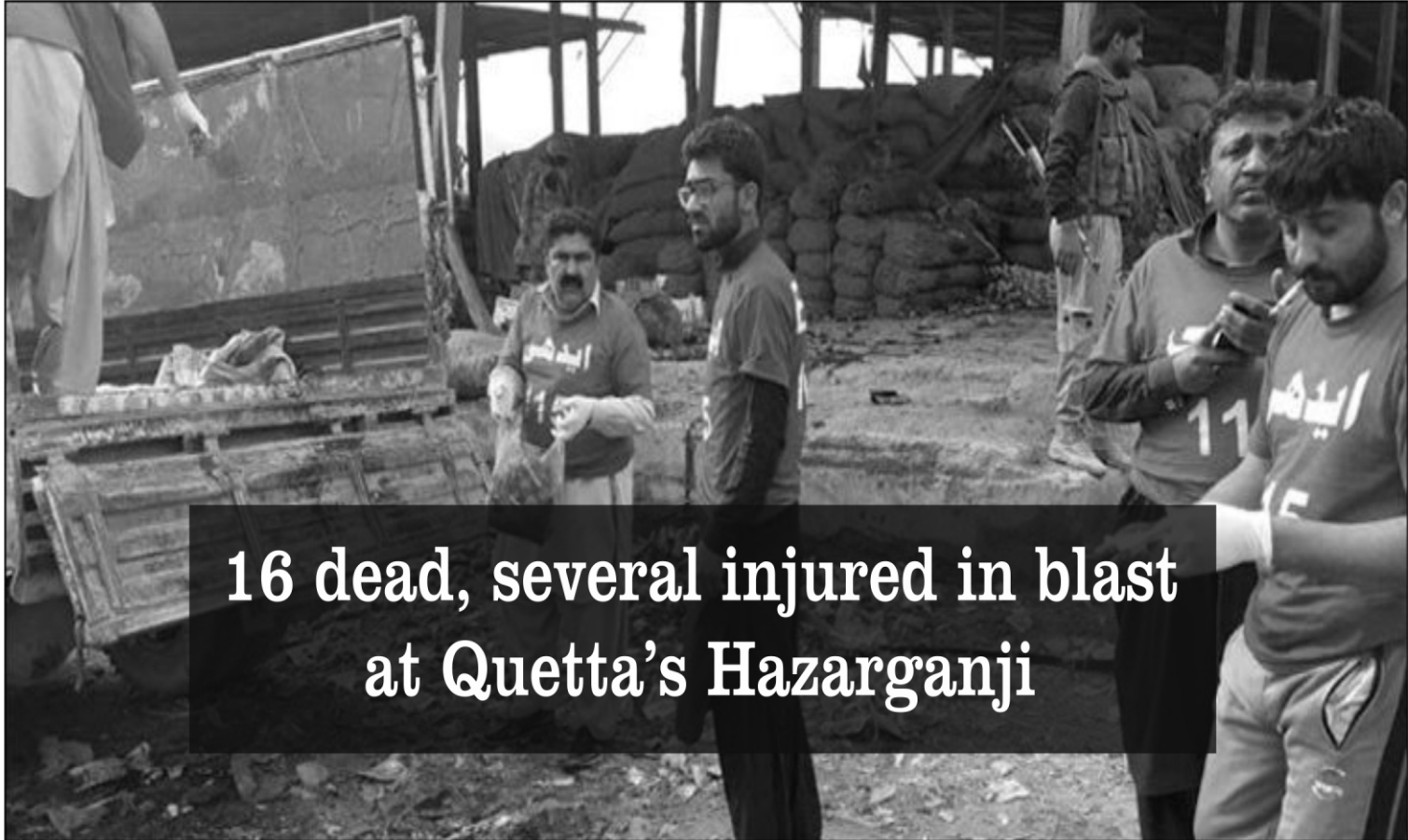
LAHORE: The Lahore High Court (LHC) on Wednesday granted interim bail to Leader of the Opposition in Punjab Assembly Hamza Shehbaz Sharif until April 17 in the Ramzan Sugar Mills and Saaf Pani Company cases. A division bench, headed by Justice Malik Shehzad Ahmed Malik, approved the bail of the PML-N leader against two surety of bonds of Rs10 million. The court issued a notice to the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) to submit its reply until next hearing. Hamza along with his lawyer Azam Nazeer Tarar appeared in the court. At the start of the hearing, the bench expressed displeasure over lawyers and PML-N activists who accompanied the opposition leader inside the courtroom and directed them to leave. Tarar contended before the court his client had apprehension that he may be arrested in the Ramzan Sugar Mills case which is pending in an accountability court in Lahore. He said the bureau also wanted to arrest the PML-N leader in the Saaf Pani Company scam. He argued that the corruption watchdog was trying to harass and arrest Hamza without any plausible reason. He pleaded to the court to grant his client bail in the two cases.

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Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan

Born on 23rd December, 1962 Air Chief Marshal Mujahid Anwar Khan was commissioned in GD (P) Branch of Pakistan Air Force in December, 1983, and is the recipient of coveted Sword of Honour, Best Pilot Trophy and Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee Gold Medal from PAF Academy Asghar Khan. During his tenure of service, he has held various Command and Staff appointments including Command of a Fighter Squadron, a Tactical Attack Wing, Base Commander of two elite F-16 Bases and Air Officer Commanding of Regional Air Command. He is a qualified Flying Instructor and graduate of Combat Commanders' School, Command and Staff College, Jordan, Air War College, Faisal and National Defence University, Islamabad. He has also served as Personal Staff Officer to Chief of the Air Staff, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Operations), Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Operations), Director General C4I, Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (Support) and Director General Air Force Strategic Command at Air Headquarters, Islamabad. The Air Chief has flown various training and fighter aircraft including F-16, F-6, FT-5, T-37 and MFI-17. In recognition of his meritorious services, he has been awarded Hilal-i-Imtiaz (Military), Sitara-i-Imtiaz (Military) and Tamgha-i-Imtiaz (Military).





16 dead, several injured in blast at Quetta's Hazarganji



QUETTA: At least 16 people were killed and several others got injured on Friday in a blast at Quetta's Hazarganji sabzi mandi. DIG Quetta Abdul Razaq Cheema confirmed to the media that 16 people have lost their lives, in which eight of them belonged to the Hazara community. After being informed about the incident, the rescue workers reached the spot and moved bodies and injured to Bolan Medical Centre. Security forces have cordoned off the site of the blast. According to the police, buildings located nearby were also damaged in the blast, however the nature of the blast could not be ascertained. Prime Minister Imran Khan has denouncing the attack has asked concerned authorities to provide medical facilities to the injured. The Premier has also sought inquiry report into the incident. Balochistan Chief Minister Jam Kamal Khan has strongly condemned the blast and extended his condolences with the bereaved families. The culprits involved in the incident will be brought to the court of justice, he vowed. He also directed health department to provide best facilities to the injured. Last year, in the month of April, five policemen had embraced martyrdom while eight Frontier Corps personnel were injured after a series of blasts in Balochistan province's Quetta city.





Imam-e-Kaaba delivers Friday sermon at Faisal Mosque

ISLAMABAD: Imam-e-Kaaba Dr Sheikh Abdullah Awad Al-Juhany led the Friday prayers at the Faisal Mosque in Islamabad. The Imam, who arrived in Islamabad on Thursday, is scheduled to attend Paigham-e-Islam Conference on Saturday and hold meetings with the Pakistani leadership. In his sermon, which was attended by hundreds from the twin cities including prominent figures of society hailing from various walks of life, the Imam emphasised the importance of unity and brotherhood in Islam. "The religion teaches people to live in peace and harmony", he maintained. During his stay, the Imam will also visit Lahore where he will lead prayers at the Badshahi Mosque. In March last year, Imam-e-Kaaba Dr Saleh bin Muhammad Al-Talib had visited Pakistan where he attended religious programmes and held meetings with the-then president, prime minister and other government top officials.



International Day for Street Children



67% Pakistani children under the age of 5 unregistered

International Day for Street Children is being celebrated on Friday across the world including Pakistan. The day is being celebrated from 2012 with an aim to provide equal basic facilities to the street children. Recognising the rights of these children is a big step towards creating real change. Every day, children across the globe suffer abuses of their human rights which violate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Children. For homeless children living on the streets, there are few means of obtaining these rights, few means of ensuring they get access to; clean water; nutritious food; durable shelter; quality health care and; physical and psychological protection. Various programs have been chalked out to underline the importance of the day. Representatives from various nongovernment organisations (NGOs) will also attend the awareness walk. According to the UNICEF report around 1.5 million children are homeless in Pakistan and majority of those are spending their lives on the streets of Karachi. The PTI government has announced to introduce a special programme for street children to educate them and bring them into mainstream. "Pakistan is currently facing various challenges in education sector however, the present government is fully cognizant of its responsibilities to resolve these challenges", Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Shafqat Mahmood had said. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Child Protection Chief Silvia Pastir, while addressing a seminar on Civil Registration & Vital Statistics (CRVS) at the University of Health Sciences (UHS) on Wednesday revealed that only 33 percent of children under the age of five in Pakistan are registered, local media reports have informed. This means that out of approximately 23 million children, only 7.7 million are registered and two out of three children do not officially exist in the country.

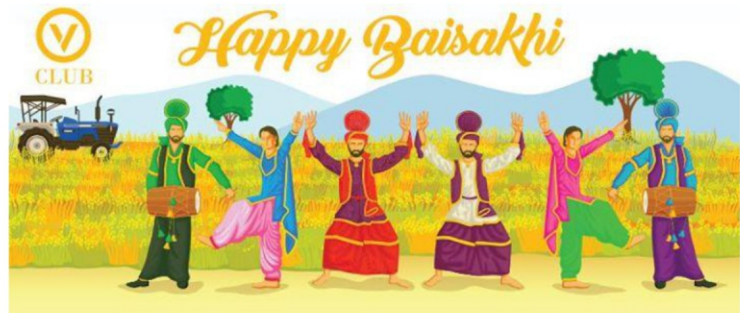


Speaking at the seminar was organised by the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform in collaboration with UNICEF, UNICEF Child Protection Chief Silvia Pastir said that birth registration is more than just a right. On this matter, the Ministry of Planning, Development & Reform Assistant Health Chief Dr Mirza Asad Ali Baig, said that CRVS systems were a fundamental function of the government. He added that in recent years, the government had demonstrated an increased commitment to social sector development and a comprehensive multi-sectoral CRVS strategy had been put in place. He said that in accordance with Goal 1 of the Asia-Pacific Regional Action Framework, Pakistan was committed to achieving universal birth registration by 2024 and by 2025, all people of Pakistan would benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realisation of their rights and support good governance, health and development. He said that Digital Registration System launched last year in Punjab and Sindh would go a long way in achieving positive results. CRVS Technical Adviser Dr SM Mursalin gave a presentation on various dimensions of the civil registration system. He was of the opinion that a birth certificate could safeguard a child's right to education, health, justice and protection from violence, early marriage and child labour.

Rituals of Baisakhi Festival begin in Hassan Abdal



ATTOCK: Festivities of four-day Baisakhi Festival on Friday kicked-off amid tight security in Hassan Abdal, Attock. Sikh pilgrims around the world are reaching Gurdwara Panja Sahab to attend the festival, more than 10,000 visitors are expected to participate in the festival. Sikh Pilgrims hailing from India will reach Hassan Abdal via train tonight amid strict security. During their visit to Pakistan, the pilgrims would visit the holiest shrines of Panja Sahib, Nankana Sahib, and Kartarpur Sahib. Detailing the media about the security measures, District Police Officer (DPO) Attock, Syed Shehbaz Nadeem said as many as 2,500 policemen have been deployed to ensure protection of the pilgrims during the four-day long festival. Baisakhi is a historical religious festival in Sikhism, which is celebrated in mid of April. This event marks the Punjabi and Sikh new year. It is a spring harvest festival for the Sikhs. It may be noted that Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi has issued 2200 visas to Indian Sikh Pilgrims for the festival. In a tweet on Tuesday, Foreign Office Spokesperson Dr Mohammad Faisal said visas were issued in line with Pakistan's efforts to promote interfaith harmony and people-to-people contacts between the two countries.



Pakistan economy grow by 2.5% till Year 2024: IMF says in its outlook



ISLAMABAD: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said Pakistan's economy will grow at an average rate of just 2.5% till Year 2024 if the reforms proposed by it will not implemented.

"In Pakistan, in the absence of further adjustment policies, growth is projected to remain subdued at about 2.5 percent, with continued external and fiscal imbalances weighing on confidence", the IMF said in its economic outlook. The IMF officials said that the lender was in talks with Pakistan for a three-year bailout package. A delegation of Pakistan's economic officials led by Finance Minister Asad Umar, has been in Washington to attend the IMF session, which will continue until April 14. In its flagship World Economic Outlook, the IMF projects mid-term growth prospects for Pakistan to remain subdued at 2.5 percent by 2024. The next year growth rate forecast by the fund was in line with 2.7 percent growth rate projected by the World Bank earlier. The IMF has forecast 2.9 percent growth rate for the current fiscal year in comparison to the World Bank's 3.6 percent. According to the IMF outlook the economy of Pakistan will grow by 2.8 percent in the next fiscal year. The fund attributed negative outlook to fuel prices and macroeconomic challenges and the impact of the slowdown in global economy. The fund projected consumer price index in Pakistan at 7.6 percent during the current fiscal year, slowing down to seven percent next fiscal year and then stabilising to five percent by 2024. The fund has estimated Pakistan's current account deficit at 5.2 percent of the GDP during the current year going down to 4.3 percent next year before surging again to 5.4 percent by 2024. The unemployment rate projected to stay at 6.1 percent during the current year, 6.2 percent next year and remain in the same level by 2024. The IMF in its medium-term outlook for the Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan notes that the region was largely shaped by the outlook for fuel prices, needed adjustment to correct macroeconomic imbalances in certain economies and geopolitical tensions.





The General Assembly, in its resolution A/RES/65/271 of 7 April 2011, declared 12 April as the International Day of Human Space Flight "to celebrate each year at the international level the beginning of the space era for mankind, reaffirming the important contribution of space science and technology in achieving sustainable development goals and increasing the well-being of States and peoples, as well as ensuring the realization of their aspiration to maintain outer space for peaceful purposes." 12 April 1961 was the date of the first human space flight, carried out by Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet citizen. This historic event opened the way for space exploration for the benefit of all humanity. The General Assembly expressed its deep conviction of the common interest of mankind in promoting and expanding the exploration and use of outer space, as the province of all mankind, for peaceful purposes and in continuing efforts to extend to all States the benefits derived there from.

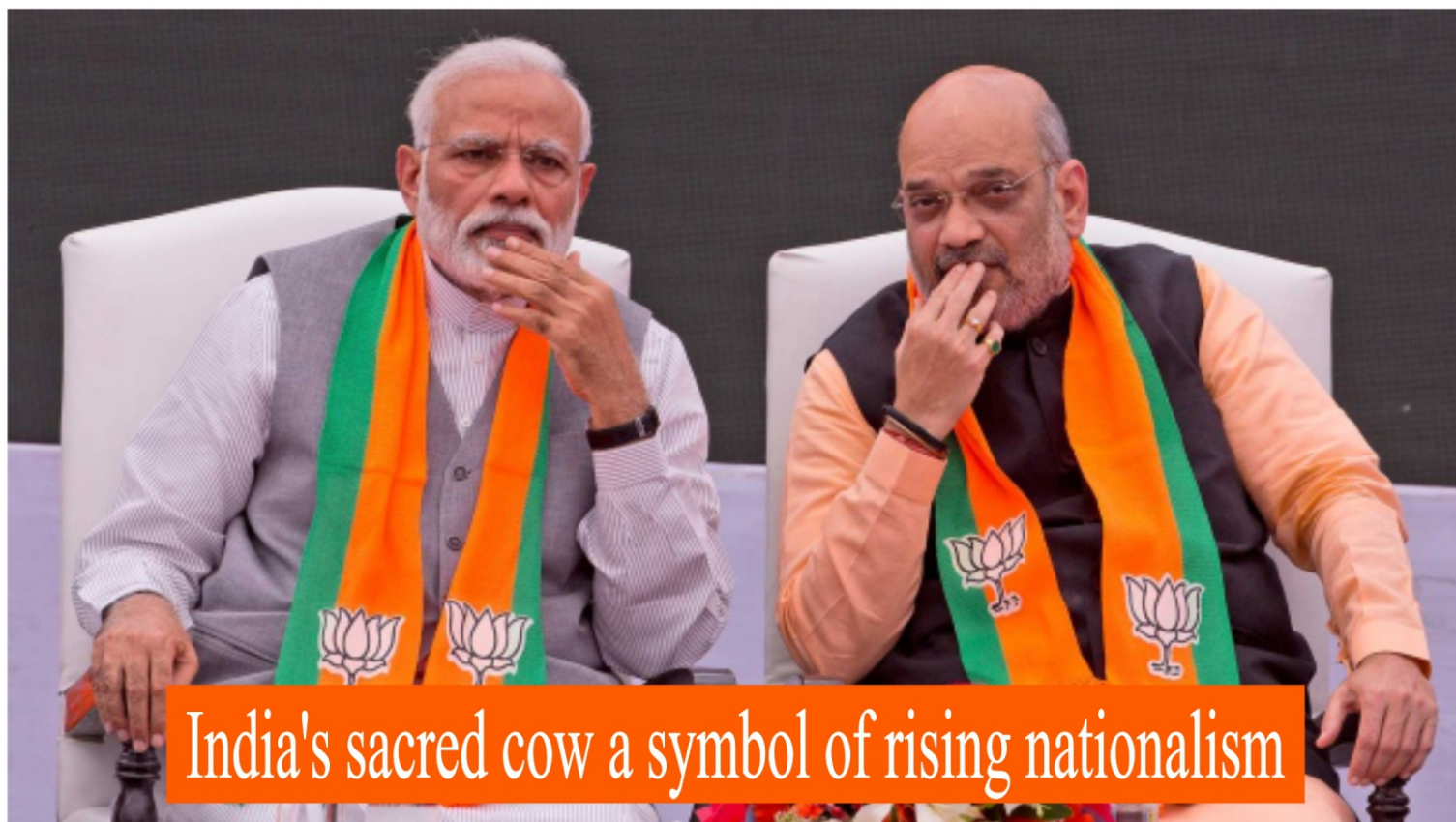


Celebrating the beginning of the space era for mankind

Yuri Gagarin: First Man in Space

Yuri Gagarin was the first person to fly in space. His flight, on April 12, 1961, lasted 108 minutes as he circled the Earth for a little more than one orbit in the Soviet Union's Vostok spacecraft. Following the flight, Gagarin became a cultural hero in the Soviet Union. Even today, more than six decades after the historic flight, Gagarin is widely celebrated in Russian space museums, with numerous artifacts, busts and statues displayed in his honor. His remains are buried at the Kremlin in Moscow, and part of his spacecraft is on display at the RKK Energiya museum. Gagarin's flight came at a time when the United States and the Soviet Union were competing for technological supremacy in space. The Soviet Union had already sent the first artificial satellite, called Sputnik, into space in October 1957. Before Gagarin's mission, the Soviets sent a test flight into space using a prototype of the Vostok spacecraft. During this flight, they sent a life-size dummy called Ivan Ivanovich and a dog named Zvezdochka into space. After the test flight, the Soviet's considered the vessel fit to take a human into space. The third of four children, Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin was born on March 9, 1934, in a small village a hundred miles from Moscow.





India's sacred cow a symbol of rising nationalism

New Delhi: As she patrols for cow smugglers, Sadhvi Kamal, a Hindu holy woman in a saffron robe, rides in a white SUV with a sticker on the rear window displaying a cow framed by swords and rifles. The words in the sticker's logo say, "The cow is the mother of the world". Kamal leads a vigilante force of thousands of volunteers, mostly young Hindu men. Such vigilante forces have emerged after several Indian states banned the slaughter of cows, sacred to Hindus, in recent years. Mobs have lynched three dozen Muslims, who traditionally run meat shops and slaughterhouses. As India heads toward a general election that begins this week, taking up arms for "mother cow" is part of a broader campaign to impose ancient Hindu religious values across a multicultural country. As with similar movements across the world, Hindu nationalism, once fringe, has now taken a central place in India's politics. The movement is led by the party of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who grew up chanting slogans and practising manoeuvres at nationalist training camps. Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party seek to retain power in the elections by promoting Hindutva – a Hindu way of life – instead of secular pluralism. A fresh mandate for Modi could embolden efforts to mould the world's largest democracy of 1.3 billion people into a stringently Hindu nation. "I think what Modi has successfully done is just to normalise bigotry," said writer and historian Mukul Kesavan. "What we have already seen is a shift of the common sense of the republic way to the right." In New Delhi and Ayodhya, a city in Uttar Pradesh state, tens of thousands of men in saffron armed with swords and the name of the Hindu Lord Ram painted on their foreheads shouted anti-Muslim epithets. They demanded a temple to Ram at a site where Hindu hardliners tore down a 16th century mosque in 1992, sparking riots that left about 2000 people dead. Elsewhere in Uttar Pradesh, the government spent unprecedented sums on the Hindu Kumbh Mela festival that ended last month, with Modi



and the chief minister, Yogi Adityanath, himself a Hindu monk, appearing in countless posters. Three months earlier, Adityanath's state government replaced the Muslim name of the host city, Allahabad, with Prayagraj, a Sanskrit word from Hindu religious texts. The name change from Muslim to Hindu is one of many in recent months. Hindu groups say the mosque was only built after Muslim invaders destroyed a temple dedicated to Ram. A Modi-appointed committee of scholars is also studying DNA samples to prove that today's Hindus are descendants of India's first inhabitants, and to establish that Hindu scriptures are fact and not myth. Asked whether the Modi government is forcing Hinduism on its people, Abinav Prasoan, a spokesman for India's information ministry, said that "this is a political thing, and we cannot comment on it".



Indian bishop charged with raping nun

Pope Francis for the first time publicly acknowledged the sexual abuse of nuns by priests and bishops

New Delhi: A Roman Catholic bishop has been charged by Indian police with repeatedly raping a nun in her rural convent. Bishop Franco Mulakkal was charged with rape, illegal confinement and intimidation, said Hari Sankar, a district police chief in the southern state of Kerala, India's Catholic heartland, on Wednesday. The nun who made the accusations, who has not been publicly identified, said she went to police last year only after complaining repeatedly to church authorities. Eventually, a group of fellow nuns launched unprecedented public protests to demand Mulakkal's arrest. He was arrested but released after a few weeks. Mulakkal was the official patron of the nun's community, the Missionaries of Jesus, and wielded immense influence over its budgets and job assignments. The nun said the rapes occurred between 2014 and 2016. Mulakkal has denied the accusations, calling them "baseless and concocted" and saying the accusing nun was trying to pressure him to get a better job. In February, Pope Francis for the first time publicly acknowledged the sexual abuse of nuns by priests and bishops. Speaking to reporters aboard the papal plane, Francis vowed to confront the problem. "Should we do something more? Yes. Is there the will? Yes. But it's a path that we have already begun," he said. The Mulakkal case has split India's Catholic community, with many people defending the bishop. In March, the founder of the Vatican's women's magazine, along with the magazine's all-female editorial board, quit their positions, saying a Vatican campaign to discredit them had increased since they denounced the sexual abuse of nuns by priests and bishops.





'Know nothing about WikiLeaks': Donald Trump

Washington: US President Donald Trump has claimed to "know nothing about WikiLeaks" despite past praise for the anti-secrecy organisation during his presidential campaign. Trump was asked in the Oval Office on Thursday about the arrest of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange in London. The president, who was sitting next to South Korean President Moon Jae-in, said "It's not my thing" and didn't elaborate. Trump praised WikiLeaks more than 100 times during the final leg of the 2016 presidential campaign. That autumn, WikiLeaks released stolen embarrassing emails from the campaign of Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton. Ecuador's President Lenin Moreno lashed out again at Assange, calling him a "miserable hacker" and "spoiled brat" who was disrespectful to officials charged with taking care of him at the country's embassy in London. Moreno repeated allegations that Assange smearing of his own fecal matter on the walls of the embassy building and said that was a sign of how the WikiLeaks founder viewed Ecuador as an insignificant, third-rate country. Assange was a "bad-mannered" guest who assaulted the security guards at Ecuador's London embassy, Moreno said. "You can't arrive at a house that welcomes you warmly, that gives you food, and takes care of you, and start to denounce the owner of the house," Moreno said. "We've removed the asylum for this spoiled brat and, fortunately, we've gotten rid of a thorn in our side." "When you're given shelter, cared for and provided food you don't denounce the owner of the house," said Moreno to applause at an event outside Quito. He added that Ecuador will "be more careful in giving asylum to people who are really worth it and not miserable hackers whose only goal is to destabilize governments." In his words, "We are tolerant, calm people but we're not stupid." Lenin's predecessor, former ex-President Rafael Correa criticised what he considered a "double standard" by Western media and governments who he said have been quick to condemn Assange for publishing sensitive information about US national security interests. Correa, who granted Assange asylum in 2012, in an interview with The Associated Press was harshly critical of his successor's decision to expel the Wikileaks founder from Ecuador's embassy in London. "Although Julian Assange denounced war crimes, he's only the person supplying the information. It's the New York Times, the Guardian and El Pais publishing it. Why aren't those journalists and media owners thrown in jail?" he said in an interview in Brussels. "It's because they're attacking at the

weakest link." He said that if Assange had been Chinese dissident exposing Russian secrets "he'd be receiving awards right now in the UK and US" instead of facing arrest and extradition. While he said that Assange had violated the terms of his asylum "that's no excuse for throwing him to the lions." He said President Lenin Moreno was acting out of selfish political interests to the detriment of Latin America's tradition of asylum after WikiLeaks published information about an offshore bank account allegedly used by the president and his family to buy up properties and furniture in Europe. Still, he said he was surprised Moreno went so far as to expel Assange. "I knew they were trying to break him and were treating him like a piece of merchandise," he said. "But I didn't think they would dare to go so far." Russia has criticised the way in which London police arrested Assange at the foreign embassy where he took asylum in 2012 and since remained in hiding. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said Thursday the way Assange was treated gave "the full impression of an open and rude disregard for the human dignity of the arrested." She said: Russia hopes "all the rights of Julian Assange will be respected." Ecuador's president says his government withdrew Assange's asylum status almost seven years after he sought refuge in the country's embassy in London, alleging "repeated violations of international conventions and daily-life protocols." The 2016 Democratic presidential nominee and former secretary of state weighed in on Assange while at a speaking event with her husband, former President Bill Clinton. Hillary Clinton said on Thursday, "The bottom line is that he has to answer for what he has done, at least as it has been charged." International reaction came as an Ecuadorian official saying that a Swedish software developer who is allegedly close to Assange had been arrested as authorities try to dismantle a blackmail ring that threatened to retaliate against President Lenin Moreno. The official said Ola Bini was arrested on Thursday at Quito's airport as he was preparing to board a flight for Japan. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity and didn't provide any additional details about Bini. On a blog, a Swedish man by the same name describes himself as a software developer working in Quito for the Centre for Digital Autonomy, a group based in Ecuador and Spain focused on privacy, security and cryptography issues. It makes no mention of any affiliation with Wikileaks.



2019 Cricket World Cup Trophy

The 2019 Cricket World Cup Trophy has finally arrived in Lahore as part of its world tour. The Garrard-made trophy will spend six days in Pakistan and will travel to three cities; Lahore, Islamabad, and Karachi. For anyone in Lahore, the trophy can be seen at the Gaddafi Stadium. As soon as the trophy reached Lahore today, it also went on a little parade across the city on Lahore's tour bus with Muhammad Irfan and other cricketers present. The parade tour started from the Gaddafi Stadium and will end at the Shaukat Khanum Hospital. The trophy will now head to Islamabad in two days time, and will finally end its tour in Karachi where it will be available from October 7. The World Cup Trophy tour began on the 27th of August from the headquarters of ICC in Dubai. It will be touring around the world for the next nine months. The trophy will be touring to countries which play international cricket as well as countries where cricket fans are present. This includes 21 countries across the globe with 60 cities where the trophy will be displayed.



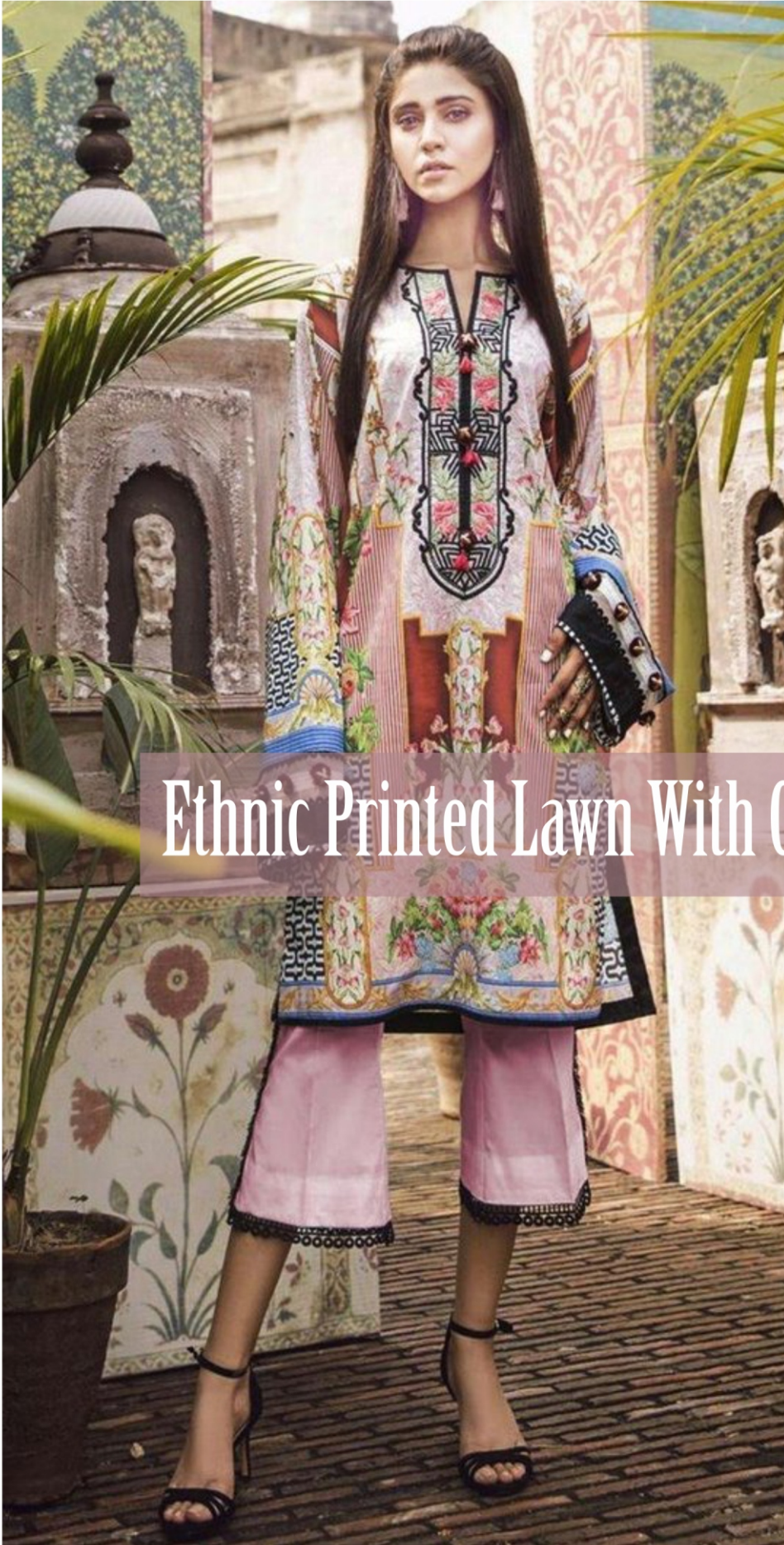


Priyanka Chopra Jonas: Sexual harassment had become norm with women

Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas said sexual harassment had become a norm with women, but people don't have the power to shut them down now. Priyanka opened up about the #MeToo movement, her career, her relationship with husband Nick Jonas, and gender equality during a conversation with Women In the World founder Tina Brown at the Women in World Summit 2019. She spoke about what it has been like to watch women in Hollywood and Bollywood in great numbers since the rise of the #MeToo movement. "Sexual harassment had become a norm with women," she said. "Now because of the support we are giving each other, people don't have the power to shut us down." No degree of acquired composure, however, could keep her safe from harassment, which she laments had until recently really become normalised everywhere, excused with a boys will be boys mentality. The difference the #MeToo movement has made, she said, is the strength in numbers that women are newly enjoying. "We always had a voice. Just nobody heard us. Now because of the support we're giving each other, nobody can shut us down. And that's an incredibly powerful thing to see. Now if I have a story I don't feel I'm alone anymore, and I'm not ashamed of it," she said. When asked if she ever faced sexual harassment, she raised her hand saying everybody in this room has probably faced one because it had become a norm with women. The actress also explained why a lot of Indian actors don't opt for crossovers in the West. "A lot of actors that I speak to don't have ambitions to move out of the industry. Bollywood is the biggest, if not the first industry to make films and the demographic is so large, they don't want to leave that." But she thinks there is a little problem when it comes to the casting of South Asians in Hollywood. "I played ethnically ambiguous parts," she said. "It took me all those ethnically ambiguous parts to be where I am today. I did not want to do stereotype roles because then all you will see is what I already know I can do. I am

Indian, I can do that." Opening up about entering beauty pageants, she said, "I was extremely awkward, but I like winning." "It is my greatest friend and greatest joy... I think that the pageant world has a very bad reputation in the US, whereas in India, the pageant world is very cohesive to the entire personality of a woman, what you look like, how you speak, especially how much you know, there was a lot of attention that was placed on the substance, even for Miss World." Priyanka is glad that Nick is very supportive as a husband. She got married to him last year in India. "I am a wild child, I do whatever I want whenever I want and he always supports me," she said. She shared an anecdote from one of their first dates. They were out with their friends, and Priyanka had a meeting. She began dropping hints to the group about needing an excuse to cancel her meeting, but Nick wasn't taking the hint. "I said it twice. I said it thrice," she said. "And finally he pulled me aside and was like, 'Look, I'm not stupid, I know what you're trying to do. But I will never be the one that tells you to cancel work, because I know how hard you work to be where you are'. I was like, this is the first (time) anyone has ever done that for me, the first person who gave me credit for what I have done," Priyanka said.





Ethnic Printed Lawn With Chiffon Dupatta





CHICKEN ENCHILADA

Ingredients

2 pounds boneless skinless chicken breasts
 2 cans (15 ounces each) enchilada sauce (or one large 28-ounce can)
 1 small can (about 4 ounces) chopped green chilies
 16 corn or flour tortillas (6 inch size)
 3 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend
 Sour cream, optional



How to make Chicken Enchiladas

Cut chicken into large chunks. Combine the chicken, enchilada sauce, and chilies into the inner pot of the Instant Pot. Cook on high pressure for 12 minutes. Remove chicken and shred with about 1/2 cup sauce in the pressure cooker. Save remaining sauce. Place about 1/4 cup chicken and 1/8 cup shredded cheese inside each tortilla and roll, Note if using corn tortillas heat them first so they can be easily rolled. I make two pans. Spray pans with cooking spray. In each pan place 1 cup sauce, 8 rolled enchiladas. Pour remaining sauce. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Pour remaining reserved juices over top; sprinkle with cheese. Cover and bake the second dish at 350° for 20 minutes. Uncover; bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is lightly browned. Serve with sour cream if desired. I cover the second pan and freeze for up to 3 months. To use frozen enchiladas thaw in the refrigerator overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking.



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بغیر لائسنس بھارتی یا غیر ملکی چینلز چلانے کی اجازت نہیں، پیمر ا

کراچی: پاکستان میڈیا ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (پیمر ا) کے چیئرمین مرزا سلیم بیگ نے کہا ہے کہ پاکستان میں بغیر لائسنس کے بھارت سمیت کسی بھی غیر ملکی چینلز کو چلانے کی اجازت نہیں دی جائے گی۔ کراچی الیکٹرانکس ڈیلز ایسوسی ایشن کے تحت بھارتی چینلز نشر کرنے والے ڈی ٹی ایچ آلات نذر آتش کرنے کے بعد پریس کانفرنس سے خطاب کے دوران انھوں نے کہا کہ بھارتی چینلز کے خلاف جب سے مہم شروع ہوئی ہے پیمر ا نے 15 ہزار سے زائد آلات ضبط کیے ہیں، نومبر 2019 تک مقامی ڈی ٹی ایچ ایس متعارف کرا دیا جائے گا اور پاکستانی ڈی ٹی ایچ سے مقامی تاجروں کو نہ صرف فائدہ پہنچے گا بلکہ روزگار کے وسیع مواقع پیدا ہوں گے۔ پیمر ا نے مقامی ڈی ٹی ایچ کا ایک علیحدہ شعبہ قائم کر دیا ہے جو صارفین اور تاجروں کو سہولت فراہم کرے گا، بھارتی نشریات کے خلاف لاہور سے شروع ہونے والی مہم انتہائی کامیابی کے ساتھ کراچی پہنچ گئی ہے۔ سلیم بیگ نے بتایا کہ گھروں میں نصب آلات کے خلاف کارروائی نہیں کر سکتے البتہ بھارتی ڈی ٹی ایچ آلات فروخت کرنے والوں کے خلاف پیمر ا ایکٹ کے تحت سخت تادیبی کارروائی عمل میں لائی جائے گی۔ قبل ازیں کراچی الیکٹرانکس ڈیلز ایسوسی ایشن کے صدر رضوان عرفان نے کہا کہ پیمر ا پاکستان بھر میں بھارتی چینلز نہ دکھانے کے لیے سخت اقدامات بروئے کار لائے الیکٹرانکس ڈیلز بھارتی ثقافت کا مکمل بائیکاٹ کرنے میں مکمل تعاون کریں گے، پیمر ا مقامی ڈی ٹی ایچ کی ایسی پالیسی بنائے کہ چھوٹے تاجروں کے لیے کاروباری مواقع پیدا ہوں۔ کراچی الیکٹرانکس ڈیلز ایسوسی ایشن نے بھارتی چینلز کے بائیکاٹ کی مہم کا آغاز کرتے ہوئے ریگل چوک پر بھارتی چینلز نشر کرنے والے آلات نذر آتش کیے، علاوہ ازیں چیئرمین پیمر ا سلیم بیگ نے ایگزیکٹو ممبر اشفاق جمانی کے عمران گورنر سندھ عمران اسماعیل سے ملاقات کی اور انھیں پیمر ا کی 2015 کی کارکردگی رپورٹ پیش کی۔ ملاقات کے دوران میڈیا سے متعلق دیگر معاملات اور مسائل پر بھی گفتگو ہوئی گورنر سندھ نے پیمر ا کی کارکردگی کو سراہا اور امید ظاہر کی کہ پیمر ا امن و یکجہتی کے حوالے پاکستان کی آواز دنیا بھر میں پہنچانے میں اہم کردار ادا کرتا رہے گا۔

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سوڈان میں فوج نے 30 سال سے برسرِ اقتدار صدر عمر البشیر کا تختہ الٹ دیا

خرطوم: سوڈان میں فوج نے 30 سال سے برسرِ اقتدار صدر عمر البشیر کا تختہ الٹ دیا ہے۔ غیر ملکی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق سوڈان کے 30 سال سے برسرِ اقتدار صدر عمر البشیر منصب سے استعفیٰ لے لیا گیا ہے اور فوج نے انہیں گھر میں نظر بند کر دیا ہے۔ سوڈان میں کئی ہفتوں سے جاری حکومت کے خلاف جاری عوامی احتجاج کے بعد فوج نے صدر عمر البشیر کا تختہ الٹتے ہوئے ان سے استعفیٰ لے لیا ہے جبکہ انہیں گھر میں نظر بند کر دیا گیا ہے۔ فوج نے ملکی امور چلانے کے لیے عمر البشیر کے نائب اور وزیر دفاع جنرل عوض بن عوف کی سربراہی میں عبوری کونسل تشکیل دے دی ہے۔ ملک کے کئی موجودہ اور سابق سرکاری حکام کو گرفتار کر لیا گیا ہے جن میں سابق وزیر دفاع عبدالرحیم محمد حسین، نیشنل کانگریس پارٹی کے نامزد سربراہ احمد ہارون اور عمر البشیر کے سابق نائب علی عثمان محمد اور ذاتی محافظین بھی شامل ہیں۔ سوڈان میں کئی ہفتوں سے صدر عمر البشیر کے خلاف احتجاج جاری تھا۔ صدر نے فوج کو مظاہرین کو منتشر کرنے کا حکم دیا تھا تاہم فوج نے یہ حکم تسلیم کرنے سے انکار کرتے ہوئے کہا تھا کہ ملک کے آئین اور انسانی حقوق کے منشور کے تحت عوام کو پرامن مظاہروں کا حق حاصل ہے۔ ملک کے بعض علاقوں میں عوام کی جانب سے جشن منانے کا آغاز کر دیا گیا ہے۔ فوج کے افسران کا ایک گروپ سرکاری ریڈیو اور ٹیلی وژن کی عمارت میں داخل ہو گیا ہے، دار الحکومت خرطوم کے ہوائی اڈے کو پروازوں کی آمد و رفت کے لیے بند کر دیا گیا ہے۔ فوجیوں کی بڑی تعداد اور بکتر بند گاڑیاں صدارتی محل کے اطراف تعینات ہیں جب کہ محل میں آمد و رفت کا سلسلہ روک دیا گیا ہے اور خرطوم کی مرکزی شاہراہوں پر فوجیوں کی بڑی تعداد پھیلی ہوئی ہے۔ عمر البشیر کا پورا نام عمر حسن احمد البشیر ہے جو 1989ء میں سوڈانی فوج کے کرنل تھے اور وزیر اعظم صادق المہدی کی جمہوری حکومت کا تختہ الٹنے کے بعد ملک کے سیاہ و سفید کے مالک بن گئے تھے۔ بین الاقوامی عدالت جرائم میں عمر البشیر پر بڑے پیمانے پر قتل، عصمت دری اور شہریوں کی املاک لوٹنے کا مقدمہ بھی چلا تھا۔ 1992ء کے عشرے میں عمر البشیر نے القاعدہ کے سربراہ اسامہ بن لادن کو پناہ بھی دی تھی تاہم تنزانیہ اور نیروبی میں امریکی سفارت خانوں پر حملوں کے بعد سوڈانی حکومت نے اسامہ بن لادن کو بے دخل کر دیا تھا۔

روس نے مودی کو اپنے سب سے اعلیٰ سول اعزاز سے نوازا دیا

شمالی کوریا میں کم جونگ اُن دوبارہ سپریم لیڈر منتخب



نئی دہلی: روس نے بھارتی وزیر اعظم نریندرامودی کو اپنے سب سے اعلیٰ سولین اعزاز سینٹ اینڈریو سے نوازا دیا۔ بین الاقوامی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق ماسکو حکومت نے بھارتی وزیر اعظم نریندرامودی کو روس سے مضبوط اور خوشگوار خارجہ تعلقات اور بے مثل معاشی شراکت داری پر اعلیٰ ترین سول ایوارڈ سینٹ اینڈریو عطا کیا ہے۔ بھارت میں موجود روسی سفارت خانے نے وزیر اعظم مودی کو سب سے بڑے سول اعزاز سے نوازنے کے متعلق آگاہ کرتے ہوئے بتایا کہ وزیر اعظم مودی کی پالیسیوں سے روس اور بھارت کے درمیان خارجہ تعلقات میں بہتری آئی اور دونوں ممالک کے درمیان دو طرفہ تجارت میں بے پناہ اضافہ ہوا۔ بھارتی وزیر اعظم نریندرامودی نے سماجی رابطے کی ویب سائٹ ٹویٹر پر روس کا شکریہ ادا کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ دونوں ممالک کے درمیان دیرپا تعلقات سے دونوں ممالک کا مستقبل روشن ہے جس کے ثمرات عام شہریوں تک بھی پہنچیں گے۔ واضح رہے کہ جنگی جنون میں مبتلا بھارت اور روس کے درمیان دنیا کے سب سے بڑے میزائل سسٹم ایس-400 کی خریداری کے معاہدے پر دستخط کیے گئے تھے جس کے لیے روسی صدر نے بھارت کا دورہ بھی کیا تھا۔

پیانگ یانگ: شمالی کوریا کی پارلیمنٹ نے ایک بار پھر کم جونگ اُن کو ملک کا سپریم لیڈر منتخب کر لیا جب کہ ملک کے کئی اہم عہدوں پر تبدیلیاں کی گئی ہیں۔ بین الاقوامی خبر رساں ادارے کے مطابق شمالی کوریا میں کئی برسوں کے بعد اعلیٰ قیادت میں تبدیلیاں لائی گئی ہیں۔ شمالی کوریا کی 14 ویں سپریم اسمبلی کے پہلے اجلاس میں کم جونگ اُن کو نظریاتی اقدامات، حکمت و دانائی سے بھرپور فیصلوں اور تجربے کا رقیادت کے باعث ایک بار پھر ریاست کا سپریم لیڈر منتخب کر لیا گیا ہے۔ سپریم اسمبلی کے انتخاب کے بعد کم جونگ اُن ریاستی امور کے کمیشن کے چیئرمین کے طور پر برقرار رہیں گے تاہم اب اس عہدے کو چیئرمین کے بجائے 'کوریا کی عوام کے سپریم نمائندے' کا نام دیا گیا ہے۔ سپریم اسمبلی نے ایک اہم تبدیلی 'چوئے ریانگ' ہے کو سپریم پبلک اسمبلی کا صدر نامزد کر کے کی ہے، آئینی طور پر یہ عہدہ بے اختیار سربراہ مملکت کے برابر ہوتا ہے تاہم اب بھی طاقت کا اصل مرکز کم جونگ اُن ہی ہوں گے۔ سپریم اسمبلی نے ملک کا نیا 'پریمیئر' بھی منتخب کیا، اس عہدے پر کم بے ریانگ اپنے پیشرو پاک پونگ جو کی جگہ ذمہ داریاں نبھائیں گے۔ کم بے ریانگ ایک عرصے سے حکمران پارٹی کے اہم عہدوں پر منصب فائز رہے ہیں۔ یہ عہدہ محدود اختیارات کے ساتھ وزیر اعظم کے منصب کے برابر ہوتا ہے۔

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سراج درانی کو 26 اپریل تک جوڈیشل ریمانڈ پر جیل بھیج دیا گیا



اسلام آباد: جعلی اکاؤنٹس کیس میں نیب کا کہنا ہے کہ آصف زرداری نے درخواست ضمانت میں غلط بیانی کی اور وہ کسی ریلیف کے مستحق نہیں ہیں۔ جعلی بینک اکاؤنٹس کیس میں اہم پیش رفت سامنے آئی ہے، سابق صدر آصف علی زرداری کی درخواست ضمانت پر قومی احتساب بیورو (نیب) نے اپنا جواب جمع کروا دیا، نیب پراسیکیوٹر سردار مظفر عباسی نے جواب اسلام آباد ہائیکورٹ میں جمع کرایا۔ نیب کی جانب سے جمع کروائے گئے جواب میں کہا گیا کہ پیپلز پارٹی کے شریک چیئرمین آصف زرداری نے درخواست ضمانت میں غلط بیانی کی، وہ کسی ریلیف کے مستحق نہیں ہیں اور آصف زرداری نے دیگر ملزمان کی ملی بھگت سے نیشنل بینک سے ڈیڑھ ارب کا قرض لیا، آصف زرداری نے دھوکہ دہی سے فرنٹ کمپنی پیرتھیون بنائی لہذا پارک لین کمپنی میں آصف زرداری کی ضمانت مسترد کی جائے۔

احتساب عدالت نے آمدن سے زائد اخراجات کیس میں اسپیکر سندھ اسمبلی آغا سراج درانی کو 26 اپریل تک جوڈیشل ریمانڈ پر جیل بھیج دیا۔ کراچی کی احتساب عدالت کے منتظم جج کے روبرو آمدن سے زائد اخراجات بنانے کے کیس کی سماعت ہوئی تو نیب حکام نے آغا سراج درانی کو پیش کیا اور تفتیشی افسر نیب نے مزید 15 دن کا ریمانڈ مانگ لیا۔ تفتیشی افسر نے بتایا کہ ہماری تفتیش چل رہی جسے مکمل کر کے ہی ریفرنس پیش کریں گے۔ ریفرنس پیش نہ کرنے پر عدالت تفتیشی افسر پر برہم ہوگئی تو فاضل جج کو بتایا گیا کہ نیب نے آغا سراج درانی کا تفتیشی افسر تبدیل کر دیا ہے۔ عدالت نے آغا سراج کو 26 اپریل تک عدالتی ریمانڈ پر جیل بھیجتے ہوئے تفتیشی افسر کو آئندہ سماعت پر ریفرنس پیش کرنے کا حکم دیا۔

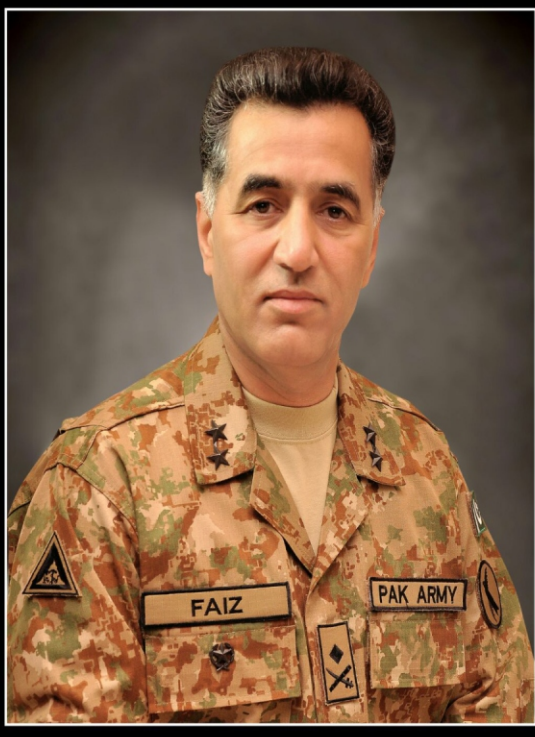
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پاک فوج کے 4 میجر جنرلز کی لیفٹیننٹ جنرل کے عہدے پر ترقی

راولپنڈی: پاک فوج کے 4 میجر جنرلز کو لیفٹیننٹ جنرل کے عہدے پر ترقی دیدی گئی ہے۔ پاک فوج کے شعبہ تعلقات عامہ (آئی ایس پی آر) کے مطابق پاک فوج کے 4 میجر جنرلز کو لیفٹیننٹ جنرل کے عہدے پر ترقی دیدی گئی ہے، ترقی پانے والوں میں میجر جنرل ساحر شمشاد مرزا، نعمان محمود، اظہر عباس اور فیض حمید شامل ہیں۔ میجر جنرل ساحر شمشاد مرزا اس وقت ڈی جی ملٹری آپریشنز کے طور پر فرائض انجام دے رہے ہیں جب کہ اس سے قبل بھی وہ اہم عہدوں پر تعینات رہ چکے ہیں، میجر جنرل اظہر عباس اس وقت کمانڈنٹ انفرٹری کونٹریکٹ کے طور پر خدمات انجام دے رہے ہیں۔ میجر جنرل فیض حمید اس وقت آئی ایس آئی میں خدمات انجام دے رہے ہیں جب کہ اس سے قبل وہ جی اوسی پو عاقل بھی رہ چکے ہیں، میجر جنرل نعمان محمود بھی اس وقت آئی ایس آئی میں خدمات انجام دے رہے ہیں۔





بدقسمتی سے انصاف کا شعبہ پارلیمنٹ کی ترجیحات میں شامل نہیں، چیف جسٹس

اسلام آباد: چیف جسٹس پاکستان جسٹس آصف سعید کھوسہ نے کہا ہے کہ بدقسمتی سے انصاف کا شعبہ پارلیمنٹ کی ترجیحات میں شامل نہیں اور جوڈیشل پالیسی بہتر بنانے کے لیے سفارشات اور تزامیم کو پارلیمنٹ میں پیش نہیں کیا گیا۔ اسلام آباد میں فوری انصاف کی فراہمی سے متعلق کانفرنس سے خطاب کے دوران چیف جسٹس آصف سعید کھوسہ کا کہنا تھا کہ جج بنا تو پہلے دن سے ہی مشن تھا کہ مقدمات کے جلد فیصلے کیے جائیں، ماضی میں فیصلوں میں تاخیر کم کرنے کے لئے کئی تجربات کیے گئے، کبھی قانون میں ترمیم تو کبھی ڈومور کی تجویز دی گئی، ہمارے ہجر جتنا کام کر رہے ہیں اتنا دنیا میں کوئی نہیں کرتا، پاکستان کی عدلیہ کے 3 ہزار ججز نے گزشتہ سال 34 لاکھ مقدمات کے فیصلے کیے، ججز کو اس سے زیادہ ڈومور کا نہیں کہہ سکتے، برطانیہ اور دیگر ملکوں میں مقدمے کے فیصلوں کے لیے وقت مقرر کیا جاتا ہے، امریکا اور برطانیہ کی سپریم کورٹ سال میں 100 مقدمات کے فیصلے کرتی ہیں۔ چیف جسٹس پاکستان نے کہا کہ بدقسمتی سے انصاف کا شعبہ پارلیمنٹ کی ترجیحات میں شامل نہیں، جوڈیشل پالیسی بہتر بنانے کیلئے سفارشات اور تزامیم کو پارلیمنٹ میں پیش نہیں کیا گیا، فوری اور سستے انصاف کی فراہمی عدلیہ کی ذمہ داری ہے، ملزموں کی عدالت میں حاضری یقینی بنانا ریاست کی ذمہ داری ہے، قیدیوں کو لانے والی پولیس ویز کا باقاعدہ انتظام کیا جانا چاہیے۔ پولیس کو مقدمے کی فوری تحقیقات کر کے چالان پیش کرنا چاہیے۔ جسٹس آصف سعید کھوسہ نے کہا کہ مقدمات کا التوا ختم کرنے کے لیے ہر ممکن اقدام کر رہے ہیں، جوڈیشل پالیسی کے تحت مقدموں کے لیے وقت مقرر کیا جائے گا، اس سے انصاف کا حصول آسان ہوگا، ماڈل کورٹس ایک مشن کے تحت قائم کی گئی ہیں، ماڈل کورٹس کا تجربہ آئین کے آرٹیکل 37 ڈی پر عمل درآمد کرنا ہے، ان کا مقصد مقدمات کے التوا کا باعث بننے والی رکاوٹوں کو دور کرنا ہے۔ مقدمے میں کسی وجہ سے استغاثہ کے پیش نہ ہونے پر متبادل انتظام کیا جائے گا۔

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لاہور: لڑکی کے اغوا کے معاملے پر پنجاب پولیس کی جانب سے بار بار جھوٹ بولنے پر وزیر اعظم نے صوبائی حکومت پر ناراضگی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے وزیر اعلیٰ کو 14 دن میں ذمہ داروں کا تعین کرنے اور غلط رپورٹ دینے کی تحقیقات کا حکم دے دیا۔ لاہور کی ایک خاتون نے پاکستان سٹیزن پورٹل پر اپنی بیٹی کے اغوا کی شکایت درج کرائی اور لکھا کہ پولیس اس کی بیٹی کو بازیاب نہیں کر رہی بلکہ اس کے بیٹے اور پڑوسیوں پر تشدد بھی کیا ہے، جس پر وزیر اعظم آفس کی جانب سے لاہور پولیس کو واقعہ کی تحقیقات کا حکم دیا گیا۔ پولیس نے وزیر اعظم آفس کو دوبارہ رپورٹ دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ معاملہ حل ہو چکا ہے جبکہ حقیقت یہ تھی کہ لڑکی بازیاب نہیں کرائی گئی۔ پولیس کا جھوٹ پکڑے جانے پر وزیر اعظم آفس کی جانب سے چیف سیکریٹری پنجاب کو ایک خط لکھا گیا جس میں وزیر اعظم آفس نے پنجاب حکومت کی جانب سے معاملے پر توجہ نہ دینے پر تنقید کی اور لکھا کہ عوامی شکایات کا ازالہ نہ ہونا گڈ گورننس اور فرائض کی ادائیگی کے اصولوں کے خلاف ہے۔ خط میں پنجاب حکومت کی توجہ پولیس کی جانب سے بار بار جھوٹ بولنے کی طرف بھی دلاتے ہوئے کہا گیا کہ خاتون کی شکایت کو جس طرح ہینڈل کیا گیا اس کے بعد پنجاب حکومت کے طریقہ کار پر کئی سوالات اٹھتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم آفس کے خط میں پنجاب حکومت سے جواب طلبی کرتے ہوئے پوچھا گیا کہ خاتون کی جانب سے شکایت کو مکمل توجہ کیوں نہیں دی گئی؟ شکایت حل نہ ہونے کے باوجود وزیر اعظم کو شکایت حل ہونے کا جواب کیوں بھجوا دیا گیا؟ کئی سطحوں پر معاملے کو مناسب توجہ نہیں دی گئی۔ تمام تر معاملے میں پولیس افسروں کے کردار اور سپروائزری میکانزم پر بھی سوال اٹھتے ہیں۔ وزیر اعظم آفس کے خط میں لکھا گیا ہے کہ اس تمام معاملے پر پنجاب حکومت اعلیٰ سطح کی تحقیقات کرائے اور اپنی ذمہ داری ادا نہ کرنے والے افسروں کا تعین کرے، وزیر اعظم آفس نے پنجاب حکومت سے دو ہفتوں کے اندر پورے معاملے پر رپورٹ طلب کی ہے اور معاملے کو ترجیحی بنیادوں پر نمٹانے کی ہدایت کی ہے۔

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