

## Quick Read Malaysian court approves North Korean's extradition to US

**KUALA LUMPUR:** A North Korean man is likely to face money-laundering charges in the United States after a Malaysian court approved his extradition Friday (Dec 13).



in a case his lawyers claim is politically motivated. Mun Chol Myong has denied FBI claims that he led a criminal group that violated sanctions by supplying luxury goods to his isolated homeland and laundered funds through front companies.

The 54-year-old, who has lived in Malaysia with his family for a decade, was arrested in May following an extradition request from Washington.

His defence team claims he was involved only in the supply of palm oil and soybean oil to the North.

"I am sad and disappointed with the court action," said his lawyer Jagjit Singh, who previously criticised the extradition bid as "solely based on politics".

Jagjit said his client would not be deported before a final appeal, likely to be heard early next year.

Mun has been in custody since his arrest.

He is accused of four charges of money-laundering and two of conspiracy to launder money, mainly in relation to his work for a firm in neighbouring Singapore.

His case has shone a spotlight on trade ties between Pyongyang and Singapore, with several companies in the city charged in recent times over shipping banned goods to the North.

The export to the North of some goods, including luxury items, has been banned as part of sweeping sanctions imposed on Pyongyang by the United Nations and countries including the US over its weapons programme.

Last month, a Singapore court jailed the director of a trading firm for nearly three years for supplying US\$4.4 million worth of goods - ranging from alcohol to cosmetics and watches - to the North.—AFP

### COURT NOTICE

**In the Court Of Judge Banking Court-I, Gujranwala**  
**Old P. W. D. Rest House Opp. Commissioner Office, Gujranwala.**

Suit No.343-1/2019 title Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited, Branch Ahmad Nagar, VERSUS Wakeel Khan Summon to Wakeel Khan S/o Abdul Lateef through legal heirs Balqees Bibi w/o, Ehsan Ullah, Muhammad Asif Sons of, Sumaira Bibi, Siam Bibi Daughters of, Caste Rajput R/o Jokhian, Tehsil Wazirabad & District Gujranwala.

WHEREAS, the aforesaid plaintiff has instituted a suit against you and others for the recovery of Rs.5,68,646/- along with marks up /Interest and costs etc claimed to be payable by you. A summon U/S 9(5) of Ordinance No.XLVI of 2001 referred to above is hereby issued requiring you to make within 30 days of the service of the summon an application for leave to defend the suit in the form of written statement U/S 10 of the said Ordinance.

Take notice that on your failure to file such application within time specified above, the Banking Court shall pass a decree as Prayed for in the Plaintiff, in the favour of the plaintiff Banking Company. Next date for further proceedings, in the case has been fixed on 27-01-2020

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this 12-12-2019

### COURT NOTICE

**Before in the court of Arshad Mahmood District and Session Judge, Banking Court, Sargodha (H No 81/82 New Satellite Town, General Bus Stand Road Sargodha).**

Suit No 23/2019, Zarai Taraqiati Bank Limited Piplan Branch District Mianwali Versus Muhammad Jehangir, S/O Allah Ditta R/O Waghriawala, P.O Same Tehsil Piplan District Mianwali whereas the aforesaid plaintiff, has instituted a suit against you and other for the recovery or rs .90,881/-. Along with mark up / interest and costs etc , summon under section 9(5) of the financial institutions ( recovery of finances ) ordinance ,2001 ( ordinance no xlvi of 2001) . Therefore this add is being issued for you to appear in same court at 8 o clock dated on 18.12.19.,, other wise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted

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**Before judge Muhammad Haroon Civil Judge Tehsil Bhulwal District Sargodha**

Gulam Shabir Versus Fazal Ul Haq , Etc , Versus Ata Ur Rehman S/O Muhammadiqbal Caste Khokhar Po Box No 12515, Sharjah Uae ( Arm Amarat ) suit for „specific performance ,this add is being issued for you to appear in same court at 8 o clock dated on 19,12, 19 , other wise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would b e accepted

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Suit No 435/2019, National Bank of Pakistan Main Branch Mianwali Versus Muhammad Aslam Khan Etc , Summon To Muhammad Asalam Khan And Muhammad Yousaf Khan , S/O Haq Nawaz Khan R/O Pateshi Khelan Wala P.O Chidro , Tehsil And District Mianwali whereas the aforesaid plaintiff, has instituted a suit against you and other for the recovery or rs .273,580/ along with mark up / interest and costs etc , summon under section 9(5) of the financial institutions ( recovery of finances ) ordinance ,2001 ( ordinance no xlvi of 2001) . Therefore this add is being issued for you to appear in same court at 8 o clock dated on 15.1.2020.,, other wise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would b

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**Before in the court of Mr. Arshad Mahmood District And Session Judge Banking Court Sargodha (H No 81/82 New Satellite Town , General Bus Stand Road Sargodha)**

Suit no 446/2019, National Bank Of Pakistan Sillanwali Branch District Sargodha Versus Irfan Ullah , Irfan Ullah S/O Muhammad Sharif ,R/O Chak No 152/Nb Tehsil Sillanwali District Sargodha whereas the aforesaid plaintiff, has instituted a suit against you and other for the recovery or rs .111,660/ along with mark up / interest and costs etc , summon under section 9(5) of the financial institutions ( recovery of finances ) ordinance ,2001 ( ordinance no xlvi of 2001) . Therefore this add is being issued for you to appear in same court at 8 o clock dated on 20.1.2020.,, other wise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted

# China ramps up campaign to redefine 'human rights'

**BEIJING:** China is ramping up a global campaign to promote its own vision of human rights, inviting the likes of North Korea and Syria to a forum on the topic and drafting other countries to back its policies at the UN.

Western nations have condemned China's rights record, including a security crackdown that has detained an estimated one million mostly Muslim minorities in re-education camps in northwest Xinjiang region.

China is responding with an increasingly strong counter-narrative, which emphasises security and economic development over civil and political freedoms.

"The people of each country all have the right to decide for themselves their human rights development path," Chinese vice foreign minister Ma Zhaoxu told delegates at a summit on the issue this week.

Attendees at the "South-South human rights forum" included representatives from North Korea, Pakistan and Syria - three countries with their own chequered human rights

records.

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"I believe China can, with the help of all developing countries, redefine human rights," Bouthaina Shaaban said in a speech that blasted Western countries for wanting to "create all of us in their own image".

Shaaban's comments echoed China's fiery responses to allegations of human rights abuses, which it says are used to undermine the country's sovereignty.

Beijing's global push seeks "to counter criticisms on its failure to respect international human rights standards", Amnesty International researcher Patrick Poon told AFP. China's response to a recent barrage of international condemnation over its mass detention of ethnic Uighurs in Xinjiang shows its efforts to frame development and security as the most important human rights.

After initially denying the existence of detention camps, Beijing acknowledged it had opened "vocational education centres" aimed at preventing extremism after years of unrest in the region.

English-language state broadcaster CGTN last week released a documentary series on deadly attacks blamed on religious extremists and separatists to defend China's policies in Xinjiang.

It followed the leak of official documents describing how authorities run the internment camps and the US House of Representatives passing the Uighur Act of 2019 to target Chinese officials with sanctions.

The footage includes graphic images of a car ramming into a crowd at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 2013 and a mass knife attack at a train station in Kunming in southwest China that left 31 dead in 2014.

"The most fundamental human right is the right to a safe life, and only by ensuring people's safety can human rights be protected," the official Xinhua news agency said in a commentary last week.

Graphic on 're-education' camps in China's Xinjiang region, according to research by Washington-based East Turkistan National Awakening Movement. (Graphic: AFP/Laurence Chu)

The documentaries reinforce the narrative that "Uighurs are discontented because they don't have the proper economic opportunities," Hong Kong-based political analyst Willy Lam told AFP. "The main purpose (of the crackdown) is suppression of the political aspirations of the Uighurs, but they are trying to put an economic spin on this," he added.—AFP



**BEIJING:** China is responding to criticism of its rights record with an increasingly strong counter-narrative, which emphasises security and economic development over civil and political freedoms.

## Sightless Hong Kongers live city of protest by sound

**HONG KONG:** In Hong Kong, when the tempo of traffic-light signals accelerates to about 800 ticks a minute, visually impaired residents know they can safely cross the road. But over the past six months of unrest, many streets have lost their beat.

Anti-government activists have smashed more than 700 traffic lights since demonstrations erupted in June, significantly altering the soundtrack of daily life for the southern Chinese-ruled city's estimated 174,800 visually impaired people.

While images of black-clad protesters hurling petrol bombs and riot police shooting tear gas have become ubiquitous, the visually impaired hear, rather than see, the unrest that has plunged the former British colony into crisis.

The holes and debris left behind after protesters dig up sidewalk bricks and scatter them across roads to disrupt traffic render pathways disorienting for people with a

visual impairment. "Suddenly I wonder why the road in front of me is now broken. Am I on the pavement or am I on the road?" said Joy Luk, 41, a blind lawyer who stands on the frontlines of protests and offers general legal advice to demonstrators.

"The people in Hong Kong think that as disabled people, we can do nothing to contribute to the betterment of society," Luk said. "Protesting is a way to express my opinion and to show my ability to others."

Demonstrating, however, is not easy for Luk, who taps a white cane to feel for obstacles and relies on bystanders to guide her. "Many people tell me to go straight, but for a blind person it is very hard to go straight," said Luk, who tends to veer left as she walks.

At a recent protest, several demonstrators' hands threaded through Luk's arm as they walked together along the route and offered grapes or homemade walnut cook-

ies. Recalling photos of Hong Kong she saw when she was younger and still had vision, Luk said: "Now the picture itself is not beautiful, but the hearts and minds

of the people are very beautiful." Luk was born with 3% vision in one eye and lost all sight before she was 30.

Billy Wong, a 38-year-old visu-

ally impaired theology student, also supports the anti-government movement but has found himself increasingly home-bound due to escalating violence.—AFP



## NZ troops retrieve six bodies from volcano in daring mission

**WHAKATANE:** A team of elite New Zealand soldiers airlifted six bodies from the volatile White Island volcano on Friday (Dec 13), police said, in a mission carried out under the ever-present threat of another eruption.

AFP witnessed two military helicopters set off from Whakatane airport at first light for the offshore volcano, where an eruption last Monday is believed to have killed at least 16 people and severely injured dozens more.

The eight-strong military team was dispatched to recover eight bodies that remained on New Zealand's most active volcano, which sits semi-submerged 50km out to sea. "Six bodies have been successfully recovered from Whakaari-White Island and are now on board HMNZS Wellington," deputy commissioner John Tims said.

An airforce helicopter leaves Whakatane airport as it assists with the recovery of the eight bodies on White Island following a volcanic eruption in New Zealand.

It was unclear whether the team would return to try to recover the two sets of remains still believed to be there.

Drone flights had helped locate six of the bodies before the operation began and they were the team's priority as they laboured on the island in heavy protective gear that slowed them down and restricted movement.

Police said on the eve of the operation that they would search for the remains of the other two missing people but had limited time in such a dangerous environment.

As the military began their grim task, police took grieving families out near the volcano on a boat to perform a Maori blessing and locals chanted karakia, or prayers, on the shore as the island smouldered in the distance.

A military helicopter flies at the airport during the rescue mission following the White Island vol. A military helicopter flies at the airport during the rescue mission following the White Island volcano eruptions in

Whakatane, New Zealand, Dec 13, 2019. (Photo: Reuters/Jorge Silva)

Locals Boz Te Moana, 24 and Michael Mika, 28, came to support families gathered at the marae, a Maori community centre in Whakatane.

"Where we come from we don't leave anyone behind, no one gets left behind," Te Moana said of his Maori community. "We all move as one."

Locals wait for the return of victims after the White Island volcanic eruption, at Whakatane, New Zealand. (AP Photo/Mark Baker)

As the mission was under way, deputy police commissioner Mike Clement warned "there are many things that could go wrong" but added it was so far "playing out as we hoped".

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern also provided an update, saying the mission was being carried out to bring home grieving families' loved ones.

"It has been an incredibly difficult operation but it's been such a priority. We just want to bring everybody home," she told Australia's ABC Radio.

After coming under pressure from the families, authorities approved a recovery mission despite a 50 to 60 per cent chance of another blast from the volcano in the next day or so.

Relatives wait for rescue mission at Mataatua Mare house, following the White Island volcano eruption in Whakatane, New Zealand, Dec 13, 2019. (Photo: Reuters/Jorge Silva)

New Zealand Police Commissioner Mike Bush said dive teams have been deployed in the waters around the island and another aerial search would be conducted later on Friday. "It's not over yet," Bush told reporters in Whakatane, the mainland coastal town where about 100 family and local community members prayed and sang together as they watched helicopters fly to and from the island.—AFP