

Burhan Wani symbol of freedom, courage of Kashmiris: Report

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ISLAMABAD: Kashmiris on both sides of the Line of Control and across the world on Wednesday observing 4th martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Wani, who was extra-judicially killed by Indian troops on this day in 2016.

A report released by the Research Section of Kashmir Media Service on the occasion of the martyrdom anniversary of Burhan Wani, maintained that Burhan had become a symbol of freedom and courage for the Kashmiri people.

The report said that Burhan Wani was killed by Indian troops in a fake encounter in Kokernag area of Islamabad district on 8th July in 2016. It said that hundreds of thousands of people had attended his funeral to express their love and affection for him. Burhan's brutal murder had sparked mass uprising in the occupied territory, that year, it said.

The report maintained that since the killing of Burhan Wani, Indian troops have martyred 1,237 innocent Kashmiris including 28 women till date. It said these killings had rendered 100 women widowed and 227 children or-

phaned. It said 29,093 people had been injured due to the use of brute force, firing of bullets, pellets and teargas shells during protest demonstrations and cordon and search operations while 385 Kashmiris including 18-month-old Hiba Jaan have lost eyesight in one or both eyes due to pellet injuries.

"At least 25,489 had been arrested by the Indian police and troops during the period. 1,014 women had been molested or raped while 4,257 houses and structures had been damaged by the forces' personnel," it added.

The report maintained that the Kashmiris and Pakistanis around the world were paying tributes to Burhan Wani for his supreme sacrifice. "The veteran Kashmiri Hurriyat leader, Syed Ali Gilani, in his tweets said Burhan Wani was a great soldier in the caravan of martyrs of Kashmir. He said the destination of the caravan was the pleasure of Allah through the support and help of the oppressed people of Kashmir. He said that Burhan-like brave youth of Kashmir would give a befitting reply to the Indian aggression," it said.

The report underlined that other

Hurriyat leaders had reaffirmed the resolve to accomplish the mission of the Kashmiri martyrs including Burhan Wani at all costs.

The report underscored that Burhan Wani remains a guiding light for the people of Kashmir who were determined to continue their freedom movement against all odds. It said that Kashmiri youth were committed to take forward the message of Burhan Wani, whose sacrifice center-staged the Kashmir dispute at the global level.

The report pointed out that Burhan's killing was a turning point in the history of Kashmir movement and now each and every youth of occupied Kashmir was Burhan Wani. It added that despite using all kinds of brutal tactics, India had miserably failed to suppress the Kashmiris' resolve to continue their struggle for securing their right to self-determination.

The report said that it was the high time for the international community to hold India accountable for its genocidal actions in occupied Kashmir and force it to give the right to self-determination to the Kashmiris to prevent further bloodshed in the territory.



RAWALPINDI: An attractive view of a train on the way passing through a bridge near Cock Pul.

Webinar on 'Digital Edu during virus in Pakistan' held at UoS

Radical transformation of

From Our Staff Correspondent

SARGODHA: Universities around the world are under immense pressure on connectivity, continuity, excellence, equity and the quality of education in online learning process.

Radical transformation of the education system would be the only way out to provide, maintain and ensure the quality of education in this new landscape.

The policymakers have to think about strategically utilizing and allocating resources in a manner that allows smaller institutions to develop expertise from larger universities as digital learning has become imperative in these testing times and even it would be in post COVID-19 scenario.

These deliberations were made by the international and national education experts, who got together for a webinar at the University of Sargodha (UoS) on Wednesday, to discuss the "Digital Education during Pandemic in Pakistan" from the perspective of higher education.

Educationists from across the globe including Professor of Eastern Michigan University USA, Dr Joe Bishop, Director Department of Education University Grenoble-Alpes, France Dr Laurent Lima, Director University of Hong Kong Dr Susan Bridges, Associate professor of University of Malaya, Malaysia Dr Faizal bin A Ghani, Professor of Aga Khan University, Pakistan Dr Anjum Halai, AIOU Professor Dr Nasir Mehmood and prominent education expert Dr Faisal Bari, Associate Profes-

sor of Economics and Education, LUMS Lahore attended the webinar moderated by Ms Rubina of the Department of International Relations and Politics Sargodha University.

Commenting on the connectivity problem of the students, Dr Joe Bishop said "Even the students of advanced countries like United States faced internet issues, however, we expanded the Wi-Fi delivery and students having internet access issues joined online classes by sitting in cars at parking lots of the university."

He also shared the strategy and suggestions adopted by the US universities including mapping the classroom spaces, and plastic glass inserting between teachers and students.

Dr Laurent Lima highlighted the problems of connectivity, methods of teaching, economic crises and various family issues faced by the students. He suggested project based assessment to avoid the issue of copy pasting and similar assignments with shuffling of words.

Dr Susan Bridges was of the view that innovation, authenticity and creativity would be required to enhance digital education. Hybrid course design has enabled to attain synchronization and generate interest among the colleagues in making online material (video production, graphics). Expressing his concerns over the higher education institutions, Dr Bari stressed on updating model of higher education as the COVID-19 has provided us an opportunity to think about new ways and create much more customize response teaching method.

EPA warned of acute water shortage in Thar

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KARACHI: Leaders of Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum have demanded of the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency to reject bogus EIA and take action against the irrigation officials who started working without approval of the authority.

Muhammad Ali Shah, Chairman Pakistan Fisherfolk Forum, Ramzan Mallah, President PFF district Umerkot and AB Mallah, General Secretary, Umerkot, while addressing a press conference in Umerkot

on Wednesday said several countries were reverting back from coal-based energy. Contrary to that, our government is giving priority to coal power projects and developing it.

They said Nabisar reservoir/dam is being constructed with a cost of Rs20 billion with collaboration of an international company for taking water to Thar coal site, which would prove environmentally hazardous.

Coal mining and coal power plants use a huge amount of water that contains dangerous effluents

and particles which pollutes the clean water, they said. Thar has very limited water resources, which are endangered due to coal mining and coal power generation. In short words, there would be a case of acute water shortage in Thar due to coal power generation.

They informed that in the next 30 years, 4,000 billion gallons of water will be used on coal mining in Thar while 8,500-billion-gallon water will be used to produce 10-gigawatt energy. It will disrupt the whole water cycle of Thar.

US COVID-19 cases hit 3 million, stoking fears of overwhelmed hospitals

NEW YORK: The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in the United States pushed past 3 million, according to a Reuters tally, roughly equal to the population of Nevada, stoking fears that hospitals will be overwhelmed.

The United States has the highest known numbers of both COVID-19 cases and deaths in the world. More than 130,000 Americans have died from the disease, a toll that experts warn will likely surge following recent record spikes in case numbers in many states.

In the first seven days of July, 18 states have reported record increases in new cases of COVID-19, according to a Reuters tally.

In Texas alone, the number of hospitalised patients more than doubled in just two weeks. The Democratic mayor of Austin warned over the weekend that his city's hospitals could reach capacity in two weeks and run out of intensive care unit (ICU) beds in 10 days. In Arizona, about 90 per cent of ICU beds are full.

The rise in cases also cast a shadow over the nation's Fourth of July celebrations, with many towns and cities across the country cancelling annual fireworks displays to avoid large crowds gathering.

During an Independence Day



speech at the White House on Saturday, US President Donald Trump asserted without evidence that 99 per cent of coronavirus cases in the United States were "totally harmless".

Trump, a Republican, has refused to wear a mask in public and

has been reluctant to encourage Americans to do so, saying it was a personal choice. A Jul 4 celebration he attended at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota was "mask-optional" and had no social distancing.

Our comprehensive coverage of the coronavirus outbreak and its de-

US will goodbye to WHO in 2021

NEW YORK: The United States will leave the World Health Organization (WHO) on Jul 6, 2021, the United Nations said, after receiving notification of the decision by President Donald Trump, who has accused the agency of becoming a puppet for China during the coronavirus pandemic.

Trump, who announced the decision over a month ago, has to give one-year notice of the US withdrawal from the Geneva-based body and pay all Washington's dues under a 1948 joint resolution of the US Congress.

The United States currently owes the WHO more than US\$200 million in assessed contributions, according to the WHO website. After more than 70 years of membership, the United States moved to quit the WHO amid escalating tensions with China over the coronavirus pandemic. The virus first emerged in the Chinese city of Wuhan late last year.

The WHO has denied assertions by Trump that it promoted Chinese "disinformation" about the virus.

US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi described Trump's official withdrawal as "an act of true senselessness as WHO coordinates the global fight against COVID-19". "With millions of lives at risk, the President is crippling the international effort to defeat the virus," the



Democratic leader posted on Twitter.

So far there have been nearly 12 million cases of the coronavirus and more than 540,000 known deaths worldwide, according to a Reuters tally, with about 25 per cent of both cases and deaths in the United States.

Trump's decision could be overturned before it takes effect if he is defeated by his Democratic rival, former Vice President Joe Biden, in a November election. Trump had halted funding for the 194-member organisation in April, then in a May 18 letter gave the WHO 30 days to commit to reforms. —AFP

China has preferences in US election: FBI chief

WASHINGTON: The head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) said that China is pushing its preferences in the United States election as part of broad intelligence operations, whose economic impact he called unprecedented.

Christopher Wray, director of the FBI, did not say whether China backed either President Donald Trump or his presumptive Democratic rival Joe Biden, both of whom have harshly criticised Beijing.

"China's malign foreign influence campaign targets our policies, our positions, 24/7, 365 days a year," Wray said at the Hudson Institute. "So it's not an election-specific threat; it's really more of an all-year, all-the-time threat. But certainly that has implications for elections and they certainly have preferences that go along with that." US intelligence concluded that Russia intervened in the 2016 election, in part by manipulating social media, in an effort to elect Trump.

The Republican has criticised the 2016 finding and his administration has shown irritation over intelligence briefings that Russia is similarly interfering this year. —AFP

Lives at risk as trafficking in faulty masks, other gear surges: UN



VIENNA: Lives are at risk as the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a surge in the trafficking of substandard masks, sanitisers and other medical products, the UN warned.

Organised criminal groups - exploiting fears and uncertainties surrounding the virus - are providing such products to cater to a sudden surge in demand and the supply gap, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said in a report. UNODC said it expected criminals to shift their focus to vaccine-related trafficking once one was developed.

Fraud and scams as well as cyberattacks targeting critical infrastructure have followed the spread of the virus, it added. "Health and lives are at risk with criminals exploiting the COVID-19 crisis to cash in on public anxiety and increased demand for personal protective equipment and medications," UNODC Executive Director Ghada Waly said in a statement.

"Transnational organised crime groups take advantage of gaps in national regulation and oversight to peddle substandard and falsified medical products." An Interpol-coordinated operation to target illegal online sales of medicines and medical products with participation of 90 countries in March led to 121 arrests worldwide and the seizure of substandard and fake face masks. —AFP

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In the court of Zafar Iqbal Naem, Judge, Banking Court NO. 6 Old State Bank Building OPP. GPO Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam, Lahore
SUIT NO. 170/1/2020 ZTBL Ltd VERSUS Mukhtar Ahmad

Summons U/S 9(5) of the Financial Institution (Recovery of Finance) Ordinance 2001. (Ordinance No: SL VI of 2001)
Summons to: Mukhtar Ahmad s/o Muhammad Hussain Caste Jutt Sindu R/o Qila Qamar Singh p/o Mor Khandah Tahsil and District Nankana Sahib. Whereas the aforesaid plaintiff has instituted a suit against you and others for the 1288924/- with mandatory and permanent injunction along with mark up/ interest and cost etc, claimed to be payable by you. Summon u/s 10 of Ordinance no SL VI of 2001 referred to above is hereby issued requiring you to make within 30 days of the service of this summon an application for leave to defend the suit u/s 10 ibid. 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 plaint, in favour of the plaintiff Banking Company. Next date for further proceeding in the case has been fixed on 29-07-2020. Given order my hand and seal of the Court this 02-07-2020.

CORRECTION OF FATHER'S NAME



I Athar Javed have been passed the Secondary School Certificate Annual Examination 2017 Under Roll No 137313 From Board Of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Sahiwal. My Father's Name is Javed Khan whereas on my certified my father's name has been mentioned as Javed Iqbal which is incorrect. I want to get change my father's name Javed Iqbal to Javed Khan. If any person/organisation/agency has any objection the same may be intimated in writing to Secretary Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Sahiwal within 15 days.

Athar Javed S/O Javed Khan Govt High School 101/9.L Tehsil and District Sahiwal

Spain's Catalonia makes masks a must in public at all times



BARCELONA: Catalonia ordered all residents and visitors to wear face masks in public at all times, becoming the first Spanish region to toughen a national directive mandating their use when in close proximity to others.

The order, which takes effect on Thursday, was announced by regional leader Quim Torra four days after more than 200,000 people in the Segria area were placed under a local lockdown following a series of coronavirus outbreaks there.

"Masks will be mandatory all over

Catalonia, not just in the Segria region ... I think it's an important measure," Torra told the regional parliament. "We will distribute protective equipment."

Spanish authorities last month made wearing masks compulsory indoors and outdoors in all circumstances under which 1.5 metres (5 ft) of social distancing could not be maintained, and until a coronavirus cure or vaccine is found.

Torra's order removed that social distancing exception for Catalonia, making masks compulsory in all social situa-