

Moeed seeks media role to project Kashmir cause in a befitting way

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on National Security and Strategic Policy Planning Dr Moeed Yousuf on Friday sought the role of media in highlighting the Kashmir cause in a befitting manner.

He urged the media to give priority to the events and activities being held in connection with the Youme-Istehsal to highlight India's unilateral illegal action of abrogating the special constitutional status of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) on August 5 last and its continued military siege of the valley with record brutalities and suppression.

The media would continue supporting the Kashmiris with the same



spirit till they got their right to self-determination, Moeed said while addressing a press conference flanked by Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Qureshi and Minister for Information and Broadcasting Senator Shibli Faraz.

The SAPM said a year had lapsed after the Indian illegal action of August 05, 2019 to abrogate articles

370 and 35-A depriving the IIOJK of its special and now the Muslim majority there was being turned into a minority, with continuous genocide and jailing of innocent Kashmiris.

He said the revocation of IIOJK's special status was not only violation of human rights of Kashmiris but also of the United Nations Security Council resolutions and international accords.

"It should be very clear that Pakistan had always stood with the Kashmiris and will not budge from supporting them and highlighting their plight at every international forum till they achieve their right to self-determination," he added.

He appreciated the civil society for raising the Kashmir issue at every key forum to expose the Indian brutalities before the world.



RAWALPINDI: Children on the way while hold the rope of their sacrificial animal towards home.

PTI-led govt not to grant NRO to those involved in corruption cases: Fawad

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ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan Tehreek e Insaaf (PTI) government working under dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan would never grant National Reconciliation Order (NRO) to those elements found involved in money laundering and corruption cases.

Expressing these views on a private news channel, Minister for Science and Technology, Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said no NRO like favor would be possible under Imran Khan's regime adding the people had elected his government after heavy mandate thus the nation wanted to witness accountability process against the corrupt elements without discrimination, he added.

Commenting on slow pace of work of NAB, he said the leaders of Pakistan Peoples Party had made corruption cases against its rival party leaders representing Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz, during their regimes.

He said the most of the employees from lower to higher ranks of national accountability bureau were inducted by former PML-N governments.

Chaudhry Fawad Hussain said that Chairman NAB was selected by Opposition parties and now, the leaders of PPP and PML-N, wanted to amend laws to avoid cases being tackled by the NAB. Replying to a question, the minister said that there was dire need to introduce reforms in judicial system including NAB to rebuild confidence of the people in the national institutions. Commenting on opposition parties' ruckus in the national assembly, he said the leaders of opposition benches do not have any interest with people's affairs as they were seeking NRO from ruling party, adding he said but they (Opposition), always found discussing the personal matters rather to hold debate on de-



velopment programs benefiting the common man. He made it clear that PTI government would continue reforming process for achieving its goals of progress and development.

Missing PhD Scholar's family hold protest in Srinagar

The family members of a missing PhD scholar, Hilal Ahmed, once again held a demonstration at Press Colony in Srinagar, demanding of the authorities to trace their kin, in Indian Occupied Kashmir.

According to Kashmir Media Service, the protestors, that included several women, were agitated over the long period of disappearance of Hilal Ahmed and were desperately seek help from the authorities to find him.

Hilal Ahmed had gone missing in Wangan area of Ganderbal district, where he had gone for trekking with his friends on June 14 this year. He remains untraced since then and the family has repeatedly protested to seek

'Panahgahs' to finance travelling for elderly on Eid

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ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister's Focal Person on Shelter Homes Naseem ur Rehman has announced to bear travelling expense for elderly dwellers of the 'Panahgahs' of twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad to let them enjoy the Eid festivities with their family members.

He said the initiative was meant to reunite the deserving elderly with their loved ones on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha—a religious festival to be celebrated across the globe on August 1. "We have finalized the arrangements for sponsoring a senior daily wage travel from 'Panahgah' to his home so that he can be united with his family," Naseem ur Rehman told the media here during his routine visit to the Shelter Home of Sector G-9. He said several deserving elder residents had been identified in a quick survey which was carried out to determine the financial insolvency of 'Panah-

gahs Guests'. "We have carefully identified the needy and poor who cannot afford to be with their family as their effort to survive has touched the rock bottom due to COVID fall out." He said 'Apni Panahgah Teams' of Islamabad and Rawalpindi composed of dedicated team of volunteers had come forward in a small but significant step to unite elder migrant daily wagers with their families on the Eid. They had generated fund on their own for that purpose, he added.

"Beyond Food and Shelter, Panahgahs are evolving into a flashpoint of hope for the migrant daily earners, who have been bearing the brunt of economic slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic," he remarked.

Japanese Ambassador greets Pakistani people on occasion of Eid-ul-Azha

The Ambassador of Japan to Pakistan, MATSUDA Kuninori, has extended his heartfelt and sincere wishes to the people of Pakistan on the occa-

sion of Eid-ul-Azha.

The Ambassador, in his Eid greetings message, has said "On behalf of the Government and the people of Japan "I would like to convey our warm greetings and best wishes to all the people of Pakistan on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha and the Hajj pilgrimage" said a press release issued by Embassy of Japan in Islamabad here.

The Ambassador said Eid-ul-Azha celebrates Muslim's devotion to God and underscores the importance of the spirit of sacrifice and compassion. Do commemorate this great Islamic festival with its true zeal and spirit as was demonstrated by Prophet Ibrahim to follow Allah's Command.

The Ambassador further said that Japan and Pakistan have always maintained cordial and friendly relations. The Japan, as a true friend of Pakistan, looks forward for greater mutual cooperation in future to achieve our shared goal of peace.

North Korea will never give up its nuclear weapons

BUSAN: This week, North Korean supreme leader Kim Jong Un stated that nuclear deterrence insures there will never be another war against North Korea. This has been treated in the regional media as a breakthrough moment – no less than the leader of North Korea has now stated that war in Korea is now unthinkable.

It is true that Kim himself has rarely spoken so bluntly, but these comments cap what the North Koreans have been signalling for a long time. While North Korea has talked about nuclear disarmament and signed various non-binding statements for decades, it has never taken concrete action to roll back its program. It has frozen it occasionally,

but even then, in the 1990s, there was wide suspicion it was cheating.

Otherwise the North has chugged along in pursuit of nukes for four decades. Its slow and steady progress was never really affected by all the various efforts of outsiders to stop its nuclearisation. This long project reached fruition in 2017. That year the North detonated a warhead estimated of being half a megaton, although there is much debate over the yield of the North's weapons and Pyongyang has told us nothing about them. In 2017, the North also completed an intercontinental ballistic missile with the range to strike all of the United States (US). North Korea says it can now hit anywhere in the

United States with a nuclear tipped missile, but With a nuclear warhead atop such a missile, the North achieved direct nuclear deterrence against the US. Previously, the North deterred US action against it by threatening America's regional allies. But this was always a half-measure compared to threatening the US homeland directly. As the US has long been North Korea's greatest opponent, and because the US has occasionally threatened to strike North Korea, Pyongyang has long wanted long-range nuclear missiles.

Such weapons would preclude the US ever attacking the North, because the North could devastate several US cities in response. —AFP

Germany puts three Spanish regions hit by COVID-19 on high-risk list

BERLIN: Germany will force people returning from three Spanish regions, including Catalonia, home to Barcelona, to go into quarantine or take a coronavirus test, in the latest blow to Europe's travel industry after months of lockdown.

With virus numbers ticking up in Germany, fears have grown that tourists returning from destinations experiencing a surge in new cases, like Spain, could sow the seeds of a second wave. Germany reported 870 more confirmed coronavirus cases on Friday (Jul 31), bringing the total number to 208,698 while 9,141 deaths have been recorded. The Robert Koch Institute put Catalonia, Aragon, and Navarre in northern Spain on its list of places designated high-risk for coronavirus on Friday.

People returning from high-risk areas must go into quarantine for two weeks unless they can present a negative coronavirus test not older than 48 hours or are willing to take a test at an airport.

Germany begins mass COVID-19 testing at airports



From next week, Germany plans to make coronavirus tests mandatory at airports for all returning holidaymakers from high-risk areas in order to slow the spread of infections. The decision comes after Britain reimposed a 14-day quarantine period on people arriving from Spain and could deal a further blow to Spain's economy, which depends on tourism for 12.3 per cent of its economic output. —Reuters

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4. Lashkar-e-Tayyiba (LT)	49. Tehreek-e-Taliban Mohmand (TTM)	
5. Sipah-e-Sahaba Pakistan (SSP)	50. Tanzeem-ud-Dawlat (TD)	
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10. Milli-ye-Islam (Women's Cell)	55. STS Brigade	
11. Khudburo-ud-Deen (KUD)	56. Tehreek-e-Taliban Bajaur (TTB)	
12. Islamic Jish-e-Pakistan (IJP)	57. Army of Allah (AA) / Al-Naba' Army	
13. Jash-e-ud-Dawlat	58. Hujjat Nizamdar Group	
14. Jash-e-Tarqeen	59. Deoband Students Organization Awad (DSO-A)	
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17. Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA)	62. Deoband AWC	
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42. Shura-ud-Dawlat (Committee, Gilgit)	8. Ghulam-e-Sabaha (GS)	
43. Balochistan United Army	9. Nizam Trust	
44. Iqbal-e-Majlis	10. Sahel Samad Welfare Trust, Karachi	
45. Jash-e-Itimad	11. Al-Naba' Army	
	12. Al-Farooq Trust	

'Enormous tragedy': Fiji records first COVID-19 death



SUVA, Fiji: Fiji announced its first coronavirus death but health officials assured people in the Pacific island nation that it was not the precursor to a major outbreak. Health Minister Ifereimi Waqainabete said the victim was a 66-year-old man who tested positive after returning from India, where he had undergone surgery for a long-standing heart condition. "Sadly, despite the best efforts of our health-care professionals, this gentleman passed away yesterday in the isolation ward at Lautoka hospital due to complications from COVID-19," Waqainabete told reporters. He said the man was one of nine active cases who had been held in quarantine since they were repatriated from India on Jul 1. Before then, Fiji had enjoyed a spell of four weeks virus-free, after the 18 cases it had previously recorded all recovered. Fiji and other Pacific island nations were initially seen as among the world's most vulnerable to the virus because of under-resourced health infrastructure and high rates of health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease. However, nations in the region acted swiftly and made the costly decision to seal borders, shutting down the tourism trade that powered their economies in order to protect their populations. Waqainabete said the dead man, and the other eight cases among the group from India, had "zero interaction" with Fiji's general population. "In many other countries, news of the first death due to the virus has signalled an intensifying of the outbreak," he said. "This is not the case for Fiji. The virus is not present in Fijian communities, nor is there any risk of infection among the Fijian public." Waqainabete offered condolences to the man's family. "This is an enormous tragedy for them, and I can tell you that our staff at the ministry of health and medical services are devastated by this loss as well," he said. —AFP