

# Call to pressurise India for stopping HR violations in IOK

From Our Staff Correspondent

**ISLAMABAD:** The AJK-Chapter leadership of All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) on Tuesday urged international community to exert pressure on India to immediately stop the flagrant human rights violations and systematic killings of Kashmiri people at the hands of oppressive Indian forces.

"International Community including United Nation must put pressure on Indian government to stop flagrant human rights violations and systematic killings of Kashmiri people at the hands of oppressive Indian force," APHC-AJK leader and Vice Chairman of Jammu and Kashmir Mass Movement, Abdul Majeed Mir expressed these views while talking to APP, in connection with Youm-e-Istehsal being observed on August 5, the first anniversary of Indian unilateral abrogation of the limited autonomy of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). He also questioned the continued silence of international community and said it was the obligation of the world to take notice of the gross human right violations in IIOJK. He said, that India had deprived Kashmiris of their basic rights for last several decades and now the territory had been converted into a big jail since August 5, 2019. The August 5, 2019 move was a classical example of the Machiavellian machination and mischief by India to disenfranchise, disempower and demoralize the Kashmiris who have an enviable history

of fighting against the imperialistic designs of the Indian state he added.

He termed the August 5 action of Indian as immoral, illegal and said it has exposed the ugly face of Indian democracy at international level. He said with the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A of the Indian constitution, which had restricted land ownership to Kashmiri state subjects, a series of new laws were enforced in the state that besides opening floodgates for Indian settlers would enable them to have more capital to take over Kashmiri lands. "For decades the people of occupied Kashmir have been waging a struggle against Indian conspiracies and subjugation. Indian inhuman acts have brought them to the brink of extinction, which is a wake-up call for the international community," he said.

The APHC leader said the fascist Narendra Modi government was poised to deprive the Kashmiri people of their birth right to self-determination promised by the United Nations as he mentioned to August 5, 2019 as another 'Black Day' in the history of Kashmir. He appreciated the government of Pakistan for highlighting the Kashmir issue at international level and said that three times the issue of Kashmir was rose in the United Nation Security Council. "The people of Kashmir have rejected the Indian government's illegal and unilateral action of August 5, to deprive them of their special status," he said. "They are fully alive to their rights and will never bow down before India."



ISLAMABAD: Doctors with paramedical staff holds a protest in favour of their demands at the PIMS Hospital.

# Govt striving to provide clean drinking water to masses: Minister

From Our Staff Correspondent

**ATTOCK:** Provision of clean drinking water is the basic right of every citizen and PTI govt under the leadership of Premier Imran Khan is committed to deliver this right to masses. Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Climate Change Malik Amin Aslam said this while inaugurating the first of Water Filtration Plants in village Jasian and F Block in Attock.

On the occasion Ch. Saleem Ahmad, Rana Liaqat Ali Khan, Rana Shoukat Ali, Sqn Leader (R) Haji Mushtaq Meer sahib, Dr. Javed, Dr. Khurram, Malik Aqleem, Umair Ahmad, Malik Ijaz of Saidu, Amir Attique, Haji Shahid Iqbal Awan, Malik Waqar and others

Malik Amin said that As many as 45 water filtration plants will be installed in different areas of Attock, Hazro and Hasanabdal to ensure provision of hygienically clean drinking water to the people at the cost of more than 60 million rupees which will certainly control water born diseases. He said that these water filtration

plants will be installed in Attock, Hasanabdal and different villages of tehsil Hazro which include Waisa, Chechian, Khaqwani, Boliwal, Golra, Haji Shah, Haroon, Malik Mala, Yaseen, Kalu Kalan, Formali, Jalalia, Hameed, Kamalpur Musa, Nartopa, Mararia and Ghorghushti. Malik Amin said that Naya Pakistan Housing Scheme has been inaugurated in Hazro which will provide a chance to hundred of low paid people to have their own houses. He said that directives have been issued to the concerned authorities to provide job opportunities to the locals in Ghazi Barotha Hydro Power Project, PAC Kamra and POF Sanjwal while under a special initiative gas facility will be provided to more than 35 villages of NA 56 (Tehsil Jand and Pindigheb) situated within 5 km radius of the gas exploring companies working there. He said that this govt is providing basic facilities to the people with out considering their political affiliations. He said, this govt believes in taking practical steps for the development of the area and prosperity of the people and

never believed in lip service and hollow slogans **150,000 new hepatitis cases reported each year in Pakistan: WHO:** World Health Organization (WHO) on Tuesday said that an estimated 8 million people are living with Hepatitis C - more than 10% of the world's total, and another 4 million are estimated infected with Hepatitis B in Pakistan. According to WHO, Pakistan is facing numerous challenges in hepatitis response as approximately 150,000 new cases are reported each year in the country.

It added it has the highest prevalence of Hepatitis C (5%) globally and has the highest number of people suffering from HCV after China. The country situation is further manifested with extremely low birth dose coverage and minimal testing especially for hepatitis B, which is important for early diagnosis of individuals who are already chronically infected with HBV. "It is time to raise our commitment and work towards the Hepatitis targets, as set out in the Global Health Sector Strategy on Viral Hepatitis goal of eliminating viral hepati-

# Food packages, dignity kits distributed among transgender persons in Peshawar

From Our Staff Correspondent

**PESHAWAR:** Trans Action (Provincial Alliance of Transgender Community), in collaboration with Transgender Human Rights Consultant & Outright International distributed food packages and dignity kits among transgender persons in Peshawar.

According to a press release issued here on Tuesday, Rabia Basri Member provincial Assembly distributed the packages said "During COVID 19 marginalized communities like transgender persons, face additional

challenges and barriers in accessing services and essential precautionary items, provision of dignity kits with essential hygiene items can become extremely crucial and lifesaving"

COVID-19 lockdown in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa has pushed the transgender community further to the margin, with compromised immune systems, the community is at higher risk of contracting the virus, she added. "Transgender people are already an extremely vulnerable group, and Corona has exacerbated their vulnerabilities."

# NZ suspends extradition treaty with HK after China passes national security law



**WELLINGTON:** New Zealand has suspended its extradition treaty with Hong Kong and made a number of other changes in light of China's decision to pass a national security law for Hong Kong, Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters said on Tuesday.

"New Zealand can no longer trust that Hong Kong's criminal justice system is sufficiently independent from China," Peters said in a statement. "China's passage of its new national security legislation has eroded rule-of-law principles, undermined the 'one country, two systems' framework that underpins Hong Kong's unique status, and gone against com-

mitments China made to the international community," Peters added. "If China in future shows adherence to the 'one country, two systems' framework then we could reconsider this decision." Beijing imposed new legislation on Hong Kong earlier this month despite protests from Hong Kongers and Western nations. Australia, Canada and the UK all suspended extradition treaties with Hong Kong earlier this month. US President Donald Trump has ended preferential economic treatment for Hong Kong. Peters said New Zealand will treat military and dual-use goods and technology exports to Hong Kong in the same way as it

treats such exports to China as part of a review of its overall relationship with Hong Kong. Travel advice has been updated to alert New Zealanders to the risks presented by the new security law, he added. The updated travel advice said the security law had led to an increased risk of arrest for activities such as protests, with the possibility of being removed to mainland China to face maximum penalties of life imprisonment. In a website statement, the Chinese embassy in New Zealand called the decision a violation of international law and gross interference in China's internal affairs. —Reuters/AFP

# US, Australia open talks focused on China

**WASHINGTON:** The United States and Australia opened top-level talks in which they are expected to seek a common front amid soaring tensions between Washington and Beijing.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defence Secretary Mark Esper welcomed to Washington their Australian counterparts, Marise Payne and Linda Reynolds, for two days of talks that will include a news conference on Tuesday.

The annual talks come as President Donald Trump's administration takes an increasingly hard line against China on issues from defence to human rights to trade.

The United States last week ordered the closure of the Chinese consulate in Houston, alleging espionage, and Pompeo declared that decades of Western engagement had built a "Frankenstein" Beijing. Australia has fought alongside the United States in every major conflict since World War I and its right-leaning government has largely backed the Trump administration's approach. Australia recently followed



the United States in rejecting Beijing's sweeping claims in the South China Sea and has backed calls led by Pompeo for an international inquiry into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic. Critics accuse Trump of attacking China in an election year to distract from his own han-

dling of the coronavirus in the United States, which has suffered the highest death toll of any country. Payne and Reynolds, in a statement before their trip, said they would self-quarantine for 14 days on their return in line with Australian requirements for all interna-

# Honduras, Colombia seize 900kg cocaine in joint operation

**TEGUCIGALPA:** Honduras said it had seized 900 kilos (1,984 pounds) of cocaine in a joint operation with Colombia.

Military and police authorities intercepted a fishing boat on Sunday in the eastern department of Gracias a Dios.

The cocaine was stashed in hidden compartments, the armed forces said. Three Honduran crew

were arrested. "In the space of a week (authorities) have seized 1,707 kilograms of drugs," said the criminal investigation agency in a statement.

On Jul 20 authorities found 800 kilograms of cocaine in a plane that landed on a hidden runway in the Gracias a Dios department.

In 2014, Honduras launched a concerted operation against drug

smugglers in sparsely populated Gracias a Dios department, home to members of the Misquito indigenous minority. Colombian authorities and the US Drug Enforcement Administration are working with Honduras to try to prevent drug smugglers from using Gracias a Dios as a launchpad to traffick cocaine from South America into the United States. —AFP



# Trump wears mask, voices hope on COVID-19 vaccine in North Carolina

**MORRISVILLE, North Carolina:** President Donald Trump wore a mask and talked up the possibility of a coronavirus vaccine by the end of the year as he looked to show voters in the battleground state of North Carolina that he is responding to the pandemic. Trump, whose job approval ratings have dropped as many Americans believe he has handled the virus badly, sought for the second week to look in command after setting aside his hands-off approach. "I trust all Americans to do the right thing but we strongly advise everyone to especially, especially focus on maintaining a social distance, maintain a rigorous hygiene, avoid crowded gatherings and indoor bars and wear masks when appropriate," Trump said. The Republican president spoke during a visit to a Fujifilm plant in Morrisville, North Carolina, where work on a vaccine is being performed. During a tour of the facility, he wore a mask publicly for a second time, the first being on a trip to Walter Reed Medical Center near Washington earlier this month. —Agen-

## COURT NOTICE

**In the court of Waseem Hassan, Civil Judge, Okara**  
Suit for completion of agreement Muhammad Riaz versus Ali Qamar etc, Muhammad Ali Ali Qamar and Muhammad Ali, sons of Muzaffar Hussain, caste Bhatti, r/o Tallan Kamboh, Tehsil Depalpur, District, Okara The court has called you again and again, but the implementation seems difficult, therefore this ad is being issued for you to appear in this court on 08-08-2020 at 9:00 am yourself or through your lawyer. Otherwise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted.

## COURT NOTICE

**In the court of Muhammad Tariq Ayyub Additional District & Sessions Judge, Gas Utility Court, Okara**  
Suit for recovery of Rs 1,31,200 SNGPL etc., versus Bashir Ahmad s/o Rehmat Ullah, r/o House No. 18-19 Akbar Road, Okara. The court has called you again and again, but the implementation seems difficult, therefore this ad is being issued for you to appear in this court on 10-09-2020 at 9:00 am yourself or through your lawyer. Otherwise the action would be taken against you and after that no excuse or objection would be accepted.