

Held Kashmir residents reeling under brutal HRs violations

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) has been reeling under brutal and inhuman lockdown with restrictions on movement of people and means of communications since August 5 last year. Human rights violations have shown a massive increase, people are feeling a heightened sense of fear and suspicion regarding their identity, cultural issues, religion, customs and language.

Dozens of innocent Kashmiris, including youth, women and kids have been killed by the Indian occupied forces since August 5, 2019 military siege of the valley till June 2020, according to the Kashmir Media Service. Some 13,582 were arrested, 1331 tortured and 13 custodial killings were reported during the same period. About 935 houses, shops and other properties of the Kashmiris were also arson, and 77 women were gang-raped and molested by the Indian troops. The Indian occupation

troops, in their continued acts of state terrorism, have martyred over 95,623 Kashmiris, including 7141 in custody, since January 1989. They have subjected over 8,000 Kashmiri youth to custodial disappearance, molested over 11,200 women and destroyed as many as 110,334 houses during the period.

The Kashmiri Hurriyat leaders, including veteran Syed Ali Gillani, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and ailing Yasin Malik were either house arrested or detained, and are being meted out an inhuman treatment. The core sectors of economy in the IIOJK have witnessed a steep decline after the abrogation of Article 370 of Indian Constitution last year. After the August 5 military siege, the communications blockade and curfew, a total of 144,500 people have lost their jobs in Kashmir's tourism and handicrafts sector as estimated by the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI). The KCCI put the overall commercial losses in the state after August 5, 2019 at over Indian Rupees 15,000 crore (\$2.1 billion)

and total job losses at 496,000.

According to the Kashmir Media Service, tour operators have suffered unimaginable loss since the abrogation of Jammu and Kashmir's special status (Article 370) and bifurcation of erstwhile state into two Union territories - Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

The lockdown and communications shutdown cost businessmen in billion of rupees. Some 60,000 carpet artisans also suffered in silence and Internet blockade severely affected college and university students in studies, online communications and scholarships. The Kashmiri leadership in Azad Kashmir and in rest of the world have described August 5 2019, "the Blackest Day" in the history of Kashmir. They have condemned this act of barbarism calling upon the international community to exert pressure on India to reverse its decision of IIOJK's annexation. Senior Kashmiri leader Ghulam Muhammad Safi also described August 5, 2019 as the "Black Day" as it deprived the IIOJK people



RAWALPINDI: Workers fill sacks from coals at their workplace in Hamilton Road as demand of coal increased on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha. —Online

Sale of sacrificial animals gets momentum

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RAWALPINDI: With just one day to go for the traditional festival of Eid-ul-Azha, sale of sacrificial animals has picked up momentum in the city's cattle markets, where cows, buffaloes, goats and sheep were being herded in from different parts of the province in a bid to get maximum profit in the lucrative markets of Rawalpindi and Islamabad.

The livestock traders particularly from different parts of Punjab and KPK provinces besides local traders have brought their animals in large numbers to the temporary animals markets of twin cities to gain maximum profit.

Owing to the coronavirus outbreak, the Rawalpindi district administration had banned the sale of sacrificial animals in city areas and finalized arrangements to bar the animal traders from setting up makeshift cattle markets at different spots of the city ahead of Eid-ul-Azha.

The administration had also made arrangements to impose fines and take action against those who try to sell their animals by roaming in different city areas.

The administration had set up 10 temporary markets in the district under strict SOPs including Adiala Road, Chakri Road near Al-Haram City, Bhatta Chowk near Koh-e-Noor Mills, Manghal Chowk near Kala Syedan bypass, Famous Marquee Gujjar Khan Mandi, Tanki Road near Chan Shah Jalyar Kahota, Chora Bazar Kotli Sattian, Animal Mandi near Timber Market Taxila, Mandi near General Hospital Wah Cantt and Dhoobi Ghat Murree to facilitate the citizens.

The citizens on Thursday were seen to be visiting different localities for buying sacrificial animals while despite ban, some traders have also started roaming in streets with their animals to attract the buyers.

However, it has been observed that there were more visitors assessing the prices at the moment than actual buyers.

The traders are optimistic that on Friday the prices will go up as Eid will be celebrated here on Saturday. He said the high cost of fodder, transportation of animals and a high fee of cattle markets were contributing to an increase in cattle prices on the occasion of Eid-ul-Azha.

It is also being observed that 'Ijtami Qurbani' is becoming popular as most of the buyers are interested in purchase of buffaloes, cows, oxens instead of goats and sheep in order to be a shareholder in big animals by performing collective 'Qurbani' keeping in view the high prices of small animals.

"The prices of sacrificial animals are sky high this year in twin cities as compared to last year and are beyond the purchasing power of middle, salaried and low-income groups. We will buy a buffalo on Friday with the hope that the prices may go down," Farooq, a disgruntled buyer said.

Deputy Commissioner Rawalpindi Capt. (ret'd) Anwar ul Haq also visited the temporary animal markets here on the other day and inspected arrangements including parking facility, availability of clean drinking water, cleanliness and lighting arrangements, made to facilitate the citizens.

Elementary, secondary education foundation to be made functional: Minister

From Our Staff Correspondent

PESHAWAR: Provincial Education Minister Akbar Ayub Khan said Thursday that Elementary and Secondary Education Foundation would be made fully functional and had approved reconstitution of technical committees in this regard.

He said that after reconstitution of old and new technical committees, they would review entire gamut of is-

ssues and put forward suitable recommendations before the foundation's board of directors for resolving the existing problems.

In a press release, the minister said that foundation would be put on modern lines to promote quality education and added that information would be utilized further in more effective manner under the computerized system.

He said that capacity of the foundation would be built up and corrup-

tion would be prevented through transfers of employees.

He said that those employees who had served on same post for two or more years would be transferred in order to promote transparency and merit. The minister said that foundation would further establish one thousand girls' community schools which would help provide basic education to more than 40,000 out of school children.

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Sealed tenders are invited from the contractors registered with Pakistan Engineering Council under relevant Category on percentage basis basis on the PMD Schedule of Rates 2012 and both Work separately, who possess valid contract with POC. Tender documents can be received from the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day upto 11:00:00 AM with written request on letter accompanied with attested copy of CNIC, Income Tax Registration Certificate as an active taxpayer (Itr) and Copy of valid registration of POC under relevant category. Tenders will be issued to the proprietor of the Firm / Company or their legally authorized representatives having registered power of attorney (duly attested). The tenders in sealed cover should be dropped in the tender box kept in the office of undersigned on 10-08-2020 upto 11:00 AM. The respective tenders will be opened on the same day at 11:30 AM in the presence of contractors or their authorized representatives, having registered power of attorney. Other terms & conditions can be seen in the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working day.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1) No tender will be taken / issued on the date of opening of tenders and in case of public holiday, the receipt and opening of tenders will be the next working day.

2) No tender will be issued through post, telegram or E-mail.

3) According to FFRS Rule-25, No Security @ 5% of estimated cost in the form of O/L of Deposit from the Firm / Company's bank account from any scheduled bank of Pakistan in the name of the Executive Engineer, Central Civil Division, POC, Islamabad. No tender will be entertained without the security @ 5% of bid price or less amount.

4) Tenders can be purchased on the pro-rated cost (Non-refundable) mentioned against the below noted work from the office of the undersigned during office hours till the date of sale of tenders.

5) Tender Notice is also available at PFRS Website (www.pfrs.gov.pk)

6) Under Rule 20(1) of Public Procurement Rules, 2001, the undersigned reserves the right to reject all bids or proposals at any time prior to the acceptance of bid or proposal.

7) The submission of tenders by the contractor implies that he is fully conversant with the site of work, scope of work and terms and conditions as set down in the tender documents.

Sr No	Particulars of work	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Est Security (Pk.)	Cost of Tender (Non-refundable)	Time Period
1	Construction of Metalled Road/ Main Drain/ Road from Canal Gully to Main Road/ Gully (1/20)	Rs. 26,482,000-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
2	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase II) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
3	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase III) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
4	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase IV) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
5	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase V) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
6	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase VI) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
7	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase VII) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
8	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase VIII) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
9	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase IX) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
10	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase X) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
11	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase XI) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
12	Construction of Metalled Road/ POC/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase XII) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
13	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase I) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
14	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase II) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
15	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase III) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
16	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase IV) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
17	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase V) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
18	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase VI) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
19	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase VII) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
20	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase VIII) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
21	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase IX) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
22	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase X) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
23	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase XI) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months
24	Construction of POC/ Road/ Drain/ Tuff/ POC/ Main Drain and Tuff in UC/ Jald Pur Jaldan Gully (Phase XII) (2/20)	Rs. 14,076,500-	05% of Bid Price	Rs. 2,000/-	03 Months

The 2nd Schedule of Rates will be as under:-
 1. Sale of tenders upto 10:00:00 AM
 2. Opening of tenders 11:00:00 AM
 3. Other terms and conditions shall be as per the terms.

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US federal forces to start conditional pullout from Portland

LOS ANGELES: President Donald Trump's administration agreed to a deal to defuse weeks of clashes in the US city of Portland with the withdrawal of federal forces whose presence enraged protesters, but the timing remained in dispute.

Oregon Governor Kate Brown said the forces - whose deployment was seen by many as part of Trump's law-and-order strategy for re-election - would begin their phased pullout on Thursday. Acting Homeland Security Secretary Chad Wolf indicated, however, that the officers will withdraw only if there are guarantees that local police can ensure the federal courthouse will be secured.

Trump's administration earlier this month sent the federal tactical teams, to intervene in the western US city



after weeks of protests against racism and police brutality left the federal courthouse and other buildings marred with graffiti and broken windows. But their deployment only served to inflame the situation, especially following video footage of protesters being snatched off the street by

the federal forces and put into unmarked cars. Mothers form a human chain during Justice Center in Mothers form a human chain during a protest in front of the Multnomah County Justice Center in Portland, Oregon on July 23, 2020 AFP/Ankur Dholakia. —AFP

Germany braces for historic quarterly GDP decline on coronavirus hit

FRANKFURT AM MAIN: The German economy suffered a record slump in the second quarter as coronavirus lockdowns took their toll, official data is set to show but experts say a recovery is already under way.

Federal statistics agency Destatis will unveil its flash estimate at 0800 GMT, with leading research institutes forecasting that gross domestic product shrank nearly 10 per cent between April and June compared with the previous quarter.

Economy Minister Peter Altmaier warned earlier this year that the pandemic would push Europe's top economy into "the worst recession" in its postwar history, ending a decade of growth.

Germany has withstood the coronavirus shock better than many of its neighbours.

Stable infection rates encouraged the country to relax coronavirus restrictions in early May, allowing factories, shops and restaurants to reopen.

Thursday's data "is a glimpse in the rearview mirror", ING bank analyst Carsten Brzeski told AFP. —AFP

NASA's life-seeking rover Perseverance set for launch



NASA's latest Mars rover Perseverance launches on an astrobiology mission to look for signs of ancient microbial life - and to fly a helicopter-drone on another world for the first time.

Take-off is scheduled for 7.50am (1150 GMT) from Cape Canaveral, Florida on board a United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket.

If all goes to plan, Perseverance will reach the Red Planet on Feb 18, 2021, becoming the fifth rover to complete the voyage since 1997.

All so far have been American. China launched its first Mars rover last week, which should arrive by May 2021.

By next year, Mars could therefore have three active rovers, including NASA's Curiosity, which has traversed 23 kilometers of the Red Planet since it landed in 2012.

"It's without question, a challenge. There's no other way to put it," NASA chief Jim Bridenstine said Wednesday ahead of the launch.

"That being said, we know how to land on Mars, we've done it eight times already. This will be the ninth," he added, referring to the total of previous rover and lander missions. Once on the surface, NASA will attempt to deploy the Ingenuity Mars Helicopter -- a 1.8 kilogram

Russia jails US ex-marine for 9 years over police assault

MOSCOW: A Russian court sentenced former US marine Trevor Reed to nine years in prison for assaulting two police officers while drunk last year.

Reed, a 29-year-old student and former marine from Texas, allegedly attacked police after attending a party in Moscow. —AFP

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to herby informed that Muhammad Atif S/O Abdul Latif resident of Mohalla Bilal Gunj Sahiwal allottee of Plot No 5/X Street No 6in Tariq Bin Zaid Colony Sahiwal has appointed Adnan S/O Abdul Latif ash his General Power of attorney registered by the Sub Registrar Sahiwal Vide No 48 dated 24-01-2018.

The attorney attends to transfer this Plot in the name of Muhammad Kamran S/O Abdul Latif R/O Mohallah Bilal Gunj Sahiwal.

If any has any objection, he or she should reach undersigned within 15 days. Any objection filed after the prescribed date shall not be entertained.

Deputy Director,
 Housing and Town Planning, Sub Region, Sahiwal