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Former PM Blair accused of breaking COVID-19 quarantine rules after trip



President calls to strictly follow virus SOPs

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: President Dr Arif Alvi has urged the nation to strictly follow the coronavirus related SOPs in view of the resurgence of Covid-19 cases in the country.

According to media reports Arif Alvi said in his video message that we have contained the pandemic to the significant extent however; adhering to the precautionary measures is inevitable to completely overcome the pandemic. The President emphasized the need for wearing masks in mosques and bazaars keep washing hands properly and observing social distancing so that Pakistan could fully contain the COVID-19.

He commended the role of clerics and media in spreading awareness with regard to the corona. He said Prime Minister Imran Khan secured the people of being unemployed and helped the deserving people through Ehsaas program.

Dr Arif Alvi said the government's smart lockdown policy yielded positive results in overcoming the pandemic.

Non-political alliance of Opp will fall apart, says Chohan

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Information Minister Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan has said that non-political alliance of the opposition would fall apart in the next few weeks.

In a statement issued here on Sunday, Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan said that according to his information, Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) had taken a stand not to broadcast Nawaz Sharif's speech.

Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan said that he had disclosed this many times that 'Noon' and 'Meem' Leagues would take down Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM).

"I hope that Asif and Bilawal Zardari would stick to their bold decision, Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Chohan expressed.

Hekmatyar arrives today to discuss Afghan peace process

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of Hezb-e-Islami of Afghanistan, along with a delegation will arrive here today (Monday) and would exchange views with the leadership of Pakistan on the Afghan peace process and strengthening of Pakistan-Afghanistan bilateral relations.

During the visit, Gulbuddin Hekmatyar will call on Prime Minister Imran Khan and President Dr Arif Alvi and would also meet Chairman Senate, Speaker National Assembly, Foreign Minister and other dignitaries. He will deliver a talk at a policy think-tank and interact with the media, Foreign office spokesperson said in a press release on Sunday. "The visit of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar will provide an opportunity for exchange of views on the Afghan peace process and strengthening of Pakistan-Afghanistan bilateral relations as well as people-to-people interaction," it added.

The visit of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar will further strengthen bilateral ties and people-to-people linkages between the two brotherly countries and help advance efforts for peace and stability. It further said Pakistan attached high importance to its fraternal ties with Afghanistan, rooted deep in shared history, faith, culture, values and traditions.

"Pakistan fully supports all efforts for peace, stability and prosperity of the Afghan people. Pakistan has consistently supported an inclusive, broad-based and comprehensive political settlement through an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace process," the spokesman said.



KARACHI: A large number of people at the public rally of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM).

PDM's second power show

Maryam demands answers from PM over govt's 'failures'

— Asks Imran tell the people, why did you steal people's employments?

From Our Staff Correspondent

KARACHI: The world knows that you have taken over National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Federal Investigation Agency, Federal Board of Revenue, Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan," Maryam says to PM Imran Khan.

PML-N Vice President Maryam Nawaz was addressing at public meeting on the platform of Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) here at Bagh-e-Jinnah on Sunday.

"Come and tell the people: why did you steal the people's employment? Tell the people, why did you rob the people of affordable medicine?"

Responding to PM Imran Khan's allegations against her and Bilawal, she said: "The person who spent his life living off his rich friend's money should not make such comments." Slamming the prime minister further, she said that the Panah Gah that had been established, catered to those people who had lost their homes after PM Imran Khan came into power.

Maryam said that despite a ban on Nawaz's live speech, Prime Minister Imran Khan commented on it. "If you are so troubled that you can't allow the people to hear Nawaz's speech, then stop providing your analysis on it."

"The speech that was delivered day before yesterday wasn't aired on TV. Were you then hiding somewhere, secretly watching his speech?" she asked, taking a jibe at the premier. Talking about her relationship with other party leaders, she said that despite the parties being PML-N's political opponents, Maulana Fazlur Rehman, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Asif Zardari, and Mahmood Achakzai had always treated her with the utmost respect.

"Today, we are fighting for the rights of the Pakistani people, and when we will compete with each other in the political battleground then we will become competitors, but we won't become each other's enemies," she said. Addressing Bilawal, she said that his mother (Benazir) and her father were like brothers and sisters. "Bilawal and I are

continuing to honour that relationship." "Let us make a promise Bilawal, that we will fight in the political battleground, and not against each other," she said.

The PML-N vice-president says that she did not like to respond to the premier's comments as "it is below my dignity".

However, Maryam said that she couldn't resist responding to the premier's statement where he had mockingly referred to her as a "nani (maternal grandmother)".

"Nani is the mother of the mother; you have disrespected this wonderful, beautiful relation," Maryam said. "You were a servant before, and after occupying the prime minister's seat, you have become a paid servant whose price the people of Pakistan have to pay," Maryam goes on to say to PM Imran Khan. The self-dubbed "foot soldier" of PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif said that PM Imran Khan "is not worried in the least about the people, rather he always addresses the Opposition, Nawaz, Maryam,

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PDM's coalition not to stay longer, claims Qureshi

From Our Staff Correspondent

MULTAN: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi said opposition parties were claiming to dislodge incumbent government before December.

He in a statement said that how was it possible to dislodge a democratically elected government by public meetings.

In past, the tradition of public meetings, aimed to dislodge governments had caused loss to democracy. Qureshi maintained that the both opposition parties, PPP and PML N, completed their respective tenures.

He however added that Opposition would gain nothing for these conspiracies. If we assume re-elections in the country, said Qureshi while posing ques-

tion, would it be possible for coming government to complete its tenure and bring political stability in the country? He added that PTI government was democratically elected and acknowledged internationally. Foreign Minister stated that PDM was creating hurdles in the way of revival of country's economy. He urged masses especially traders to ignore Opposition's agenda.

Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi also urged Bilawal Bhutto Zardari not to be shareholder of India's narrative on Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The incumbent government of PTI internationalized the issue of IIOJK. Bilawal should not let Kashmiris disappointed, stated FM. The whole Pakistanis have

same stance on issue of IIOJK and the stance would remain the same in future also. The present government have clear policy on IIOJK.

Responding to diplomatic ties with Saudi Arabia, Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi observed that Pakistan enjoyed historic ties with Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia also supported PTI government during financial crises and offered oil on deferred payments. He posed question Why could PPP government not avail oil on deferred payments from Saudi Arabia during their regime.

About China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), some powers wanted to sabotage the mega project, said FM Qureshi and also added that the work on second phase of CPEC was heading forward with

Dastgir still a gas company defaulter: Gill

From Our Staff Correspondent

GUJRANWALA: Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Political Communication Dr Shahbaz Gill Sunday said that Pakistan Muslim League-N (PML-N) leader Khurram Dastgir Khan was still a defaulter of millions of rupees of a gas company.

He said gas was consumed at an unauthorised petrol pump, established on the state land illegally by the PML-N leader.

Talking to the media, he said Khurram had constructed the petrol pump on the National Highways land through a fake No Objection Certificate (NOC) in 2008, adding that his unauthorised petrol pump had got an NOC on forged documents.

He said: "As goats pretend to be lions, that petrol pump was established on the place where the press talk was being held."

Shahbaz Gill said the nation was proud of its armed forces, which were protecting the geographical boundaries of the motherland, adding that the brave armed forces had presented great sacrifices for the country. "Our army is our defence," Shahbaz Gill said.

The Gujranwala gathering was a circus which was staged two days ago to protect the looted wealth, Gill said adding that Maryam Nawaz Sharif had been disqualified by the courts. She staged a drama in the guise of a public meeting, he said.

PPP has nothing to do with Nawaz's views: Aitzaz

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Disassociating Pakistan People's Party (PPP) from the rhetoric of the Pakistan Muslim League-N leaders at the Pakistan Democratic Movement (PDM) public meeting in Gujranwala, senior PPP leader Barrister Aitzaz Ahsan said that the party had nothing to do with PML-N supremo Nawaz Sharif's views about the country's establishment.

"The PPP does not believe in adventurism and has always maintained moderate views about the national institutions," Aitzaz said while speaking during a television talk show on Saturday night.

He said though the PPP had many reservations regarding the role of the establishment in ending the PPP governments in the past, still it did not believe in maligning the national institutions. About low attendance at the PDM first public meeting, the veteran PPP leader said the number of people did not matter, adding that sit-ins and protests were democratic right, but these could not topple governments.

Masood flays continued military siege in IIOJK

From Our Staff Correspondent

RAWALPINDI: President Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Sardar Masood Khan expressed concern over the difficulties faced by the Kashmiri people due to ongoing military siege and communications blackout in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

He said this while talking to chairman Tehreek-e-Jawan-e-Pakistan and Kashmir (TJP), Muhammad Abdullah Gul, who called on him other day, said a press release. Sardar Masood Khan called upon the world leaders, intellectuals and international media to take notice of the atrocities committed by Indian security forces against innocent Kashmiris and also highlight it at global fora. The AJK president said that the inhuman policies of the BJP government and ongoing atrocities in IIOJK were a question mark for human rights activists of the world.

He made it clear that Kashmir soon be liberated from the clutches of India.



MULTAN: Foreign Minister Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi talks to mediapersons.

Virus: 10 more die in Punjab

— 134 new cases reported during last 24 hours

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Another ten people lost their lives to coronavirus in Punjab while 134 new cases were reported during the last 24 hours.

A spokesperson for the Punjab Primary and Secondary Healthcare Department said on Sunday, the number of coronavirus cases in the province reached 101,559 while the total deaths 2,298 and the total number of recovery is 97,219.

The P&SHD confirmed that 77 new cases of COVID-19 were reported in Lahore, 1 in Nankana Sahib, 1 in Sheikhpura, 1 in Hafizabad, 10 in Rawalpindi, 4 in Sialkot, 2 in Gujrat, 13 in Multan, 2 in Vehari, 6 in Sargodha, 1 in Chiniot, 3 in Ba-

hawalpur, 5 in Dera Ghazi Khan, 1 in Faisalabad, 1 in Toba Tek Singh, 1 in Lodhran, 1 in Muzaffargarh, 1 in Rahimyar Khan and 3 cases in Sahiwal district during the last 24 hours.

The Punjab health department conducted 1,442,964 tests for COVID-19 so far. The Punjab health department has urged the masses to follow SOPs for their protection and cover their faces with masks.

The people should wash their hands with soap several times in a day to protect themselves from COVID-19. Contact 1033 immediately on symptoms of coronavirus, the healthcare department urged the citizens.

83 new COVID-19 cases reported in Islamabad: NCOC: National Command and Operation

Center (NCOC) on coronavirus Sunday said that 83 new COVID-19 cases were reported from the federal capital during last 24 hours.

According to an official of NCOC, as many as 132 cases were reported last day while so far total 17,996 cases were reported from the federal capital. He said that 194 deaths were reported from Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) while 16,672 patients had been recovered completely.

Meanwhile, on the direction of Ministry of National Health Services, the district administration of Islamabad had started smart lockdown in different streets of Islamabad to reduce transmission of the infection in selected streets and other sectors of Islamabad.