

Kashmiris to observe 'Indian Republic Day' as Black Day

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MIRPUR: The people of Jammu & Kashmir inhabiting both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) including AJK, IIOJK and rest of the world would observe the Indian Republic Day, falling on January 26, as black day to invite the attention of the world towards the continued long unlawful and forcible Indian occupation of Jammu & Kashmir and continued depriving them of their internationally-recognized right of self determination for last 74 years. Kashmiris observe the Indian Republic day as black day every year to mark strong indignation and protest against the continued Indian illegal occupation of Jammu & Kashmir state since long besides to protest and apprise the world of the continued brutalities and custodial killing of the innocent Kashmiris and the unabated massive violations of human rights by the Indian occupying forces in the held state. This year, too, the Jammu & Kashmir people are observing the Indian republic day as black day at the time when the hardliner and fascist Prime Minister Modi-led Indian

government, by violating all international norms and commitments on the global issue of Jammu Kashmir, scrapped special status of the internationally-acknowledged disputed status of the Jammu Kashmir revoking article 370 and article 35-A of her (India) constitution through August 5, 2019 sinister act at the gun point through fresh deployment of at least a million of its military and para-military troops in Indian illegally occupied Jammu Kashmir state. Besides the observance of the day also aimed at to apprise the world community of the continued hostile attitude of India denying Kashmiris their legitimate right to self determination and deviating all international norms escaping from the peaceful solution of the much delayed Kashmir issue.

In Azad Jammu & Kashmir, protest rallies and demonstrations against continued illegal, illicit and unlawful Indian occupation of a major part of Jammu & Kashmir, will be the hall mark of the black day in all ten districts of the liberated territory. These protest marches and rallies will be the hallmark of

the scheduled black day. Major rally to observe the Indian Republic Day as black day will be held in Muzaffarabad. AJK leaders of various political parties including those in the AJK Parliament will lead the rally to be held to mark the day.

The day will also mark complete solidarity with the freedom-loving people of Indian occupied Jammu Kashmir in their just and principled struggle for freedom and for the achievement of their legitimate right to self determination.

The protest rallies will be arranged by various social, political and public representative organizations representing people of all spheres of life including lawyers, journalists, members of the business community, laborers, students, women and social and political workers to express fullest traditional hatred against the Indian imperialism besides protesting against the continued denial of all global norms and commitments on Kashmir and the persistent deviation and denial of the Kashmiris birth right to self determination since over last 74 years by India.



MUZAFFERABAD: A shopkeeper cleans debris of snow outside his shop in at Rashian. —Online

Increased pollutants ratio mars Capital's air quality

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD: Health experts have warned citizens to avoid unnecessary outdoor exertion as hazardous pollutants were recorded beyond permissible limits in the capital's air quality on Monday that marred its serene and scenic ambience.

The air with high pollutant ratio was injurious to the health of children, teenagers and old people while the patients of lungs and heart diseases were at high risk, the medical practitioners said.

According to the data released by Pakistan Environmental Protection Agency (Pak-EPA), the particulate of 2.5 microns (PM2.5), which was a hazardous ambient air pollutant causing chronic respiratory diseases and premature deaths, was higher than safer limits in the capital's air. PM2.5 was recorded 78.44 micrograms per cubic meter in Islamabad, which is much higher than the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS) of 35 micrograms and the World Health Organization (WHO) standard of 20 micrograms per cubic meter.

The air quality data revealed the presence of 43.16 micrograms sulphur dioxide and 33.58 micrograms nitrogen dioxide per cubic meter against the NEQS of 120 micrograms and 80 micrograms per cubic meter respectively. According to an EPA official, prevailing dry weather and increased vehicular emissions was the main reason for the bad air quality, caused due to presence of PM2.5 above the NEQS limit. It was the most health damaging environmental pollutant causing chronic respiratory diseases and premature deaths as it could easily penetrate into human blood through lungs cells, she said

while talking to APP.

The official said sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide were released from industrial emissions and car engines at different concentrations that accumulated into the ambience causing air pollution. She mentioned that the Federal Capital's air quality was commendable during the lockdown as vehicular emissions had drastically reduced.

The main reason of air pollution was a large number of vehicles on the Capital's roads emitting combustion gases, she added. She said the EPA regularly monitored the Capital's air quality, which was found unhealthy during dry weather, storm or pre-rain like situation. The people should wear face masks and sunglasses during outdoor visits when the pollution level was recorded high, she added. A senior pulmonologist of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences expressed his serious concern over the presence of hazardous pollutants in Islamabad's air as they caused respiratory diseases and serious health complications.

Groundbreaking ceremony of Prime Institute of Paramedic Sciences held: The ground breaking ceremony of Prime Institute of Paramedic Sciences (PIPS), a subsidiary of Peshawar Medical College (PMC), was held at Warsak Road, Peshawar.

According to a press statement issued here, Prime Foundation Pakistan has launched with holding ground breaking ceremony of a new (fifth) institution namely Institute of Paramedic Sciences (PIPS) by adding in its existing four subsidiary medical educational institutions including Peshawar Medical College, Peshawar Dental College, Rufaida Nursing College and Prime Institute of Public Health.

IHC seeks comments from PMC in case challenging actions against employees

From Our Staff Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, Jan 18 (APP): The Islamabad High Court (IHC) on Monday sought comments from Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC) on a petition challenging the conversion of PMDC employees' services into contracts and stopping pensions of retired employees.

The court also stopped PMC to take any action against its employees till next date of hearing.

Justice Mohsin Akhtar Kayani of IHC heard the petition filed by PMC employees against changing in job structure and stoppage of pensions.

Sara Rubab Nasir appeared before the court on behalf of employees and adopted the stance that PMC was already against the employees of ex-PMDC as they had challenged the PMC Ordinance previously before this court. She stated that PMC's decisions against employees were biased. She prayed the court to stop PMC from taking any action against the employees. The court asked that why the PMC had stopped the pensions of retired employees to this the employees' lawyer said that the decision was taken without telling the reasons.

The hearing on petition against

conversion of services into contracts was adjourned till February 9, while the case related to pensions was postponed till February 25.

Jhagra contradicts news about elimination of pension: Khyber Pakhtunkwa Minister for Finance, Taimur Salim Jhagra Monday contradicted news published in the section of the press regarding elimination of pension for the widows and other family members of the deceased pensioners in the province. In a statement, he said news about elimination of pension was absolutely untrue, "there is no intent whatsoever to eliminate pension for the widows/ widowers of

Trump baby blimp lands at London museum

LONDON: A blimp depicting US President Donald Trump as a snarling, nappy-wearing orange baby has found a home in one of London's most popular museums.

The helium-filled balloon, originally paid for through crowdfunding, first took to the skies over London during protests against Trump's visit in 2018 and has flown in other locations including France, Argentina, Ireland and Denmark.

Gladly accepting the donation, the Museum of London said the blimp would join its protest collection, which includes artefacts from the Suffragette movement as well as climate change and peace rallies.

"By collecting the baby blimp, we can mark the wave of feeling that washed over the city that day and capture a particular moment of resistance," said Sharon Ament, the museum's director.

"From the Suffragettes of the early 20th century to the anti-austerity marches, free speech and Black Lives Matter most recently - the capital has always been the place to have your say."

A giant inflatable blimp depicting U.S. President Donald Trump as a pouting baby arrives in Dublin

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US President Donald Trump as a pouting baby arrives in Dublin, Ireland on Jun 6, 2019. (Photo: Reuters/Padraig Halpin)

The creators of the blimp said they hoped it served as a reminder of the fight against the "politics of hate".

"While we're pleased that the Trump Baby can now be consigned to history along with the man himself, we're under no illusions that this is the end of the story," said the organisers, who include Leo Murray, a climate change activist.

"We hope the baby's place in the

museum will stand as a reminder of when London stood against Trump - but will prompt those who see it to examine how they can continue the fight."

Trump steps down as president this week, leaving the United States profoundly divided after a tumultuous four years in which he took the country out of a global climate change accord, imposed harsh immigration policies, launched a trade war with China and played down the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. —Reuters

Samsung chief jailed for 2.5 years over corruption scandal

SEOUL: The de facto chief of South Korea's Samsung business empire was convicted over a huge corruption scandal and jailed for two-and-a-half years, in a ruling that deprives the tech giant of its top decision-maker.

Lee Jae-yong, vice-chairman of Samsung Electronics, the world's biggest smartphone and memory chip maker, was found guilty of bribery and embezzlement in connection with the scandal that brought down South Korean president Park Geun-hye.

Lee "actively provided bribes and implicitly asked the president to use her power to help his smooth succession" at the head of the sprawling conglomerate, the Seoul Central District Court said in its verdict.

"It is very unfortunate that Samsung, the country's top company and proud global innovator, is repeatedly involved in crimes whenever there is a change in political power," the court said. It jailed him for



two-and-a-half years, concluding a retrial that was the latest step in a long-running legal process that has hung over Samsung for years.

Lee - who had earlier walked into court grime-faced and wearing a face mask, without responding to reporters' shouted questions - was immediately taken into custody.

He has effectively been at the head of the multi-faceted Samsung group for several years after his father was left bedridden by a heart attack, finally dying

in October. Samsung is by far the biggest of the family-controlled conglomerates, or chaebols, that dominate business in South Korea, the world's 12th-largest economy.

Its overall turnover is equivalent to a fifth of the national gross domestic product, and it is crucial to

South Korea's economic health.

Its rise has been driven by a willingness to invest billions in strategic bets on key technologies. —AP

Escaping virus lockdowns, tourists flock to Dubai

DUBAI: As much of the world tightens lockdowns to stem coronavirus, Dubai has flung its doors open, branding itself as a sunny, quarantine-free escape - despite a sharp rise in cases.

While mask-wearing and social distancing are strictly enforced, life in the tourism-reliant emirate looks much like normal, with its restaurants, hotels and mega-malls open for business.

Images of sports stars and television personalities enjoying life at beach clubs and cocktail bars have flooded social media - sometimes to disapproval back home.

Emirates, which restored its network to about three-quarters of pre-pandemic levels, is again operating A380 super-jumbos - the world's largest commercial airliner - ferrying in visitors from Britain and Russia. —AFP

Meet the Bidens: America's new 'first family'

WASHINGTON: President-elect Joe Biden and his wife Jill will become the new White House residents when he takes office.

Biden has made his family a major focus throughout his career, and his 2020 presidential campaign thrust them fully into the spotlight - with some members causing controversy but others breaking barriers.

Here is a look at the members of America's new "first family". Jill Biden, an educator, is set to transform her new role before she even moves into the White House. While first ladies traditionally only fulfill ceremonial duties, "Dr B", as her students call her, intends to keep her full-time job as an English professor.

As first lady, Jill is expected to work on education issues and relaunch Joining Forces, a mission to rally around military families that she and predecessor Michelle Obama started in 2011.

Jill Biden speaks at a presidential campaign event for her husband Joe Biden on September 30, 2020

The Bidens met in 1975, a few years after the Delaware senator had faced the unthinkable - his young wife and daughter were killed in a car crash. Biden often says his second wife "put us back to-



gether". The couple wed in 1977, and she became "Mom" to his sons Hunter and Beau, who survived the car accident. They also have a daughter, Ashley, together. While raising her family, Jill, 69, also earned two Master's degrees, and would eventually earn a doctorate in education. She supported her husband through his three previous presidential bids and was one of his most vocal advocates and tireless campaigners during his most recent run. Biden has often spoken about how his relationship with his sons helped him cope with grieving as he built his political career, as well as when he

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Suit for possession house through partition title for suit Irhsad Beggum v/s Zahid Iqbal etc notice to Mazhar Iqbal Zafar Iqbal sons Sumaira Iftikhar Shumaila hussain d/o Muhammad Ajaib residents mohri sharif tehsil kharian distt.Gujrat Above mentioned titled in under court of undersigned. Many time process has been issued against the above said respondent, but in vain. So the respondent are hereby in formed thought giving an ad. The appear before the court on the next date of hearing 27-01-2021 personally or through their counsel, other wise ex-party proceeding should be initiated against them and no excuses will be entertained.

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