

UN urges to check demography change in IIOJK

MUZAFFARABAD: Chairman Pasban-e-Hurriyat Uzair Ahmad Ghazali has appealed the United Nations to stop India on the forced settlement of Indian citizens in the disputed state.

In a statement issued here on Sunday, he said that Indian government had issued several domiciles to non-state residents in the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir to illegally convert the local population into minority.

Uzair Ahmad Ghazali said that the brutal government of Bharatiya Janata Party led by Narendra Modi deliberately tried to convert the Muslim majority population in the state of Jammu and Kashmir into minority. "Domiciles are being issued to millions of Hindu citizens from all over India and Kashmiris' land is being forcibly sold to Indian traders", he maintained.

"Moreover, citizens across India are

being placed in government jobs on priority basis due to these cruel measures, the unemployment rate in the state has gone beyond 25 percent", Ghazali lamented. He said that the Indian government was blatantly violating the principles and rules of the United Nations besides being usurper of the basic human rights of the Kashmiri people. Ghazali said that the United Nations had passed 16 resolutions for the right to self-determination to resolve the Kashmir issue. "Indian government is trampling the religious, political, social and civil liberties of the Kashmiri people through military force", he said and added, Kashmiri people are being arrested and imprisoned in jails under inhumane and cruel laws like AFSPA, POTA, TADA and NIA.

Ghazali called on the United Nations and the international community to play an

effective role in preventing the resettlement of Indian citizens in Jammu and Kashmir. He also appealed to the people of Azad Jammu and Kashmir to raise their voice against Modi's aggressive measures.

Capital police ensure foolproof security on Easter: The federal capital police had made special arrangements across the city to provide security cover to the minority community on the eve of Easter.

Following IGP Islamabad Muhammad Ahsan Younus' directions the police officials ensured high vigilance and effective security measures to the christian community to celebrate their festive event with religious zest.

All the zonal police officers had held meetings with church administrations about security related issues. A high alert was maintained around Christian colonies, churches, graveyards and public places.

The capital police chief along with SSP operations visited churches and various other religious places of Christian community to review the security arrangements.

He assigned security duties to policemen and asked for enhancing checking as well as maintaining complete coordination with the church administrations. He said that proper parking arrangements should be made and high vigilance to be maintained against suspects. Likewise, special measures were taken for high alert areas and patrolling had also been enhanced. It was the prime responsibility of Islamabad police to protect lives and property of minorities, said IGP. The church administrations thanked the Islamabad police for providing foolproof security to the community on the eve of Easter. It may be mentioned that IGP Islamabad patrol the city during night

hours for surveillance of Jawans deputed for security. He also set another example this Ramadan for the department to join the policemen in Iftar daily at various places in the city to encourage them.

Police arrests suspect in murder of young girl: A woman has accused her husband for killing their young daughter whose dead body was found on April 14 in Aliabad area in the limits of Hatari police station. The police here Saturday arrested the suspect Saifuddin Noonari alias Saeed after registering an FIR on a complaint of Irshad Khatoun, mother of deceased young woman Saadia. She maintained in the FIR that her husband's second wife Moomal always provoked her husband against her and her daughters. According to her, she left her home on April 10 to stay for a few days at the home of their relative in Bhit Shah, Matiari district. She added that she



Russia bans entry of British PM Johnson

MOSCOW: Russia has announced it was banning entry of Prime Minister Boris Johnson, Deputy PM Dominic Raab, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace, ex-premier Theresa May and the First Minister of Scotland Nicola Sturgeon, after London had imposed sanctions on Russia over its action in Ukraine. "This step was taken as a response to London's unbridled information and political campaign aimed at isolating Russia internationally, creating conditions for restricting our country and strangling the domestic economy," the foreign ministry said in a statement on Saturday. Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman "gave a positive assessment" of joint work in the OPEC+ format during a phone call. They also discussed the situation in Ukraine and Yemen, the Kremlin said. —Agencies

Fuel-laden ship sinks off Tunisia coast

TUNIS: A tanker carrying 750 tonnes of diesel fuel from Egypt to Malta sank off Tunisia's south-east coast, but officials said a large spill could be avoided.

The crew of the Xelo vessel had issued a distress call on Friday evening and sought shelter in Tunisian waters from bad weather before going down in the Gulf of Gabes in the morning, the authorities said. The Equatorial Guinea-flagged Xelo was headed from the Egyptian port of Damietta to the European island of Malta when it requested entry to Tunisian waters. The tanker is 58 metres long and nine metres wide, according to ship monitoring website vessel-tracker.com. It began taking water around seven kilometres offshore in the Gulf of Gabes and the engine room was engulfed, according to a Tunisian environment ministry statement. In an interview aired on state television, Environment Minister Leïla Chikhaoui said on Saturday "the situation is under control". According to Mohamed Karray, spokesman for a court in Gabes, "There are minimal leaks, which are not even visible to the naked eye and fortunately the oil is evaporating, so there should not be a disaster in the Gulf of Gabes." Authorities have activated "the national emergency plan for the prevention of marine pollution with the aim of bringing the situation under control and avoiding the spread of pollutants". The defence, interior, transport and customs ministries were working to avoid "a marine environmental disaster in the region and limit its impact", the environment ministry added. —AFP

3 Chinese astronauts return to Earth after six months

BEIJING: Three Chinese astronauts returned to Earth after 183 days in space, marking the end of China's longest crewed mission as it continues its quest to become a major space power.

The Shenzhou-13 spacecraft was the latest mission in Beijing's drive to rival the United States, after landing a rover on Mars and sending probes to the Moon. Live footage from state broadcaster CCTV showed the capsule landing in a cloud of dust, with ground crew who had kept clear of the landing site rushing in helicopters to reach the capsule.

The two men and one woman — Zhai Zhigang, Ye Guangfu and Wang Yaping — returned to Earth shortly before 10am Beijing time (0200 GMT), after six months aboard the Tianhe core module of China's Tiangong space station.

Ground crew applauded as the three astronauts took turns to report that they were in good physical condition. Mission commander Zhai was the first to emerge from the capsule roughly 45 minutes after the landing, waving and grinning at cameras as he was lifted by ground crew into a specially designed

chair before being bundled into a blanket. "I'm proud of our heroic country," Zhai said in an interview with CCTV shortly after leaving the capsule. "I feel extremely good." The trio originally launched in the Shenzhou-13 from China's northwestern Gobi Desert last October, as the second of four crewed missions during 2021-22 sent to assemble the country's first permanent space station — Tiangong, which means "heavenly palace". Wang became the first Chinese woman to spacewalk last November, as she and her colleague Zhai installed space station equipment during a six-hour stint. Zhai, 55, is a former fighter pilot who performed China's first spacewalk in 2008, while Ye is a People's Liberation Army pilot. The trio have completed two spacewalks, carried out numerous scientific experiments, set up equipment and tested technologies for future construction during their time in orbit. The astronauts spent the past few weeks tidying up and preparing the cabin facilities and equipment for the crew of the incoming Shenzhou-14, expected to be launched in the coming months. —AFP



ISLAMABAD: Family enjoys bathing in brook to get some relief from hot weather.

Indian police arrest 14 after communal clashes in New Delhi

NEW DELHI: Indian police arrested 14 people in connection with violent clashes between Hindus and Muslims during a Hindu religious procession in New Delhi, police said in a tweet.

Six police officers and several others were injured on Saturday during scuffles that marred the procession at a festival in Jahangirpuri, a suburban section of New Delhi. "Remaining rioters are being identified for strict legal action," the police said. There were no reported deaths from the incident.

In recent weeks, religious clashes have broken out between the majority Hindu and minority Muslim communities during religious processions in several parts of the country. The rule of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party has emboldened hardline Hindu religious groups in recent years to

take up causes that they say defend their faith, although his party has denied any rise in communal tensions during Modi's reign. Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, who is part of Modi's government, said in an interview published on Sunday that intolerance among religious communities was not worsening, while he played down recent incidents. "Fringe elements, who are unable to digest the

peace and prosperity in the country, try to defame India's inclusive culture and commitment," he told The Economic Times newspaper. He added that it was not the government's job to dictate dietary practices to the people, after university students in New Delhi recently clashed on campus over the serving of non-vegetarian food in the canteen during a week that Hindus consider auspicious. —Reuters



'Inhuman' situation in Ukraine's Mariupol as Russia claims almost full con-

MARIUPOL: Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said the situation in Mariupol is "inhuman" and called on the West to immediately provide heavy weapons, as Russia claimed it was in control of almost all of the strategic port city and urged its last defenders to surrender.

Moscow said Ukrainian forces in the city must lay down their arms by Sunday, after weeks of relative calm in the capital Kyiv were brought to an end by renewed Russian airstrikes. Austria's chancellor, the first European leader to meet with Vladimir Putin in person since the invasion began, said he thought the Russian president "believes he is winning the war" in Ukraine. But in the south, the devastated city of Mariupol has become a symbol of Ukraine's unexpectedly fierce resistance since Russian troops invaded the former Soviet state on February 24.

Moscow officials now say they are in full control there, though Ukrainian fighters remain holed up in the city's fortress-like steelworks. "The situation in Mariupol remains as severe as possible. Just inhuman," President Zelensky said in a video address.

"Russia is deliberately trying to destroy everyone who is there," Ukraine's Minister of Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov said the city was on "the verge of a human-

itarian catastrophe" and warned the country was compiling evidence of alleged Russian atrocities there. "We will hand everything over to The Hague. There will be no impunity," he said. Moscow Saturday issued an ultimatum to the fighters, urging them to lay down their arms by 6:00 am Moscow time (0300 GMT) and to evacuate the premises before 13pm.

But with the Russian forces closing in, Zelensky issued his own warning.

"The elimination of our troops, of our men (in Mariupol) will put an end to any negotiations," Zelensky told the Ukrainian Pravda news website. "We don't negotiate neither our territories nor our people."

"Insidious and ruthless! In the capital, smoke rose from the Darnytskyi district in the south-east of the capital after what Moscow said were "high-precision long-range" strikes on an armaments plant, killing one person and wounding several others. A heavy police and military presence was deployed around the factory, which was badly damaged.

"Our forces are doing everything possible to protect us, but the enemy is insidious and ruthless," Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said. The strike came a day after a similar attack on a plant that produced Neptune missiles — the type which, according to Kyiv and

Washington, sank Russia's Black Sea flagship Moskva on Thursday. It was among the first attacks since Russian forces began withdrawing from that region last month, instead turning their focus on gaining control of the eastern Donbas region, for years controlled in part by pro-Russian separatists. Kyiv regional governor Oleksandr Pavliuk said there were at least two other Russian strikes on the city Friday and that civilians thinking about returning should "wait for quieter times".

Nevertheless, families and off-duty soldiers were out in the parks of central Kyiv on Saturday, bringing a semblance of normality to the once-bustling city.

"It's the first time we've been back in the city centre... It's really making me happy to see people out and about," 43-year-old vet Nataliya Makrieva told AFP. Meanwhile, in Ukraine's second-largest city Kharkiv, in the northeast of the country, a Russian missile strike on a residential district killed at least two people on Saturday and wounded 18 others, the public prosecutor's office said.

Incoming fire in the city's centre turned an industrial kitchen inside out, pitching loads of bread into the street. "The blast was so big that at first we didn't understand what was happening," 52-year-old volunteer worker Genadiy

Vlasov told AFP. "When the walls started moving we all knew we had to get out." And Ukrainian Interior Minister Denys Monastyrsky said three people were killed and four others critically wounded in a demining operation near the city. Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer, who met Putin on Monday in Moscow, said he thinks the Russian president believes the war is necessary for his country's security.

"I think he is now in his own war logic," Nehammer said in an interview with NBC's "Meet the Press", portions of which were released Saturday.

"I think he believes he is winning the war." Adding to tit-for-tat sanctions imposed since the invasion began, Russia said on Saturday it was banning entry to British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and several other top officials. The foreign ministry accused London of "unprecedented hostile actions", in particular referring to sanctions on senior Russian officials, and "pumping the Kyiv regime with lethal weapons". Moscow's new entry blacklist includes Deputy Prime Minister Dominic Raab, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, and Defence Secretary Ben Wallace. Johnson paid a surprise visit to Kyiv a week earlier, and was filmed walking through the capital's empty streets with Zelensky. Britain has been part of an international effort to punish Russia

with asset freezes, travel bans and economic sanctions, while several Western countries have supplied Ukraine with extensive weaponry. Russia warned the United States this week of "unpredictable consequences" if it sends its "most sensitive" weapons systems to Ukraine.

Its defence ministry claimed Saturday to have shot down a Ukrainian transport plane in the Odessa region, carrying weapons supplied by Western nations. Zelensky meanwhile issued a fresh warning about the possibility of Russia using nuclear weapons as the conflict wears on — echoing comments by CIA director William Burns this week. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov earlier told CNN that Russia would only use nuclear weapons in the context of the Ukraine conflict if it were facing an "existential threat".

No way home Zelensky said on Friday that between 2,500 and 3,000 Ukrainian soldiers had been killed in the conflict, compared to 19,000-20,000 Russian dead. Moscow has said its losses were far smaller. Russia's apparent new focus on seizing the eastern Donbas, where Russian-backed separatists control the Donetsk and Lugansk areas, would allow Moscow to create a land corridor to occupied Crimea. Ukrainian authorities have urged people in the region to quickly leave ahead of what is expected to be a large-scale Russian offensive. —AFP

Fresh strikes hit Kyiv, Lviv as UN says 5m Ukrainians fled war

KYIV: Russia's warplanes bombed Lviv and its missiles struck Kyiv on Saturday, as Moscow followed through on a threat to launch more long-range attacks on Ukrainian cities after the sinking of its Black Sea Fleet flagship.

An explosion was heard and smoke seen in Kyiv's southeastern Darnytskyi district, where Moscow said it had struck a military factory that repairs tanks. The capital's mayor said rescuers and medics were working there but gave no further details.

Ukraine's military said Russian warplanes that took off from Belarus had also fired missiles at the Lviv region near the Polish border, where four cruise missiles were shot down by Ukrainian air defences. —Agencies

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Mohsan, Muhammad, Ali Akbar (son), Laila, Rubab, Fatima D/O Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah, Nasira W/O Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah R/O 478 Avenue Victor Hugo, Dammari-less Lys 77190, France. Haleema Bibi W/O Syed Ghulam Murtaza Shah R/O Chak No 93/12-L, Tehsil Cheechawatani, Sahiwal.

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