

India hell bent upon criminalising education in Kashmir: Altaf Wani

ISLAMABAD: Senior All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) Leader Altaf Hussain Wani on Thursday condemned the Indian authorities for imposing ban on Kashmiri students to travel to Pakistan for pursuing higher education.

Terming it as a violation of the international law, the APHC leader while underlining the Indian government's motive behind the move said, "Indian UGC and AICTE's joint advisory is tantamount to criminalizing and colonizing education to instill a sense of inferiority and disempowerment within the Kashmiris.

The notification, he said bears the racial imprints that goes in synch with the BJP's belligerent and hostile policy towards Kashmiris.

"Baring aspiring students to travel abroad is a well-thought-out conspiracy to deprive Kashmiris of their inalienable right to education", Wani said in a media release. Referring to Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, he said, "The UDHR affirms that education is a fundamental human right for every one".

The right to education, he said, was legally guaranteed for all without any discrimination. "As per the law Indian State is duty bound to protect, respect, and fulfill the right to education but it is quite unfortunate that the Indian government has been hampering the provision of access to education to Kashmiri children.

"Creating barriers to children's access to education constitute a severe violation of international law", Wani said adding the right to Education is duly recognized in International Law and the Indian government was obligated to grant Kashmiri children the same right that has been recognized across a plethora of international treaties and conventions.

After shutting down its doors of education for Kashmiri students all across India, Wani said that the apartheid regime was now hell bent on preventing them from seeking higher education in Pakistan and other world countries.

Referring to the hurdles the Indian racist regime has been creating for students trying to further their education in a country where they feel safer, he said "Students are harassed and ridiculed by agencies when they try to obtain an NOC to study in Pakistan".

Depriving Kashmiri students of their right to education, he said, was a conspiracy to keep Kashmiris backward and uneducated so that they would not be able to raise voice against Indian exploitation and oppression.

Urging international human rights bodies to raise the issue with Indian government, the APHC leader said, "It is a matter of grave concern that the BJP government is shamelessly criminalizing education and denying Kashmiri students the opportunity to materialize their fundamental right that has been reaffirmed in various international covenants including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and International Covenant on Economic Social and Cultural Rights. —APP



LAHORE: A street vendor on his way pushing the moving swings. —Online

Rs 266,000 fine imposed on 78 profiteers

KHANEWAL: District administration imposed fine Rs 266,000 on 78 profiteers and also got arrested seven shopkeepers, during 24 hours in district Khanewal. Following direction from deputy commissioner Salman Khan Lodhi, as many as 35 price control magistrates conducted raids in Khanewal, Mian Channu and Kabirwala inspected 441 shops. They imposed fine Rs 266,000 on profiteers. About 61 shopkeepers were issued warning for lacking price list displayed at visible places. Deputy Commissioner Salman Lodhi said that the shopkeepers who were found violated prices, would be sent to jails. —APP

Court awards life term to two accused

SARGODHA: A court awarded life term to two accused involved in a murder case on Thursday. The judgment was announced by Additional District and Sessions Judge Chaudhary Naveed Akhtar.

According to the prosecution, accused Asif of Hussain Shah village and his accomplices Tanveer and Zameerul Hassan had gunned down Naem over a minor issue the last year. —APP

Chief Secy orders action against water thieves

— Directs officers to register cases against those involved in water theft without accepting any kind of pressure

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Chief Secretary Punjab Kamran Ali Afzal has directed all the divisional commissioners to take immediate steps to prevent canal water theft and take strict action as per law by registering cases against those involved in these incidents.

He issued this directive while presiding over a meeting at the Civil Secretariat here on Thursday. The Secretary Agriculture, officials of Irrigation Department and officers concerned attended the meeting while all the divisional commissioners participated through video link. The Chief Secretary said that there is a shortage of canal water in the province this year and in such a situation water theft incidents are likely to increase. He directed the officers to register cases against those involved in water theft without accepting any kind of pressure. He said that committees



should be set up at district level for checking. The Chief Secretary said that the theft of canal water also harms the national economy due to reduction in agricultural production. He lauded the Commissioner Bahawalpur Division for taking timely steps to address the problem of water shortage in Cholistan.

Canal system of Punjab facing water shortage

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The entire canal system of Punjab requires an overall 84,517 cusecs of water and it is facing 53 per cent water shortage. A spokesman for the Punjab Irrigation department said this here on Thursday while briefing about the situation of water on canals and barrages. He said that there was a need of 21,500 cusecs water on Taunsa barrage as only 8,404 cusecs water was available at the barrage. 4,642 cusecs water was available at Panjnad barrage, facing water shortage of 68 per cent, he added. The spokesman said for Bahawalpur, Lower Bahawal Canal needed 5,062 cusecs water while it was being operated with 1,800 cusecs water. He said that Lodhran, Mailsi canal was being operated with 1,962 cusecs water and facing water shortage of 56 per cent. Canals of Sulemanki barrage needed 13,300 cusecs water while only 6,506 cusecs water was available. Islam barrage was facing water shortage of 45 per cent while balloki 36 per cent, he added.



LAHORE: A mechanic repairs generator at his shop due to loadshedding of electricity, the demands of such things increased. —Online

District planning, design committee meets

SARGODHA: District Planning and Design Committee meeting was held under the chairmanship of DC Muhammad Asghar Joiya at the DC office, here on Thursday.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner General (ADCG) Talha Zubair and other officers including Tariq Paroy, Khaliqadara and Muhammad Usman Akram. Officers of relevant departments including Traffic Police, Sargodha Development Authority (SDA), Building, Housing, WAPDA and Environment were also present. As many as 145 cases of municipal corporation including one flour mills, two petrol pumps, a hospital and 141 shops, and 65 cases of district council including 11 petrol pumps, three marriage halls, two hospitals, five commercial markets, 10 plazas and 34 shops were presented for approval in the meeting.

Seven held with liquor, weapons
Police claimed on Thursday to have arrested seven accused and recovered liquor and illegal weapons from their possession. The teams of different police stations conducted raids and arrested 7 accused and recovered 40 litres liquor, 03 pistols 30-bore, gun 12 bore and a rifle 7mm from their possession. —APP

Pakistan police assault, detain journalist Jahangir Hayat in Lahore

By Our Special Correspondent

LAHORE: Pakistan authorities must conduct a swift and impartial probe into the police assault of journalist Jahangir Hayat, as well as his family, and hold those responsible over this incident, says a message received from the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), New York, on Thursday.

According to details, on May 1, police officers in the Ichhra area of Lahore, the capital of Punjab province, assaulted and detained Hayat, a chief reporter of a privately-owned daily newspaper Daily The Business, according to a report by his outlet, video of the incident shared on social media, and the journalist, who spoke with CPJ by phone.

Police also detained Hayat's wife and his seven-year-old daughter, and released the family after about 45 minutes, according to those sources.

Hayat told CPJ that he believes the assault and detention were acts of retaliation for his work as a journalist, including his reporting on crime and alleged police malfeasance, which CPJ reviewed.

"Punjab police officers assaulted and detained Jahangir Hayat, as well as his

family, shows the significant dangers that Pakistani journalists face for simply doing their jobs," said CPJ Programme Director Carlos Martinez de la Serna. "Authorities must conduct an immediate and impartial investigation into this incident, hold the perpetrators accountable, and demonstrate that such attacks should not continue with impunity."

Hayat and his family were walking to their motorcycle when his family noticed that speedometer of his motorcycle had broken; he approached a nearby police van for help because he thought it had been vandalized, he said.

Hayat told CPJ that he showed the officers his press card as a form of identification, and the officers then recognized him, cursed him, and one officer, whom Hayat identified as the Station House Officer (SHO) of the Ichhra Police Station, said he would "get rid of his journalism."

Ichhra Police Deputy Superintendent Zakaria Yusuf then arrived at the scene and ordered the officers to detain the journalist, Hayat told CPJ, saying the officers hit him in the ribs with their pistols, grabbed his neck, threw him in a police vehicle, and escorted his wife and daughter in the vehicle

as well. The officers held the family in that vehicle for about 45 minutes and then brought them to the Ichhra Police Station, where authorities released them without any charge after a group of journalists gathered at the station's gate, Hayat said.

The journalist sustained injuries to his ribs and neck from the attack, for which he took painkillers, he said, adding that his daughter was traumatized from the incident.

On May 9, Hayat registered complaints with the offices of Lahore Capital City Police Officer Bilal Kamyana, Senior Superintendent of the Lahore Police Operations Mustansar Feroze, and Inspector-General of the Punjab Police Sardar Ali Khan, the journalist said, adding that no action had been taken against the officers involved in his detention and assault.

Following publication of this article, Feroze told CPJ via messaging app that police had opened an inquiry into the incident, and would make its findings public at its conclusion.

CPJ was unable to identify contact details for Yusuf, Kamyana and Khan did not respond to CPJ's requests for comment sent via messaging app.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari as Foreign Minister

Syed Shakeel Hussain Gillani

The history repeated itself after a long time as the chairman Pakistan Peoples Party, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari at the age of 33 elected as the 37th Minister for Foreign Affairs of the country this is the unique distinction of being the youngest Foreign Minister of Pakistan, particular to mention that his maternal grand father Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who founded Pakistan Peoples Party, was sworn as the 12th foreign minister of Pakistan at the age of 35th years later he became the President and Prime Minister of Pakistan.

History witnesses that the daughter of Bhutto and the mother of Bilawal Mst Benazir Bhutto possessed twice premiership of Pakistan.

Recently, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari Took oath as Foreign Minister by The President Islamic Republic of Pakistan Dr Arif Alvi.

The ceremony was attended by the Prime Minister Shahbaz Sharif, the former Prime Minister and leader of the opposition in the Senate, Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani, former Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf, former President of Pakistan Asif Ali Zardari, Ms Sanam Bhutto, Assefa Bhutto, civil and military authorities, Members of Provincial and National assembly and dignitaries.

Bilawal Bhutto is not only the better choice and identity for Pakistan but also a fresh and energetic face on the foreign front of the country as foreign minister, it is absolutely an effective, meaningful and best message to the world that a young and visionary

chairman of PPP representing Pakistan. Son of Asif Ali Zardari learnt ethics, manners and norms from the lap of his mother Benazir Bhutto. Bilawal will definitely promote and explore several ways of new diplomatic relations with the West to consolidate and strengthen the image of Pakistan and the reflection of political training of BB shahed will be seen as significant. Either the Plan of (CPEC) China Pakistan Economic Corridor (RCD) Regional Cooperation for Development, PPP always pondered to introduce such kind of unique developmental projects ever for the elevation of the country. Bilawal Bhutto was born in Karachi on Sep 21, 1988, Aitchison College Lahore was chosen for his early education but due to inevitable circumstances it could not so, Bilawal received early education by Karachi Grammar school as well as international froebel school at Islamabad then went Dubai and studied in Rashid school for boys where he was also elected as vice chairman of the student council, mostly he spent childhood in Dubai and London. On 30th December 2007, after the assassination of his mother Bilawal was nominated as new chairman of the Pakistan People's Party and on the same occasion Bilawal Zardari became Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

In 2011 Bilawal Bhutto was elected chairman of Baloch tribe.

Bilawal Bhutto was awarded degree in modern history and political science from Oxford University in 2012. Bilawal contested by several constituencies in the general elections of 2018, including Larkana NA 200, Karachi

NA-246 and NA-8 Malakand and became first time member of National Assembly, due to number of multivotes, he was elected unopposed chairman standing committee on human rights in National Assembly.

There is a humble suggestion to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since when the relationship between Pakistan and Turkey established, remained reliable and admirable showing fraternal stability the Government of Turkey established Yunus Emre Turkish Cultural Centre in Pakistan's largest city Lahore to highlight culture here through hits cultural center. Can the Government introduce Pakistani cultural center in Turkey to highlight Pakistan's culture, Urdu language and Pakistani tourism can be a mutual ovable relationship between the

Two countries in the best interest of the country. The former Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani inducted Mst Hina Rabbani Khar as Minister Foreign Affairs during his regime of Government. Pertinent to mention that these as one dand mature leadership of Pakistan People's Party always acknowledged and appreciated the contribution, dedication and devotional political services of Gilani family. Makhdoom Syed Ahmad Mujtaba Gilani, former MPA and Makhdoom Ahmed Mahmood, former Governor Punjab are also mobilizing proactively for the PPP in the South. Young FM will have to do lots of work because nation keeping high expectations and great hopes by him.

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IG orders profiling of big gangs involved in dacoity, robbery, kidnapping for ransom

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Punjab Inspector General (IGP), of Police Rao Sardar Ali Khan has said that all possible resources including modern technology should be used for arresting dangerous organized gangs involved in criminal activities.

IG Punjab has ordered immediate profiling of major gangs of dacoity, robbery, kidnapping for ransom, murder and other organized crimes. Rao Sardar Ali Khan assigned a special task to supervisory officers to stamp out organized crime from Lahore. He directed that after profiling,

concrete steps should be taken to root out habitual criminals and their facilitators involved in serious crimes. IGP emphasised upon launching of a pilot project from Lahore this month to eradicate criminals of organized crime. IG Punjab directed that the inter-district coordination for the arrest of organized gangs in Sheikhpura, Kasur, Nankana and Okara districts adjoining Lahore should be further improved and the Safe City Authority, Special Branch and Investigation should coordinate and take effective measures to round them up. Rao Sardar Ali Khan directed that special attention should be

paid on movement of dangerous gangs and their facilitators at all inter-provincial check posts of the province.

He also directed to share data of dangerous gangs with the police forces of other provinces so that their elimination could be beefed up. IG Punjab gave these instructions while presiding over a meeting held at the Central Police Office regarding the elimination of organized crime and arrest of dangerous gangs. The meeting reviewed the short and long-term action plan against organized groups of habitual and professional criminals.