

J&K PNA demands early release of Yasin Malik, Baboo Singh from Indian jails

MIRPUR: A Jammu & Kashmir Peoples National Party (J&K PNP) congregation here Saturday demanded immediate unconditional release of the illustrious Kashmir freedom struggle leaders including Yaseen Malik, Baboo Singh (hailing from Jammu) and others languishing in various Indian jails besides in IIOJK in fast deteriorating conditions.

The congregation was hosted by J&K Peoples National Alliance's Chairman Raja Zulfiqar Ahmed Advocate to remember renowned Kashmiri politician, Intellectual and seasoned jurist late Barrister Qurban Ali on his 10th death anniversary paying rich tributes to his life-time meritorious services

to the Kashmir cause. Legendary personalities including historians, social, political and human rights activists from different parts of the country and AJK unanimously emphasized for the early grant of the legitimate birth right to the people of Jammu & Kashmir to decide about their destiny according to their own will and aspirations under the spirit of the international norms and commitments.

Eminent historians, authors, intellectuals, jurists, social and political and human rights activists from Pakistan and AJK including Jammu Kashmir Peoples National Alliance Chief Raja Zulfiqar Ahmed Advocate, Retire Secretary to AJK government

Shoukat Majeed Mallick, Ch. Muneer Hussain Advocate, People National Party leader Tahir Bostan Advocate, Chairman his own faction of JKLF Sardar Raouf Kashmiri, Wajid Ali Advocate, Raja Ali Zamaan, Nasir Barez Advocate, Rana Shabir Rajourvi and others reiterated these demands while paying rich tributes to the late revolutionary and progressive leader and founder chief of Jammu & Kashmir Peoples National Party Barrister Qurban Ali.

Speakers vehemently condemned the recent imprisonment of life term to the great leader of the Kashmir freedom movement Yasin Malik in a false and fabricated case by an Indian Kangaroo

Court for his "crime" of raising the fold of liberation of the motherland from forced and unlawful Indian occupation.

Speakers also paid rich tributes to another renewed jailed leader of the Jammu Kashmir freedom struggle Baboo Singh from Jammu region demanding his early release from the Indian prison.

Referring to the due share of AJK in the natural resources emanating to the State, speakers demanded of AJK government to ensure securing the due share of Azad Jammu Kashmir in the natural resources including Legendary personalities including historians, social, political and human rights activists from different parts of

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about 700 cusecs of water from the Mangla dam lake for drinking and irrigation purposes in Mirpur district besides the adjoining areas of the district.

Speakers paid rich tributes to late Barrister Qurban in acknowledgment of his life-time services to the national Kashmir cause and to secure and safeguard the due rights of the suppressed classes of the society including the people of Jammu &

Kashmir, struggling for the achievement of their legitimate right of self determination since over last seven decades. They continued that best way to pay rich tribute to the departed Barrister Qurban is to follow his foot prints to continue his mission fighting for the emancipation of the people of the J&K state will continue through the achievement of their legitimate right to self determination and the early success of Kashmir freedom struggle.

They observed that the departed Barrister Qurban brought down-trodden people and working classes in Azad Jammu & Kashmir for the better living of people and socialistic pattern of society free from any kind of ex-

ploitation by the ruling classes. "The departed Kashmiri leader also championed the cause of independence and unity of the state on perfect progressive principles", they underlined.

Speakers called for early settlement of Kashmir issue to ensure the grant of legitimate right of self determination to the people of Jammu and Kashmir to enable them to decide about their destiny under the moral and legal principles of international norms and commitments. "The early peaceful solution of Kashmir conflict is beneficial for both the highly nuclear armed arch rivals - India and Pakistan", they underlined.

Speakers said that the departed leaders strug-

gled hard throughout his life for the elimination of class system.

The life-time services of Barrister Qurban to the Kashmir cause and against the suppressive forces besides for the elimination of class system will be all remembered, they declared.

Participants prayed for the rest of the departed soul in eternal peace.

Barrister Qurban Ali had died in a United Kingdom hospital in July 2012 after prolonged illness and was buried in his native town Mirpur the next day. —Agencies

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Pilgrims stone the devil as almost million-strong Haj winds down

JEDDAH: Pilgrims cast pebbles in the stoning of the devil ritual on Saturday, as this year's expanded Haj pilgrimage was winding down. From first light, small groups of worshippers made their way across the valley of Mina, near Makkah, to throw stones at three concrete walls representing Satan. In 2019, some 2.5 million pilgrims from around the world took part in the Haj, usually one of the world's largest annual religious gatherings.

But that figure slumped to only a few thousand in 2020 and 60,000 in 2021, all of them Saudi citizens or residents, as the kingdom tried to mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, participation was capped at one million fully vaccinated worshippers. Authorities said on Friday that almost 900,000 were in atten-

dance, nearly 780,000 of them from abroad. Barring overseas pilgrims for the past two years had caused deep disappointment among Muslims worldwide, who typically save for years to take part.

The Haj, which costs at least \$5,000 per person, and Umrah pilgrimages that occur at other times of the year are a major engine of Saudi Arabia's tourism sector. In normal times, they generate about \$12 billion annually, keeping the economy humming in Makkah. After the stoning ritual, pilgrims return to the Grand Mosque in Makkah to perform a final tawaf, or circling of the Kaaba.

Eidul Azha, the feast of the sacrifice that begins on Saturday, marks the end of Haj. On Friday, huge crowds of robed pilgrims prayed on Mount Arafat, the cli-

max of the annual pilgrimage. Groups of worshippers, many holding umbrellas against the fierce sun, recited verses from the Holy Quran on the rocky rise where the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) gave his final sermon. After sunset, they travelled the short distance to Muzdalifah, where they slept under the stars before performing the stoning ritual. The large crowds have spurred fears that Covid-19 will spread, especially after many pilgrims remained maskless, despite claims by Saudi authorities that masks would be mandatory.

The Haj has been taking place against the backdrop of a resurgence of cases in the region, with some Gulf countries tightening restrictions to keep outbreaks in check. All participants were required

to submit proof of vaccination and negative PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests. Since the start of the pandemic, Saudi Arabia has registered more than 795,000 coronavirus cases, over 9,000 of them fatal. Some 67 million vaccine doses have been administered in the country of over 34 million people.

The Hajj, whose timing is determined by the lunar Islamic calendar, can be physically draining even in ideal conditions, but worshippers this year faced an added challenge: scorching sun and temperatures climbing to 44 degrees Celsius.

Saudi Arabia adopts online registration for Haj to combat scams. Saudi Arabia has required would-be Haj pilgrims from many Western countries to apply for visas via a government portal online. —

Pope admits resistance exists against steps to curb child abuse

VATICAN CITY: Pope Francis has acknowledged that there is resistance by some national Catholic Churches on implementing measures to protect children from sexual abuse by clergy, but said there is no turning back on an "irreversible" path.

Sexual abuse in the Church and measures to combat it were among one of the many Church and international topics the 85-year-old pontiff discussed in an interview at his Vatican residence.

Pope Francis issued a papal directive in 2019 ordering "public, stable and easily accessible systems for submission" of reports of sexual abuse in dioceses around the world.

Some countries, such as the United States, established procedures, sometimes known as "listening centres", even before the 2019 directive, but others, particularly in the developing world, have been slow to conform.

"There is resistance, but with each new step there is growing awareness that this is the way to go," Francis said. The Church's abuse crisis exploded onto the international stage in 2002 when the Boston Globe newspaper revealed. —AP

Nasa reveals James Webb telescope's first cosmic targets

WASHINGTON: The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) said on Friday the first cosmic images from the James Webb Space Telescope would include unprecedented views of distant galaxies, bright nebulae and a faraway giant gas planet.

The US, European and Canadian space agencies are gearing up for a big revelation on July 12 of early observations by the \$10 billion observatory that is set to give new insights into the origins of the universe.

"I'm looking very much forward to not having to keep these secrets anymore, that will be a great relief," Klaus Pontoppidan, an astronomer at the Space Telescope Science Institute (STSI) that oversees Webb, said last week.

An international committee decided the first wave of full-colour scientific images would include the Carina Nebula, an enormous cloud of dust and gas 7,600 light years away, as well as the Southern Ring Nebula, which surrounds a dying star 2,000 light years away.

Carina Nebula is famous for its towering pillars that include "Mystic Mountain", a three-light-year-tall cosmic pinnacle captured in an iconic image by Hubble.

Webb has also carried out a spectroscopy — an analysis of light that reveals detailed information — on a faraway gas giant called WASP-96 b, which was discovered in 2014. Nearly 1,150 light years from Earth, WASP-96 b is about half the mass of Jupiter and zips around its star in just 3.4 days. Next comes Stephan's Quintet, a compact galaxy 290 million light years away. Four of the five galaxies within the quintet are "locked in a cosmic dance of repeated close encounters", Nasa said.

Finally, and perhaps most enticing of all, Webb has gathered an image using foreground galaxy clusters called SMACS 0723 as a kind of cosmic magnifying glass for extremely distant and faint galaxies behind it.

This is known as "gravitational lensing" and uses the mass of foreground galaxies to bend the light of objects behind them, much like a pair of glasses. Dan Coe, an astronomer at STSI, said even in its first images, the tele-



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 LAHORE

Pakistan OC Student and Immigration Consultancy Co set up

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: Education expert and Director of an Australian educational platform ISEMS, Haji Shabbir Iqbal has set up a 'Pak OC Student and Immigration Consultancy Company' in Pakistan, through which Pakistani students would be sent to Australia for higher education.

Haji Shabbir Iqbal along with Company's directors Hafiz Aftab Sheikh and Hassan Khan, while talking to Daily The Business said that ISEMS has been providing opportunities of higher education to students of Pakistan, Bangladesh and other countries. He said the purpose of setting up Pak OC Company in Pakistan was to get admissions for more and more Pakistani students in Australian universities.

Haji Shabbir further said that it was necessary to get passed IELTS and PTE tests for students prior to proceeding to Australia, for which our experts provide training to students at our 'Pak OC' Office.

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