

Patriotism on forcible sale in Modi's 'prosperous India'

ISLAMABAD: At a time when millions of Indians are desperately striving to provide their families food and shelter in ever-increasing inflationary pressures, the government had made it mandatory for people to buy Tiranga (tricolor) in Modi's India. People from all across India have expressed serious resentment over the forcible sale of Indian flag with assertions that instead of facilitating people in getting food and ration the government was forcibly 'selling them patriotism'. During the last week of July, Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi had announced 'Har Ghar Tiranga' drive under which every house would display the Indian national flag from August 13 to August 15

to observe 75th anniversary of Independence. However, instead of encouraging volunteer participation in the drive and provide free of cost flags to people, the Indian government had made it mandatory for all citizens to buy tricolours. Different tactics are being utilized to force people buy the flags and forcibly implement the campaign. "It is the poor which always pays the price in the name of patriotism!" wrote Ashok Swain, Professor of Peace and Conflict Research at Uppsala University while sharing video of angry Indian citizens who have been forced to buy flags. "According to this report, If poor ration card holders go to depot to get the ration for

this month, they were asked to buy a tricolor. No ration if you don't buy Tricolour," tweeted Mohammad Zubair while sharing video from Haryana province. Raj Bhads Aviator tweeted that 38 Rupees will be deducted from the salary of railway employees for 'purchase' of Tiranga. It does not matter whether they want it or not. Depicting picture of homeless people, another Chandni tweeted in Hindi "They have tricolor with them. Looking for home!" Some people have blamed the Indian government for launching the campaign to benefit financially those who they like Gowdam wrote "30 rs deducted from all the govt staffs without any notice from ration shops and all these amounts nearly 20000 crores

package for Ambani's polyester company. This is independence Day gift." People have also made sarcastic remarks, criticizing government and parliamentarians for not providing tricolour free of cost. "Those councilors buy MLAs and MPs." They also topple governments on the strength of money, But they do not have the money to give one tricolor free to every house," writes Ehtesham Khan. Some people have termed the Har Ghar Tiranga a scam for minting money from people "A daily tale in India, poor getting ripped off. You won't get ration if you won't buy a flag for Rs 20. Govt can make films tax free or even distribute tickets for free but a poor has to

sacrifice his food if he can't pay for flag," wrote Umesh Talashi. Even some BJP leaders did not remain behind and criticized the government for selling tricolor. BJB Member Parliaments Varun Gandhi said it would be "unfortunate if celebrations to mark the 75th anniversary of Independence become a burden for the poor". It is "shameful," he wrote in a tweet, to take the last bit of food from the needy in order to pay for the "Tiranga," he tweeted according to media reports from India. Former Congress President Rahul Gandhi has also criticized Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) of selling "nationalism" and hurting the poor's self-respect, according to Outlook



CHILAS: Newly constructed Karakoram Highway between Chilas and Gilgit.

'Extreme' weather warning in force in Britain as new heatwave hits

LONDON: A four-day "extreme heat" warning came into force in parts of England and Wales on Thursday, with temperatures poised to top 35 Celsius in another heatwave that could cause wildfires and pressure water supplies and transport services. The Met Office said its amber warning, its second-most severe after red, will last until the end of Sunday, and cautioned that people vulnerable to extreme heat could face adverse health effects. Temperatures are expected to peak at 35°C on Friday and may hit 36°C in some places on Saturday. "The grass in London is tinderbox dry and the smallest of sparks can start a blaze which could cause devastation," London Fire Brigade Assistant Commissioner Jonathan Smith said on Thursday. The brigade, which faced its busiest week since World War Two during July's heatwave, said it had tackled 340 grass, rubbish and open land fires in the first week of August, compared with just 42 in the same week last year. The Met Office raised its forecast for fire severity in London and other parts of England over the next few days to "exceptional" or level 5, its highest. The warning follows the driest July for England since 1935, when temperatures rose above 40°C for the first time, turning a renewed spotlight to the impacts of climate change.

Britain's environment minister George Eustice on Wednesday urged water companies to take precautions to protect water supplies and tackle the effects of the prolonged dry weather. Several water companies have already imposed restrictions on water usage and supermarkets have limited sales of disposable barbecues that firefighters warn can set light to tinder-dry grass. This week's amber warning follows

ices, as it pushed north and took temperatures to record levels. After Britain's warmest night on record, the country's Met Office said 39.1 Celsius (102.4 Fahrenheit) was provisionally recorded in Charlwood, near Gatwick Airport, south of London. "If confirmed, this will be the highest temperature ever recorded in the UK," the Met Office meteorological agency said.

latest heatwave and note the more frequent extreme weather will only worsen in years to come. The high temperatures have triggered an unprecedented red alert for extreme heat in much of England and Wales, where some rail lines were closed as a precaution and schools shuttered in some areas. "A lot of our infrastructure is just not built for this temperature," Transport Secretary Grant Shapps told Sky News. "Let record-breaking UK temperatures and tragic deaths in Europe be the wake-up call the world needs to stop climate change from claiming any more lives," said Tim Wainwright, chief executive of the charity WaterAid. In France, various towns and cities in the country's west registered their highest-ever temperatures on Monday, the national weather office said. The western region of Brittany — normally cool and often wet in summer — set new record highs above 40C. As the heatwave moves northeast on Tuesday, replaced by cooler air from the Atlantic offering some respite, weather authorities lifted their top red alert level in 15 departments. But dozens of departments remained on orange alert, with temperatures still expected to top 40C in the east and south and violent thunderstorms forecast locally. The heatwave — the second to engulf parts of Europe in recent weeks — has contributed to deadly wildfires in France, Greece, Portugal and Spain, destroying vast tracts of land. Firefighters in France's southwest were still struggling to contain two massive fires that have caused widespread destruction and forced tens of thousands of people to leave their homes. —Agencies



Britain's first-ever red "Extreme Heat" warning in July. UK BREAKS RECORD AS HEAT-WAVE BATTERS EUROPE: A fierce heatwave left much of western Europe sweltering on Tuesday, fuelling ferocious wildfires and stretching emergency serv-

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spokesman for Taiwan's Eighth Army Corps, told AFP its forces fired howitzers and target flares as part of the defensive drill on Thursday morning. The exercise in Taiwan's southernmost county Pingtung began at 08:30am (0030 GMT) and lasted about an hour, he

Taiwan holds mily drill after China repeats threats

TAIPEI: Taiwan's army held another live-fire drill Thursday after Beijing ended its largest-ever military exercises around the island and repeated threats to bring the self-ruled democracy under its control. Beijing has raged at a trip to Taiwan last week by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — the highest-ranking elected American official to visit in decades — staging days of air and sea drills around the island that raised tensions to their highest level in years. Taiwan has accused China of using the Pelosi visit as an excuse to kick-start drills that would allow it to rehearse for an invasion. Lou Woei-jye, said. Artillery tucked in from the coast was lined up side by side, with armed soldiers in units firing the howitzers out to sea one after the other, a live stream showed. Taiwan held a similar drill on Tuesday in Pingtung. Both involved hundreds of troops, the military said. The military has played down the exercises' significance, saying they were already scheduled and were not in response to China's war games. "We have two goals for the drills, the first is to certify the proper condition of the artillery and their maintenance condition and the second is to confirm the results of last year," Lou said, referring



to annual drills. The latest exercise came after China's military indicated its own drills had come to an end Wednesday, saying its forces "successfully completed various tasks" in the Taiwan Strait while vowing to continue patrolling its waters. —AFP

G7 wants Russia to return nuclear plant control to Kyiv

KYIV/BERLIN: As the Ukraine crisis. The town Marhanets that Ukraine claims was targeted is the one that Russia has alleged Ukrainian forces have used in the past to shell the Russian forces, holed up at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant that they took over in March. There was no immediate comment from Russia on the Ukrainian allegations of a rocket attack on Marhanets and Reuters could not independently verify the allegations. —AFP

Trump 'pleads the Fifth' in civil probe

NEW YORK: Donald Trump on Wednesday declined to answer questions under oath in New York over alleged fraud at his family business, as legal pressures pile on the former president whose house was raided by the FBI just two days ago. Trump said he had "no choice" but to invoke the fifth amendment — which allows individuals to remain silent under questioning to protect against self-incrimination — during a deposition at the New York attorney general's office. In a statement apparently issued after the deposition began, Trump said: "I declined to answer the questions under the rights and privileges afforded to every citizen under the United States Constitution," adding he took the advice from his legal counsel. "I once asked, 'If you're innocent, why are you taking the Fifth Amendment?' Now I know the answer to that question," he continued. "When your family, your company, and all the people in your orbit have become the targets of an unfounded, politically motivated Witch Hunt supported by lawyers, prosecutors, and the Fake News Media, you have no choice." The deposition follows an extraordinary Federal Bureau of Investigation search earlier this week on Trump's Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida, signaling an escalation of legal probes into the 45th president. Trump took aim at the search in his statement on Wednesday, saying, "The current Administration and many prosecutors in this Country have lost all moral and ethical bounds of decency". He arrived early on Wednesday in a convoy of cars guarded by the secret service at the offices of New York Attorney General Letitia James, whose investigation is one of several active probes into the brash billionaire's business practices and other actions. —AFP



Arson suspected as huge French wildfire reignites

LANDIRAS: A wildfire that officials thought was under control in southwest France has reignited amid a record drought and extreme heat, possibly the result of arson, officials said on Wednesday. More than 6,000 hectares (15,000 acres) of tinder-dry forest have burned in just 24 hours in the so-called Landiras blaze, the largest of several that scorched the region last month. It had been brought under control — but not fully extinguished — after burning nearly 14,000 hectares, before flaring up on Tuesday, forcing the evacuation of some 6,000 people. No one has been injured but 16 homes were destroyed or damaged near the village of Belin-Beliet, and officials said six fire-fighting trucks had burned. "The risks are very high" that parched conditions will allow the fire to spread further, said Martin Guesperea, prefect of the Gironde department. "The weather is very unfavourable because of the heat, the dry air, the record drought and the fact that there is a lot of peat in the ground... the fire didn't go out in July. —AFP



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