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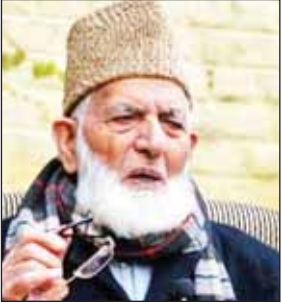
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Geelani quits Hurriyat amid dismantling terror in Kashmir



■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Amid dismantling of terrorism in the huge successes by security forces in the Valley especially during the past three weeks, Syed Ali Shah Geelani, the lifetime chairman of the pro-Pakistan Hurriyat Conference, made a surprise announcement of completely dissociating himself from the 16-party amalgam on Monday, alleging lack of accountability and a brewing rebellion in the ranks.

The 90-year-old Geelani, the most prominent of pro-Pakistan separatists in the Kashmir Valley, has been chairman of the conglomerate since its inception in 2003.

He has been politically inactive of late, particularly

Geelani pushed Kashmir into terror: Madhav

NEW DELHI: The BJP said on Monday that Syed Ali Shah Geelani, who has announced his dissociation from the separatist outfit Hurriyat Conference, was singularly responsible for pushing Kashmir into terror and violence and ruining lives of thousands of Kashmiri youths and families.

Coming down heavily on the separatist leader, BJP general secretary Ram Madhav asked if Geelani's action can absolve him of the "past sins".

"This man was singularly responsible for ruining the lives of thousands of Kashmiri youths and families; for pushing Valley into terror and violence. Now resigns from Hurriyat without giving a reason. Does it absolve him of all d past sins?" he tweeted. Madhav is BJP's pointsman for Jammu and Kashmir.



since the abrogation of Article 370 in August last year which had far-reaching consequences for the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Geelani accused separatist leaders based in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir of being opportunist and using the platform of Kashmir for their personal gains.

He made these charges in a letter, titled "in view of the current state of the Hurriyat Conference", to the constituents of the amalgam.

Geelani, who was a founding member of the undivided Hurriyat Conference set up in 1993, broke away in 2003 after he had differences with other factions for adopting a moderate approach.

In a four-line letter and an audio message to the media, a spokesperson for the 90-year-old leader said, "Geelani has announced complete dissociation from Hurriyat Conference forum."

In his letter to all constituents of the amalgam, Geelani spoke about the rea-

sons behind his decision to leave the Hurriyat Conference, of which he had been nominated as the lifetime chairman, he said.

Geelani, who has been a three-time member of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, said the activities of Hurriyat Conference members currently in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir were being investigated by the amalgam for various allegations.

"The activities of these representatives were limited now to seeking access to assemblies and ministries for joining the government there (PoK). Some members were expelled while others started holding their own meetings. These activities were endorsed by you (constituents) by holding a meeting here to ratify their decisions," he said in his letter.

He referred to inaction by the Hurriyat members post the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir, and the division of the erstwhile state into two Union territories. "I sent messages to you through

PM to address nation today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation on Tuesday evening, his office said.

"Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation at 4 PM tomorrow," the Prime Minister's Office tweeted.



Pak fires mortar shells along LoC

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Pakistani troops opened unprovoked fire at Indian positions along the Line of Control (LoC) in Tangdhar sector on Monday in violation of a ceasefire agreement, an army official said. "On 29 June 2020, in the evening hours, Pakistan initiated an unprovoked ceasefire violation along the LoC in Tangdhar (in north Kashmir's Kupwara district) by firing mortars and other weapons," the official said.

He said befitting response was being given to the Pakistani fire.

There were no reports of any casualties so far.

Three terrorists killed in Anantnag encounter

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Three terrorists were killed in an encounter with the security forces in Anantnag district on Monday, police said.

The security forces launched a cordon and search operation at Khul Chohar in the south Kashmir district following information about the presence of terrorists in the area, a police official said.

The operation turned into an encounter after the terrorists fired upon a search party of the forces, who retaliated, the official said.

A police spokesperson said that a joint cordon and search operation was launched by JKP, 19RR and CRPF in the area.

During the search operation, the hiding terrorists fired on the joint search party. The fire was retaliated leading to an encounter in which three terrorists were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site.

Quoting sources, the spokesperson said that one of the terrorists was Masood Ahmd Bhat, resident of Doda, a self-styled District



'DODA IS TERRORISM FREE'

SRINAGAR: Doda district has become "terrorism free" as the last of the surviving terrorists in the area was killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district on Monday, police said.

"With today's operation at Khull Chohar in Anantnag by Anantnag Police along with 19 RR, CRPF in which two LET terrorists including one district commander and one Hizbul Mujahideen commander Masood were neutralised, Doda district in Jammu Zone becomes totally terrorism free once again as Masood was last surviving terrorist of Doda," a police spokesman said.

The spokesman said Masood, a resident of Doda, was involved in a rape case in the district, and was absconding ever since.

"He later joined Hizbul Mujahideen and shifted his area of operation to Kashmir," the spokesman added.

Commander of Hizbul Mujahideen outfit and other two unidentified terrorists are from LeT outfit.

Incriminating material

4 JKPSC members administered oath

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: Chairman, J&K Public Service Commission, B.R. Sharma, on Monday administered oath of office to the four newly appointed Members.

Two members, Subash Gupta and Sameer Bharti were administered oath at Jammu office, while Syed Iqbal Aga and Showkat Ahmad Zargar were administered oath of office at Srinagar through video conferencing mode.

Terrorists attack Pakistan Stock Exchange; 11 killed

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
KARACHI: Four heavily armed militants, believed to be from a banned Baloch terror group, on Monday made a brazen attempt to take over the Pakistan Stock Exchange building here, killing four security guards and a police officer before being shot dead by security forces.

The militants, who arrived in a car, opened indiscriminate fire and lobbed grenades at the main gate of the multi-storey building

Diesel price at new high as fuel prices hiked for 22nd time

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Diesel price on Monday scaled a new high after prices were hiked for the 22nd time in just over three weeks, taking the cumulative increase to Rs 11.14 per litre.

Petrol price was increased by 5 paise per litre and diesel 13 paise a litre across

WEATHER

Temperature (Jammu)

Max: 36.4°C Min: 21.9°C

Humidity

Max: 79 Min: 48

Temperature (Srinagar)

Max: 29.5°C Min: 13.8°C

Humidity

Max: 78 Min: 36

Sunset : 19:43 Hours

Sunrise : 05:28 Hours

Ladakh standoff: India, China to hold third round of Lt Gen talks today

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Indian and Chinese militaries will hold another round of Lt General-level talks on Tuesday in an attempt to finalise modalities for disengagement of troops from the friction points in eastern Ladakh and de-escalate tension, government sources said.

The talks are scheduled to start at 10:30 AM in Chushul sector on the Indian side of Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, they said.

In the previous two rounds of talks, the Indian side pitched for restoration of sta-

tus quo ante and immediate withdrawal of thousands of Chinese troops from Galwan Valley, Pangong Tso and a number of other areas.

The Indian and Chinese armies are locked in a bitter standoff in multiple locations in eastern Ladakh for the last seven weeks, and the tension escalated manifold after 20 Indian soldiers were martyred in a violent clash in Galwan Valley on June 15.

In the talks on June 22, the two sides arrived at a "mutual consensus" to "disengage" from all the friction points in eastern Ladakh. The

India bans 59 apps including TikTok, UC Browser

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: India on Monday banned 59 apps with Chinese links, including hugely popular TikTok and UC Browser, saying they were prejudicial to sovereignty, integrity and security of the country.

The ban, which comes in the backdrop of current stand-off along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh with Chinese troops, also includes WeChat and Bigo Live.

The list of apps that have been banned also include Helo, Likee, Cam Scanner, Vigo Video, Mi Video Call



Xiaomi, Clash of Kings as well as e-commerce platforms Club Factory and Shein.

This marks the largest sweep against the Chinese technology companies.

The Information Technology Ministry in a statement said it has

received many complaints from various sources, including several reports about misuse of some mobile apps available on Android and iOS platforms for "stealing and surreptitiously transmitting users' data in an unauthorised manner to servers which have locations outside

Vivek given addl charge of DIG Jammu; Sargun posted as SSP Udh

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: The government on Monday gave additional charge to one IPS officer and transferred other.

As per order issued by Home Department, Vivek Gupta (IPS), Incharge DIG, Rajouri-Poonch Range, shall hold the charge of the post of DIG, JSK Range, in addition to his own duties, till further orders and Sargun (IPS), Superintendent of Police, Leh, under orders of transfer from UT Ladakh

‘Gaganyaan’ launch not to be affected by COVID pandemic: Dr Jitendra

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh said here on Monday that the launch of India's first human space mission "Gaganyaan" will not be affected by COVID pandemic and preparation are carrying on in the right



direction.

Briefing about the important achievements of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the

Department of Space over the last one year and some of the important missions planned for the future, Dr Jitendra said that even though because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the training of four Indian astronauts in Russia had to be halted, yet the opinion of Chairman ISRO and the scientific team is that there had been kept a "cushion" both in the training programme and launch deadline. The

144 new corona cases detected in J&K, 4,585 recovered so far

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
JAMMU: With the detection of 144 new positive cases of novel Corona virus on Monday, 45 from Jammu division and 99 from Kashmir division, the total number of cases in Jammu and Kashmir reached 7237. Also, one COVID-19 death has been reported from Kashmir division.

Moreover, 269 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and discharged from various hospitals, 55

from Jammu Division and 214 from Kashmir Division.

According to Daily Media Bulletin, out of 7237 positive cases, 2557 are Active Positive, 4585 have recovered and 95 have died;

Unlock 2: States push for plasma therapy for critical COVID-19 patients

Schools, cinemas, Metro rail will continue to remain shut

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
NEW DELHI: Maharashtra, Delhi and Haryana are among the states making a big push for use of convalescent plasma therapy for treatment of critical coronavirus patients as new COVID-19 cases in the country on Monday rose by over 15,000 for the sixth consecutive day.

The Centre also issued guidelines for the month-long 'Unlock 2' from Wednesday -- the 'phased re-opening' of activities that had been barred to contain its spread -- and said educational institutions, Metro rail services, cinema halls and gyms will continue to remain shut. 'Unlock 1', a graded exit from the national lockdown imposed on March 25, is due to end on Tuesday.

Political, academic, cultural, religious, sporting events and other large congregations continue to be prohibited in 'Unlock 2' phase, the Ministry

of Home Affairs(MHA) said, adding that lockdown will remain in force in COVID-19 containment zones till July 31.

Domestic and international (under the Vande Bharat mission) flights and passenger trains, already operational in a limited manner, will be further expanded in a calibrated manner, it said.

Hours before the guidelines were issued by the MHA on Monday night, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu extended the lockdown till July 31 without any more relaxations, joining West Bengal and Manipur. Nagaland also extended the lockdown with existing curbs but like in Manipur it will be in force only till July 15.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray launched a convalescent plasma therapy-cum-trial project with a state medical education department official calling it the

"largest" initiative of its kind in the world.

In the national capital, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced setting up of a 'plasma bank' while Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij said the state will soon start convalescent plasma therapy in all its medical colleges.

Plasma therapy involves taking antibodies from the blood of a person who has recovered from COVID-19 and transfusing those into a coronavirus patient to help kickstart the immune system to fight the infection.

According to the ICMR's 'Clinical Management Protocols for COVID-19', convalescent plasma therapy, also called passive antibody therapy, may be considered for patients with moderate illness with no improvement in condition despite the use of steroids. The recipient is to be closely monitored for several hours after

transfusion for any adverse events and its use should be avoided in patients with immunoglobulin A deficiency or immunoglobulin allergy.

A Maharashtra government official said all critical patients will receive two doses of 200 ml convalescent plasma free of cost.

"The project, titled 'Platina', is the largest convalescent plasma therapy-cum-trial project in the world. With it, we intend to save lives of some 500 critical COVID-19 patients. The trial will be held in 17 medical colleges under the department of medical education and drugs, and four BMC-run colleges in Mumbai," he added.

Addressing an online media briefing, Chief Minister Kejriwal said the planned plasma bank will start working in the next two days, adding the AAP government will encourage those who have recovered from COVID-19

HC allows J&K Bank to proceed with selection process of POs, BAs; debars from publishing select list

■ STATE TIMES NEWS
SRINAGAR: Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey of J&K High Court Srinagar Wing on Monday allowed the J&K Bank to open the link and proceed with the selection process of 350 posts of Probationary Officers and Banking Associates, challenging the notice dated April 15, 2020 issued by the Bank whereby it has notified that the selection process conducted for the posts stands cancelled, and the fresh Recruitment Notice no.JKB/HR-Rectt-2020-27 & 28 dated June 1, 2020 issued by the J&K Bank inviting applications for recruitment to aforesaid posts.

Today when the matter was listed, the respondents of the J&K Bank filed their objections to the writ

Kashmir Bank Limited pursuant to notification No. HR-Rectt-2018-1564 dated October 6, 2018 for filling up the posts of Probationary Officers and Banking Associates, challenging the notice dated April 15, 2020 issued by the Bank whereby it has notified that the selection process conducted for the posts stands cancelled, and the fresh Recruitment Notice no.JKB/HR-Rectt-2020-27 & 28 dated June 1, 2020 issued by the J&K Bank inviting applications for recruitment to aforesaid posts.

Justice Magrey gave these directions while hearing a petition of candidates aspiring for their consideration in the selection process commenced by the Jammu and