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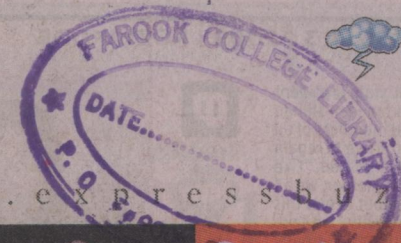


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GILANISPEAK

'Pak ready to discuss all issues'

Press Trust of India
Islamabad, August 2



PAKISTAN is ready to discuss all outstanding issues, including Kashmir, with India as war is not the solution to any problem, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has said.

"It is necessary to resolve all issues between India and Pakistan so that the countries can give attention to the problems of the people," he said in an interview to a TV news channel. Replying to a question about Pakistan's relations with India he said Islamabad had always maintained that ties should be on the basis of equality. Resolving outstanding issues will allow the two countries to focus on the problems of the 1.5 billion people of the subcontinent, problems like price rise and the lack of infrastructure and the basic needs of life, he said.

In response to another of the problems which Pakistan faces and when militants violated an agreement with the government action was taken against them, he said. Asked if his government would be able to complete its term as it was facing sev-

eral major problems Gilani said politics was a day-to-day affair and even a week was too long in this field.

"I am not thinking whether I will win the next election. I am thinking about how to stabilise the country," he said. Some difficult decisions have to be taken to ensure stability and put the country on the right track, Gilani said.

'Let Parliament decide'

Islamabad: Pakistan's parliament should decide the fate of former president Pervez Musharraf following

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R S Sharma, Chairman and managing director, ONGC

Kochi: Chasing a dream of placing Kochi on the world oil map, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation on Sunday began the first ever ultra-deep-water spudding in the country off the Kochi coast. The first indications of the exploration will be available by the end of the 101-day mission.

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The floater rig DDKG-1 at location KK4C-A off the Kerala-Konkan basin for the ultra-deep-water spudding which was begun at 10.45 am on Sunday by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation. Its mission, at a cost of around Rs 400 crore, is to trace the presence of commercial hydrocarbon.

Population control

Shimla: Himachal Pradesh has joined a list of 10 states that have achieved the Centre's two-child per couple target for population control. The hill state has fulfilled the target popularised by the 'Hum Do, Humare Do' campaign well before the deadline of 2010. It has achieved a total fertility rate of two or lesser children, official sources said here. The target was set by the Centre in its National Population Policy-2000. PTI

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Drone attacks in Pakistan's tribal area were counter-productive in the war against terror. "We are trying to convince the US through diplomatic and military channels that these attacks are counter-productive and they will be convinced," he added. Pakistan wants the US to share actionable information about militants and to transfer Drone technology as the country's army is fully capable of taking on the rebels, Gilani said. Terrorism is one

dict that the Emergency imposed by him in 2007 was unconstitutional and illegal, Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani has said. "They (SC) have given their verdict... Let parliament decide the fate of Musharraf," he said.

Gilani said he did not hold a personal opinion in the matter. "My party, the ruling PPP... will never support a dictator," he said in a TV interview. PTI

PRIVATE AIRLINES

STRIKE CALL WITHDRAWN

Press Trust of India
New Delhi, August 2

FACING the threat of stern government action, private airlines on Sunday called off their August 18 strike after two more carriers pulled out of the planned, unprecedented stoppage.

The Federation of Indian Airlines (FIA), which gave the strike call last Friday, announced the decision in view of the potential inconvenience to thousands of passengers and the government's willingness to enter into a dialogue. Private carriers carry about 80 percent of the domestic passenger traffic.

With the government cracking the whip, FIA secretary general Anil Baijal said in a statement that the Federation had decided to put on hold its decision to suspend flights on August 18 to protest the high taxes on jet fuel and airport charges. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had threatened strong action after the FIA gave the strike call.

After budget carrier Indigo on Saturday pulled out of the strike, another budget airline SpiceJet on Sunday broke ranks and decided to operate all flights on August 18. MDLR Airlines, which is not an FIA member, said it would operate the flights as scheduled on the day of the strike call.

Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel warned of action and favoured a dialogue with the private carriers who have said they are bleeding. "SpiceJet will operate full service on August 18 and not join the strike call given by the FIS," its official said on Sunday. It accounts for about 13 percent of overall passenger traffic.

State-owned Air India, which is an FIA member but had decided not to be part of the protest, had said it was gearing up to operate additional flights on August 18 to avoid possible inconvenience to passengers. Before the strike was called off, SpiceJet CEO Sanjay Aggarwal said he was optimistic that the talks with the government would lead to a resolution.

Man of the masses



R K SREEJITH

Mourners turned out in hordes to bid a final farewell to their beloved leader Panakkad Syed Mohemmadali Shihab Thangal in Malappuram on Sunday. Details, P4, Edit: Last prophet of secular politics, P8

Swayamvar

Rakhi for Elesh, rakhis for losers

Mumbai, August 2

INDIA'S first televised 'swayamvar' concluded here late on Sunday with item girl Rakhi Sawant choosing Toronto-based Elesh Parujanwala as her life partner, in a unique reality TV show.

In NDTV Imagine's "Rakhi ka Swayamvar", Rakhi made a final choice of three finalists from an original list of 16 contestants in 26 episodes. The other two finalists

were young aspirant Manas Katyal and businessman Chhitz Jain, both from New Delhi.

"I have been watching Elesh from day one. On and off the camera, he has been the same and has really taken care of me. He is everything I was looking for and I am glad to have found him on the Swayamvar. The Swayamvar means finding a 'jeevan saathi' (life partner) and I have found Elesh," she said.

"Today is our engagement. I am

ready to get married now, but we need to understand each other better off-camera. We will soon get married in front of all of you in keeping with all our traditions," Rakhi said after announcing her choice to a waiting audience across the country.

Decked in a red and gold lehenga-choli by Neeta Lulla and Kundan jewellery, Rakhi looked like the perfect bride. in IANS



BCCI rejects anti-doping clause

Express News Service
Chennai, August 2

THE Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is set to clash with the International Cricket Council (ICC) yet again. On Sunday, backing the Indian players, the BCCI at an emergency meeting of its working committee convened in Mumbai rejected a World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) clause that makes it necessary for players to furnish details about their whereabouts and availability for one hour every day for random out-of-competition testing by WADA officials. With the ICC, a signatory to WADA's anti-dop-

ing norms, seeking compliance from all national boards, a stand-off with the BCCI is on the cards. The BCCI has no problems with players being tested as part of the WADA code, but it shares the concerns of Indian players on the 'whereabouts clause' which requires cricketers to furnish information about their location three months in advance for out-of-competition tests.

"Our players are ready to be tested but they say they are not in a position to give their whereabouts," said BCCI president Shashank Manohar. M S Dhoni, Yuvraj Singh and Harbhajan Singh

were present at the meeting. Will a middle path be agreed upon? "If WADA wants to test the players, they can inform the board, which will get the players at the required location within two days," said Manohar. He added, "WADA is a private agency engaged by the ICC. We can have our own dope testing mechanism."

Most international sportspersons and other Test-playing nations have agreed to sign the 'whereabouts clause' but with football's governing body, FIFA, still negotiating for a review of the contentious clause, the BCCI may cite this while seeking a review.

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CENTRAL TEAM TO VISIT CALAMITY-HIT AREAS ON TUESDAY

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THOUSANDS BID ADIEU TO SHIHAB THANGAL



Express News Service Malappuram, August 2

PANAKKAD Syed Mohammedali Shihab Thangal was laid to rest at Panakkad Juma Masjid khabaristan around 3 pm on Sunday. Thousands of mourners including, Speaker K Radhakrishnan, Opposition Leader Oommen Chandy and P K Kunhalikutty witnessed the funeral ceremonies.

Representatives of various socio-political organisations were also there in large numbers to have a last glimpse of the much-admired leader. Earlier, Chief Minister V S Achuthanandan had visited the Town Hall and paid his last respects to the departed leader.

Many of those who took part in the funeral were seen breaking down when the body was lowered into the crypt after the funeral prayers with the police playing the last post and offering gun salute in honour of the departed leader. The ceremonies were over by 3.30 pm.

Shihab Thangal's brothers Syed Hyderali Shihab Thangal, Syed Sadikhali Shihab Thangal and Syed Abbas Ali Shihab Thangal, and sons Basheer Ali Shihab Thangal and Munavvarali Shihab Thangal were present at the spot when the mortal remains were interred.

MPs, MLAs and members of various local self-government bodies across the state also attended the funeral and consoled the bereaved family members. President of Samastha Kerala Jamiyyathul Ulama Kalambadi Muhammed Musaliyar and Sunni leader Kanthapuram A P Aboobacker Musaliyar led the funeral prayers. Earlier, separate prayers had been held according to the traditional Muslim customs, on the Town Hall premises. Even after

IUML elects acting president

Malappuram: The state secretariat of Indian Union Muslim League has elected Panakkad Syed Hyderali Shihab Thangal, the younger brother of the late IUML supremo Panakkad Syed Mohammedali Shihab Thangal, acting president. His election was following the death of Panakkad Syed Mohammedali Shihab Thangal who held the post for around three decades.

The party secretariat took the decision at the meeting which was held at Panakkad on Sunday evening. IUML national president E Ahmed presided over the meeting. IUML national secretary M P Abdussamad Samadani, state general secretary P K Kunhalikutty, secretaries M K Muneer, P Ahmed Kabeer, KNA Khader and KPA Majeed were present during the meeting. For the past 25 years, Hyderali Shihab Thangal had been working as the Malappuram district president of the party.

the funeral function, hundreds of people thronged the khabaristhan and the ancestral home of Thangal. Shops and business firms remained closed in Malappuram till evening as a sign of respect to the departed leader.

Large number of police had been deployed at many places in the district headquarters to control the crowd of mourners. Traffic had been disrupted at many places following the arrival of vehicles from various parts of the state.



Union Minister E Ahmed breaking down on seeing the body of Mohammedali Shihab Thangal at Panakkad on Sunday.

'Cutting across party lines, he reached out to masses'

Express News Service Malappuram, August 2

THE pang of a community that lost its spiritual head all of a sudden was reflected from the words of the IUML leaders and representatives of other socio-political organisations during a condolence meet held at the Municipal Town Hall in Malappuram on Sunday after the funeral.

Addressing the condolence meet, IUML national president and Minister of State for Railways E Ahmed said "Shihab Thangal was equal to a shining crescent, who always tried to care everyone with equal concern".

Being a guide to the community, cutting across party lines he reached out to the common man, Ahmed observed.

IUML national general secretary K M Khader Mohideen, in his condolence

message, said Shihab Thangal was a true mentor and guide in religious as well as political matters.

"We feel that his void can never be filled in the days ahead," he added. Opposition leader Oommen Chandy observed that Shihab Thangal had contributed much to strengthen communal harmony and peace.

Thangal would always be remembered for his inspiring role in ensuring the

progress of backward communities.

Remembering the departed leader, Local Self-Government Minister Paloli Muhammedkutty said "Thangal was a rare personality who always maintained equilibrium while dealing with serious issues".

IUML state general secretary P K Kunhalikutty, Minister N K Premachandran and leaders of various socio-political organisations addressed the meeting.

The State police giving ceremonial guard of honour to Panakkad Mohammedali Shihab Thangal at the Panakkad Juma Masjid Khabaristhan in Malappuram on Sunday.