

## Pak army chief assures China safety of its citizens

Islamabad, July 20: Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa on Monday met the Chinese envoy here and assured full support and cooperation in the security of Chinese nationals working in Pakistan.

During his meeting with Chinese Ambassador

to Pakistan, Nong Rong, Bajwa said it is necessary to “stay strong to thwart designs of all inimical forces challenging our resolve particularly those threatening China-Pakistan strategic cooperation”, the army said in a statement.

It was the first meeting between the two

leaders since last week’s bus blast in which 13 people, including nine Chinese workers, were killed.

Condoling the death of the Chinese nationals in the bus blast, Bajwa said the Pakistan Army greatly values its brotherly relations with “our time-tested friend”

and assured full support, cooperation and security of Chinese citizens working in Pakistan.

Bajwa and Nong agreed on the need for continuous engagement and coordination for peace and stability in the region, the statement said.

The bus blast took place on Wednesday in Dasu area of Upper Kohistan district of the restive Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province where Chinese engineers and construction workers are helping Pakistan build a dam, which is part of the \$ 60 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

At least 13 people, including nine Chinese nationals and two Frontier Corps soldiers, died and 39 others injured when the bus carrying Chinese engineers and workers to the site of the under construction Dasu Dam exploded. The bus fell into a deep ravine after the explosion.

Relations between China and Pakistan came under stress following the incident, which China termed as a bomb attack, while Pakistan said it was caused by a gas leak.

So far, it is not clear if the blast was caused by a technical failure or the vehicle was hit by an explosion.

## ADB lowers India's growth forecast

New Delhi, July 20: The Asian Development Bank has downgraded India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year to 10 per cent on Tuesday, from 11 per cent projected in April, on account of the adverse impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

India's GDP growth recovered to 1.6 per cent in the last quarter of fiscal year ended March 2021, narrowing contraction in the whole fiscal year from 8 per cent estimated in April to a revised 7.3 per cent, the multilateral funding agency said in the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) Supplement.

“Then a second wave of the pandemic induced many state governments to impose strict containment measures. New COVID-19 cases daily peaked at more than 4,00,000 in early May, then fell to a little over 40,000 in early July. “Early indicators show economic activity resuming quickly after containment measures eased. The growth projection for FY2021 (ending March 2022), downgraded from 11 per cent in ADO 2021 to 10 per cent, reflects large base effects,” it said.

The ADO was released in April. The projection for FY2022 (ending in March 2023), by which

time much of India's population is expected to be vaccinated, is upgraded from 7 per cent to 7.5 per cent as economic activity normalises, said the Manila-headquartered funding agency.

With regard to China, the ADB supplement said the expansion in the People's Republic of China is still projected at 8.1 per cent in 2021, and 5.5 per cent in 2022, as favorable domestic and external trends align with April forecasts.

On South Asia, ADB said the economic outlook

for the subregion is dampened by new waves of COVID-19 hitting the subregion from March to June 2021.

The adverse economic impact of these new waves is expected to be limited, with businesses and consumers better able to adapt to the pandemic and containment measures now than they were a year ago, it said.

“The GDP growth forecast for the subregion in 2021 is downgraded from 9.5 per cent in ADO 2021 to 8.9 per cent but upgraded for

2022, from 6.6 per cent to 7 per cent,” ADB said in the supplement.

Recovery is under way in developing Asia, but with the growth projection for this year revised down slightly from 7.3 per cent in the Asian Development Outlook 2021 in April, to 7.2 per cent following renewed virus outbreaks in some economies.

The projection (developing Asia) for 2022 is upgraded from 5.3 per cent to 5.4 per cent, it added.

## US warns Taliban against gun-culture governance

Washington, July 20: The United States has warned the Taliban that any government that does not respect human rights and seeks to rule at the barrel of a gun will lack international legitimacy.

The Taliban militants have seized dozens of districts in recent weeks and are now thought to control about a third of Afghanistan, ahead of the withdrawal of US and Western troops from the country by September 11.

Under a deal with the Taliban, the US and its NATO allies agreed to withdraw all troops in return for a commitment by the militants that they would prevent extremist groups from operating in areas they control.

“The United States has for two decades now worked with the government of Afghanistan and the people of Afghanistan

to support the hard-won gains, including those by Afghanistan's women and Afghanistan's girls,” State Department spokesperson Ned Price told reporters at his daily news conference on Monday.

The United States has played a pivotal role in this, he said, adding that the country has provided humanitarian and development assistance.

He added that the US embassy on the ground has and will continue to be a partner for Afghan civil society, knowing just how important it is, and knowing the gains that have been achieved over the course of the past 20 years.

“The point that we have been making is that any government that comes to power in Afghanistan, that doesn't protect those gains, does not respect human rights, that seeks to rule at the barrel of a gun will not

be a government that has legitimacy either on the part of the Afghan people or from the Afghan or from the international community,” Price said in response to a question.

The State Department spokesperson said the US welcomes the statement by Afghanistan and the Taliban, a commitment that the two sides will accelerate negotiations towards an inclusive political settlement. Price commended the leadership of Qatar for bringing the two sides together, as well as the United Nations for its role.

He added that Afghanistan's neighbours have to and must play a critical role in the process in order to help bring about a political settlement and to help effect an Afghanistan that is more stable, more secure, and more peaceful.

## Oregon wildfire destroys area the size of Los Angeles

Bly (Oregon), July 20: Erratic winds and dry lightning added to the dangers for crews battling the nation's largest wildfire on Monday in parched Oregon forests, just one of dozens burning across several Western states.

The destructive Bootleg Fire, one of the largest in modern Oregon history, has already burned more than 476 square miles (1,210 sq km), an area about the size of Los Angeles. The blaze just north of the California state line was 25 per cent contained.

Meteorologists predicted critically dangerous fire weather through at least Monday with lightning possible in both California and

southern Oregon. With the very dry fuels, any thunderstorm has the potential to ignite new fire starts, the National Weather Service in Sacramento, California, said on Twitter.

Thousands have been ordered to evacuate, including some 2,000 people who live in rugged terrain among lakes and wildlife refuges near the fire, which has burned at least 67 homes and 100 outbuildings while threatening many more.

Climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive. Firefighters said these conditions in July are

more typical of late summer or fall.

Pyrocumulus clouds literally translated as fire clouds complicated containment efforts Sunday for the Dixie Fire in northern California, where flames spread in remote areas with steep terrain crews can't easily reach, officials said. New evacuation orders were issued in rural communities near the Feather River Canyon.

The Dixie Fire remained 15% contained and covered 29 square miles (74 sq km). The fire is northeast of the town of Paradise, California, and survivors of that horrific fire that killed 85 people watched warily as the blaze burned.

A growing wildfire

south of Lake Tahoe jumped a highway, prompting more evacuation orders, the closure of the Pacific Crest Trail and the cancellation of an extreme bike ride through the Sierra Nevada.

The Tamarack Fire, which was sparked by lightning on July 4, had charred about 28.5 square miles (74 sq km) of dry brush and timber as of Sunday night. The blaze was threatening Markleeville, a small town close to the California-Nevada state line. It has destroyed at least two structures, authorities said.

## Afghan presidential palace under rocket attacks

Kabul, July 20:

At least three rockets hit near the presidential palace today shortly before Afghan President Ashraf Ghani was to give an address to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid-a-Adha.

There were no injuries and the rockets landed outside the heavily fortified palace grounds, said Mirwais Stanikzai, spokesman for the interior minister.

No one immediately took responsibility for the rocket attack which seemed more intended to unnerve than do damage.

The palace is in the middle of a so-called Green Zone that is fortified with giant cement blast walls and barbed wire, and streets near the palace have long been closed off.

The barrage comes as the US and NATO complete their final withdrawal from Afghanistan which has unnerved Afghans

## WHO reviews Covaxin, results soon

Hyderabad July 20: The World Health Organisation, which is currently reviewing Bharat Biotech's application for an Emergency Use Listing (EUL) of its COVID-19 vaccine Covaxin, has said it is assessing the data of the jab.

In an update on its website, the WHO, which began rolling data on July 6, said the date for a decision on the jab is yet “to be confirmed”. Rolling data allows the WHO to start its review right away, as information continues to come in, to accelerate the overall review process.

Suchitra Ella, joint managing director of Bharat Biotech, had

recently said the EUL process is a step closer to the final decision on Covaxin's ‘global acceptance’ as the rolling data was slated to begin in July.

She also, in a tweet, said the company was working closely with the WHO for inclusion of Covaxin in its EUL and approval is not expected to be a long drawn process as cell line and majority of Bharat Biotech's facilities have already been audited and approved by the global health watchdog for BBIL's other vaccines in the past.

The city-based vaccine maker recently said it concluded the final analysis of Covaxin

efficacy from Phase 3 trials. The jab demonstrated 77.3 per cent effectiveness against symptomatic

COVID-19 and 65.2 per cent protection against the B.1.617.2 Delta variant, it said.

## CM's Maha puja at Pandharpur temple seeks end to COVID crisis

Pune, July 20: Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray today performed the ‘maha puja’ of Lord Vitthal and Goddess Rukmini at a temple in Pandharpur town of Solapur district on the occasion of ‘Ashadhi Ekadashi’, and prayed to God for an end to the COVID-19 crisis and good health of everyone in the state.

As per the long-standing tradition, the chief minister performed the puja with his wife Rashmi Thackeray at

2.30 am.

The ‘Ashadhi Ekadashi’, one of the most important Hindu festivals, marks the culmination of a pilgrimage called ‘wari’ that devotees (known as ‘warkaris’) undertake from across the state on foot to reach the Pandharpur temple town.

However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state government has not allowed the pilgrimage on foot since last year.

## US pats Pak on FATF compliance, seeks more

Washington, July 20: Pakistan has made significant progress on its first action plan of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) by largely addressing 26 of the 27 action items, the US has said.

It has also urged Pakistan to swiftly complete the remaining action item by demonstrating that terrorism financing, investigations and prosecutions target senior

leaders and commanders of UN-designated terror groups.

At its virtual plenary meeting last month, the FATF had retained Pakistan on its ‘grey list’ for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing. It had also asked Pakistan to investigate and prosecute UN-designated terrorists based in the country like Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) chief Masood Azhar and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT)

founder Hafiz Saeed.

The global body against money laundering and terror financing had also asked Pakistan to work to address its strategically important deficiencies.

At his daily news conference on Monday, State Department spokesperson Ned Price said, “We do recognise and we support Pakistan's continued efforts to satisfy those (first action plan) obligations.

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**ADDENDUM TO THE NOTICE OF THE EGM**  
Addendum to the Notice of the EGM dated 09th August 2021 of Rajparis Civil Constructions Limited (the Company). The following Addendum is made due to certain omissions/corrections/modifications in the notice dispatched to the Members of the Company.  
**Addendum No 1:**  
The following point given in the notice under explanatory statement in Item 2 shall be deleted:  
“9. No shares shall be either purchased or sold by the promoter directors during the period of twelve months preceding the date of the Board Meeting at which the proposal of Buy-back is approved.”  
And the notice shall be read removing this point number 8 as said above.  
For M/s Rajparis Civil Constructions Limited  
Sd/-  
Jeyakumar Ramaswamy  
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**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Regulation 29(1) (a) of the SEBI (Listing Obligation and Disclosure Requirement) Regulations 2015 that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the company will be held on Tuesday, the 27th July 2021 at 4.00 p.m., inter-alia,  
1. To consider and take on record the Unaudited Financial Results of the company (Standalone and Consolidated) for the quarter and year ended 30th June 2021. This information is also available on the website of the company at www.tcms.bz and on the website of the Stock Exchange, Mumbai – www.bseindia.com and of National Stock Exchange of India Limited, Mumbai – www.nseindia.com  
By Order of the Board  
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**NOTICE OF 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**E-VOTING INFORMATION AND BOOK CLOSURE**  
NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty Fourth (34<sup>th</sup>) Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company will be held on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021 at 4:30 PM through Video Conference (VC) or Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as set out in the Notice dated 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021. The Company has sent the Notice of AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, through electronic mode to Members whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Depositories in accordance with the General circular numbers 20/2020, 14/2020, 17/2020, 02/2021 issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (collectively referred to as “MCA Circulars”) and SEBI Circulars dated May 12, 2020 and January 15, 2021.  
The Members of the Company are hereby informed that pursuant to the Regulation 44 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 and Section 108 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with Rule 20 of the Companies Management and Administration (Amendment) Rules, 2015, the Members are provided with the facility to cast their votes on all resolutions set forth in the Notice of the AGM using electronic voting system (e-voting) provided by Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL).  
Members holding shares either in physical form or dematerialized form, as on 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, being the cut-off date, may cast their vote electronically on the business as set forth in the Notice of the AGM. The remote e-voting period commences from 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (9 A.M.) and ends on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 (5 P.M.). The e-voting module shall be disabled by CDSL thereafter. Those Members, who shall be present in the AGM through VC/OAVM facility and had not cast their votes on the Resolutions through remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, shall be eligible to vote through e-voting system during the AGM. A Member may participate in the Meeting even after exercising his right to vote through e-voting but shall not be allowed to vote again at the Meeting.  
Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes Member of the Company after the Annual Report has been sent electronically by the Company and holds shares as of the cut-off date i.e. 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 may contact our RTA i.e. Cameo Corporate Services Limited, “Subramanian Building, No.1, Club House Road, Chennai - 600 002, Tel: 044-28460390, Fax: 044-28460129 or email to cameo@cameoindia.com and obtain copy of Annual Report.  
In case of any queries, the Members may refer the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for members and e-voting User Manual for members available at the download section of https://www.evotingindia.com/userdocs/FAQs.pdf or send an email to CDSL help desk at helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call 022-23058542 / 43.  
The results of remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM along with the Scrutinizer's Report will be placed on the Company's website and on the website of CDSL (www.evotingindia.com) within two working days of passing of the resolutions at the AGM to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 for information to the Members and communicated to the BSE Limited.  
**Book Closure**  
Notice pursuant to Section 91 of the Companies Act, 2013 and Rule 10 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 is also hereby given that the Register of Members and the Share Transfer Books of the Company will remain closed from 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2021 for the purpose of the AGM.  
For Epsom Properties Limited  
Surbhi Jain  
Company Secretary  
Place: Chennai  
Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

