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Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: 23 YEAR OLD PUNJABI GIRL SAMANDEEP JHINGER MURDERED, RANBIR DHULL, 42 CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE MURDER

A 23 year old Punjabi girl, Samandeep Jhinger was found deceased at a Warman, Saskatchewan residence on July 3, 5.00 AM by the Warman RCMP. Officials had launched an investigation after receiving a missing persons complaint for the female on July 2. The RCMP has arrested Saskatoon's 42 year old Ranbir Dhull, and charged him with one count – First Degree Murder. Dhull made an appearance in the Saskatoon Provincial Court on July 6, Monday. According to a release by the RCMP, he was known to Samandeep. In an exclusive interview with Y Media Group Editor Yudhvir Jaswal, Samandeep's cousin Jagdeep Singh Jhinger said the deceased had come to Toronto in 2016 on a study visa, and had only moved to Saskatchewan two months ago and lived with her cousin sister and two children. The sister was in an estranged relation with her husband who lived separately on police orders. Saman was due to leave for Winnipeg for her IELTS exam on July 2, but was nowhere to be found when her sister came back from work early morning at 6.00 AM. Jagdeep alleged that a small chat between the victim and her cousin sister did not seem characteristic to Saman when suspicions rose. He said a blanket, and some jewelry was found missing from the cousin sister's home. Later, a missing report was placed with the RCMP and officials launched an investigation. RCMP officers searched Dhull's home on July 3, and found Saman's body wrapped in a blanket in his basement. He added that Dhull refuses to identify the victim, and has instead, responded to interro-



gation with a question "Who Samandeep?"

An autopsy on Samandeep is scheduled to take place in Saskatoon today. The RCMP Major Crime Unit North is seeking any information the public may have regarding this investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Warman RCMP by calling 306-975-1670 or their local police detachment.

Y MEDIA EXCLUSIVE: BRAMPTONIANS PROTEST HIGH-RISE BUILDING IN CASTLEMORE

Residents around Brampton's Cottrelle Blvd & McVean Dr have challenged the erection of a high-rise building in the Castlemore area. In protests widely covered by Y Media, on Saturday, residents said they are completely against developers bringing in a seven-storey high rise complex in the area for more than one reasons. It all began in 2018, when a group of developers proposed a commercial single floor plan to the City, much to the residents' delight.

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CHARGE SHEET FILED BY NIA AGAINST DAVINDER SINGH FOR ASSOCIATION WITH TERRORISTS GROUPS

A charge sheet has been filed by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) against suspended deputy superintendent of Jammu and Kashmir Police Davinder Singh for association with terrorist groups in Kashmir. The charge sheet was filed under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the Explosive Substances Act.



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SIKH AMERICAN NAUREEN SINGH APPOINTED A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Naureen Singh — a Coloradan, has graduated from the United States Air Force Officer Training School. This accomplishment makes Singh a second-generation Sikh American to serve in the armed forces as an officer, following her father, Colonel (Ret.) G.B. Singh, the U.S. Army's highest-ranking Sikh American to keep his turban while serving active duty. Naureen Singh, 26, a student and community organizer from Colorado Springs, has just been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Lieutenant Singh first started the process to become a U.S. Air Force Officer in 2016. She was inspired by her father, Colonel (Ret.) G.B Singh's commitment and courage to serve while keeping his Sikh articles of faith intact.



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ONTARIO MAYORS CALL FOR FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL FUNDING TO COPE WITH PANDEMIC EXPENSES



Ontario city mayors have collectively urged the province, and Ottawa for immediate provincial and federal support to cover costs caused by the COVID-19 crisis. Mayors and Chairs from across Ontario, represented by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, met to discuss the COVID-19 financial emergency on Monday.

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INDO-CHINA STANDOFF : NSA AJIT DOVAL TALKS TO CHINESE COUNTERPART WANG YI, BEIJING CALLS SITUATION "COMPLEX"

The Special Representatives of India and China on the Boundary Question – Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor of India and H.E. Mr. Wang Yi, State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China had a telephone conversation on 5th July 2020. The two Special Representatives had a frank and in-depth exchange of views on the recent developments in the Western Sector of the India-China border areas. The two Special Representatives agreed that both sides should take guidance from the consensus of the leaders that maintenance of peace and tranquility in the India-China border areas was essential for the further development of our bilateral relations and that two sides should not allow differences to become disputes.

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However, it was followed by a proposed amendment seeking a three-storey mixed use of building including commercial units and 76 apartment dwelling units. And that proposal saw another amendment seeking a seven-storey apartment with 72 residential units, two townhouse blocks with 12 total homes, and one commercial unit to an existing commercial building.

The surrounding neighbourhood have raised queries into the amendments and seem adamant on opposing the high-rise project. In a phone interview with community activist Azad Goyat, Y Media tried to get to the root of the matter. He said, “The developers’ amendment is under review with the City’s Planning Commission. Over 100 residents protested on Saturday, against the proposed amendment. A Zoom meeting was organised with Mayor Patrick Brown, and Regional Councillor Pat Fortini prior to the protests. We also had a virtual public meeting yesterday with residents and councillors.”

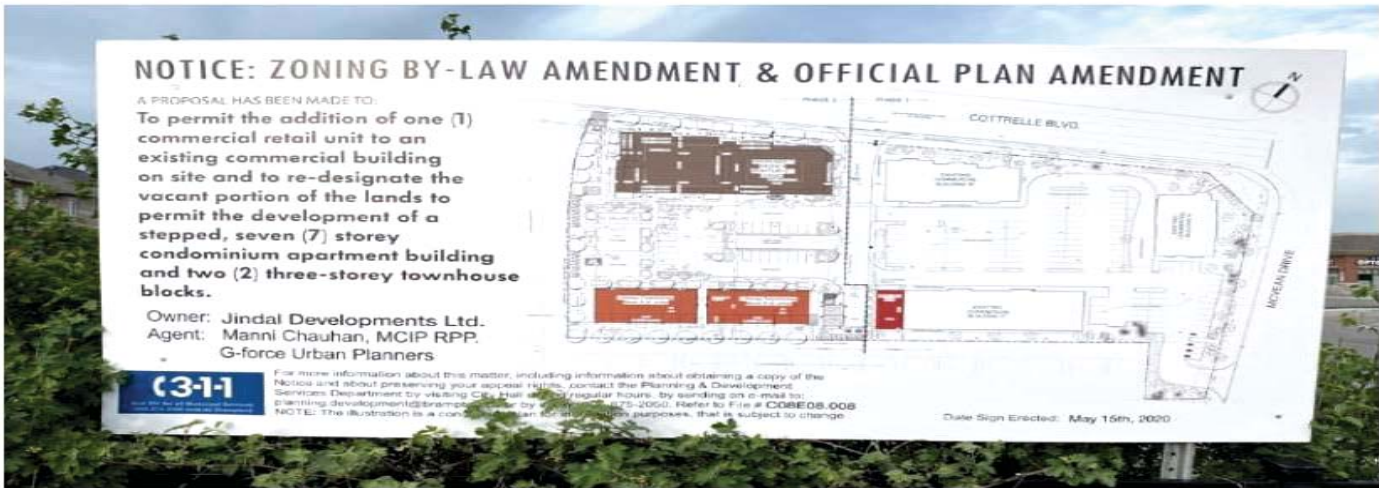
“We only want a commercial plaza,” said Goyat. “Brampton means Business. We do not want more sets of beds. People who want to go shopping, if they reside in Brampton East, they have to go to Vaughan Mills, if they live in Brampton West, they have to go to Square one Mall. This is one of the reasons car insurance is so high in the city. We have to drive long distance.”

Goyat said it is not even just a commercial plaza. “Build a police station! Brampton only has two division – 21 & 22. Nobody talks about the East when there is so much crime. Why are we not develop-



BRAMPTON MATTERS

PROTEST HIGH RISE BUILDING



LOCATION: 1985 COTTRELLE BLVD
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ing a police station in the area?”

The public meeting held on July 6 concluded with a town hall arranged between the developers and the residents to try and seek a mutually accepted solution. Goyat said, “Us residents intent to fill City Hall to the brim. So much so that they will be prompted to think about the move.”

When asked what issues would the residents face if the high-rise buildings in question are built, Goyat said it increases the security

issues in the neighbourhood. Chances of crimes will increase. The value of nearby houses will take a plunge. The existing plaza, he said, “has only one exit and one entry. Imagine our plight if more residential units are built. What will be the situation?”

He said this issue has been ongoing since 2018. People who bought their houses before that, expected a commercial area to be developed. “Why so much of injustice with them?”

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FORD GOVT TABLES LEGISLATION TO EXTEND PROVINCIAL STATE OF EMERGENCY UNTIL JULY 24



Ontario government has introduced proposed legislation that, if passed, would give the province the necessary flexibility to address the ongoing risks and effects of the COVID-19 outbreak. The proposed legislation is part of the government's plan for the continued safe and gradual reopening of the province once the declaration of emergency ends. Details about the proposed legislation were provided today by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones.

"If passed, the proposed legislation would allow us to chart a responsible path to economic reopening and recovery without putting all the progress we've made in fighting this virus at risk," said Premier Ford. "Even as we continue certain emergency orders under the proposed legislation to protect public health, we will always be a government accountable to the people of Ontario. That's why I will ensure ongoing updates are provided and that a report is tabled within four months of the anniversary of this proposed Act coming into force."

"While the declaration of emergency may come to an end shortly, the risk posed by COVID-19 is likely to be with us for some time to come," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "This new legislation would provide the government with the necessary flexibility to ensure select tools remain in place to protect vulnerable populations, such as seniors, and respond to this deadly virus."

The Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 would, if passed, ensure important measures remain in place to

address the threat of COVID-19 once the provincial declaration of emergency has ended. Specifically, the legislation would:

- Continue emergency orders in effect under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) under the new legislation for an initial 30 days.
- Allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to further extend these orders for up to 30 days at a time, as required to keep Ontarians safe.
- Allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to amend certain emergency orders continued under the EMCPA if the amendment relates to: labour redeployment or workplace and management rules; closure of places and spaces or regulation of how businesses and establishments can be open to provide goods or services in a safe manner; compliance with public health advice; or rules related to gatherings and organized public events.
- Not allow new emergency orders to be created.
- Allow emergency orders to be rescinded when it is safe to do so.

The ability to extend and amend orders under the new legislation would be limited to one year, unless extended by the Ontario legislature. Appropriate oversight and transparency would be ensured through regular, mandated reporting that provides the rationale for the extension of any emergency order. The legislation would include the same types of provisions on offences and penalties as set out under the EMCPA to address non-compliance with orders.

TRUDEAU ANNOUNCES BOB RAE AS CANADA'S NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE UN

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced the appointment of the Bob Rae as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations (UN) in New York. Rae will succeed Marc-André Blanchard. He brings a wealth of experience to the role, most recently serving as Canada's Special Envoy on Humanitarian and Refugee Issues, building on his earlier work as Canada's Special Envoy to Myanmar. In these positions, Rae closely collaborated with the UN and the international community to help lead Canada's efforts to address pressing humanitarian and refugee issues around the world.

Trudeau said in a statement, "After more than four years of service to our country and the global community, I thank Marc-André Blanchard as he leaves his post as Canada's Ambassador to the United Nations. His dedication played a vital role in advancing global cooperation, and helped Canada re-engage with partners to increase our place in the world and contribute to our efforts to help tackle the most important challenges of our time." Adding, "Bob Rae has dedi-



cated his life to serving Canadians and our country, and his experience and thoughtful approach will serve us well in this new role as our Ambassador to the United Nations. Together, we will strengthen our international relationships and continue to fully engage on the world stage to help build a better future that benefits everyone."

Ontario plans to end academic streaming

Reports reveal the Ontario education ministry is in the works to stop its Grade 9 "applied" and "academic" track streaming of students. In a statement on Monday afternoon, Education Minister Stephen Lecce said, "Students, families, and staff deserve an education system that is inclusive, accountable, and transparent, and one that by design, is set up to fully and equally empower all children to achieve their potential."

Developed in the late 1990s, the streaming process was a way for the system to cater to student with different learning styles. High school students typically choose between more practical, hands-on applied courses, or more theoretical academic courses. Experts, however, believe streaming has disproportionately impacted racialised and low-income students.

While the government has not provided a timeline for the changes yet, Premier Doug Ford said Monday afternoon that an official announcement will be made "this week".



Airborne transmission of COVID-19 creates global controversy ; B.C. Health officer pitches in

Kicking up a major global storm, 239 scientists in 32 countries have written an open letter to the World Health Organisation, arguing micro-particles can carry COVID-19 and infect people. However, provincial health officer of British Columbia, Dr Bonnie Henry said the controversy has been overblown.

In a COVID-19 briefing, Henry suggested that the letter was designed "to foment a bit of controversy". They said, "I actually think it's a little bit of tempest in a teapot in that we all agree on the extremes and we're fussing a little bit about how much we need to focus on the bits in the middle." He explained, "We know that there's a gradation of how droplets come out when somebody coughs or sneezes or talks. It is the smaller ones that can be breathed deep into the lungs, and it's the larger ones that can often be deposited up in the back of the throat or in the back of the lungs." According to Henry, the virus appears to spread predominantly through larger droplets, saying that generally transmission of this virus requires more moisture and closer contact between people. Henry said, "It's not transmitted long distances in the air column. We're all on the same page about that. Where there's a challenge is how much of it is transmitted through the small droplets that are transmitted when I'm close to you."



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Therefore, they agreed that it was necessary to ensure at the earliest complete disengagement of the troops along the LAC and de-escalation from India-China border areas for full restoration of peace and tranquillity. In this regard they further agreed that both sides should complete the ongoing disengagement process along the LAC expeditiously.

The two sides should also ensure a phased and stepwise de-escalation in the India-China border areas. They re-affirmed that both sides should strictly respect and observe the line of actual control and should not take any unilateral action to alter the status quo and work together to avoid any incident in the future that could disturb peace and tranquillity in border areas. The two Special Representatives agreed that the diplomatic and military officials of the two sides should continue their discussions, including under the framework of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China border affairs (WMCC), and implement the understandings reached in a timely manner to achieve the above outcomes. It was also agreed that the two Special Representatives will continue their conversations to ensure full and enduring restoration of peace and tranquility in the India-China border areas in accordance with the bilateral agreements and protocols.

US AIRLINES MOVE TOWARD FEDERAL LOANS AS COVID-19 SURGE THREATENS DEMAND, JOBS

The largest US air carriers have all signed letters of intent on federal loans to help them weather the novel coronavirus, with United Airlines warning employees on Tuesday that a surge in outbreaks was hitting bookings, threatening a travel rebound and jobs. United employees should expect to receive as soon as this week notices about potential furloughs effective Oct. 1, the airline said in a regulatory filing. It expects travel demand to remain depressed until a widely accepted Covid-19 treatment or vaccine is found, with no straight line to an industry recovery. US airline shares closed 5% lower on Tuesday, with United down 7.6%. While travel had picked up in some areas over the past two months from pandemic-driven lows in April, United has seen reservations for travel within the coming month slide after New York, New Jersey and Connecticut said they would require people arriving from hot-spot states to quarantine for 14 days. The slump was most pronounced at United's Newark hub, where near-term net bookings were just about 16% of year-ago levels as of July 1. Raymond James analyst Savanthi Syth said the bookings trend was likely much broader than the New York area.

Andrew Nocella, United's chief commercial officer, told employees at a virtual town hall meeting on Tuesday that its network would be slightly more impacted than other US domestic airlines, sources said after the meeting.

It is among US airlines encouraging employees to accept voluntary departure packages to help prevent tens of thousands of job losses in the fall but said not enough workers have signed up ahead of a July 15 deadline to apply.

'CHINA CAN'T BE TRUSTED,' SAYS UK AFTER NEW HONG KONG SECURITY LAW

British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has questioned whether China can be trusted to live up to international obligations after its move to introduce a new security law for Hong Kong, which London says it contravenes the historical agreement handing over the territory to Beijing, CNN reported.

"China freely assumed international obligations to the United Kingdom... in relation to the way that it would treat Hong Kong and in particular, would respect the autonomy and freedoms," Raab said. "It is a matter of trust and lots of countries around the world are asking this question -- does China live up to its international obligations? Because if they cannot be trusted to keep their word on Hong Kong, why would they be trusted to live up to their wider international responsibilities," he added.

Raab's comments come after China's ambassador to the UK Liu Xiaoming accused Britain of "gross interference" in China's internal affairs by commenting on the new security law in Hong Kong. London has said it will provide a path to citizenship for hundreds of thousands -- potentially millions -- of Hong Kongers, citing threat as a result of the security law which empowers the city police to search properties without a warrant in special circumstances, freeze assets, intercept communications and require internet service providers to remove information. That law gained new teeth on Monday, as Hong Kong's government unveiled new "implementation rules" under the legislation, drastically expanding police powers to search and order potentially-illegal material online to be deleted for the purposes of "preventing, suppressing and imposing punishment for any acts and activities endangering national security." The US has moved to sanction Chinese and Hong Kong officials responsible for the law and undermining freedoms in the city, something Raab said that the UK has not ruled out. Speaking in the House of Commons after the passage of Magnitsky-style sanctions targeting overseas officials accused of human rights abuses and involvement crime, Raab was asked about targeting China under the new law.

He said, "I am not going to pre-empt or pre-judge further designations now. But we are already working on what the next wave might be. "Raab announced the new rules in the House of Commons on Monday, along with the details of the first wave of sanctions which includes 25 Russian nationals "involved in the mistreatment and death of auditor Sergei Magnitsky" and 20 Saudi nationals involved in the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. Raab said it is the first time there has been a "UK-only regime," adding it gives the country "the power to impose sanctions on those involved in the very worst human rights abuses right around the world". "This extends beyond state officials to non-state actors as well. So if you are a kleptocrat or an organised criminal, you will not be able to launder your blood money in this country," he further said.



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Auditor-General report reveals CBSA lost track of 34,700 people due to be deported



A brand new report from the auditor general reveals Canada’s border agency did not know the whereabouts of thousands of foreign nationals who were ordered to leave the country. Released on Wednesday, the audit said, “We concluded that the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) did not remove the majority of individuals who were subject to enforceable removal orders as soon as possible to protect the integrity of the immigration system and maintain public safety.”

The report, created by Auditor General Karen Hogan and her team looked into whether the CBSA removed individuals legally ordered to leave the country or they co-ordinated information with the Immi-

gration and Refugee Board of Canada, and the department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada.

The report looked at all the cases with the CBSA as of April 2019, noting that about 50,000 enforceable cases piled up in the agency’s inventory despite recent increase in removals. “In two-thirds (34,700) of these cases, the agency did not know the whereabouts of the individuals. Most of the accumulated cases had been enforceable for several years.” Those found inadmissible to Canada include failed asylum claimants, visitors, who overstay their visas, or people with criminal ties. The report said around 2800 files in the “wanted inventory” are criminal cases.

Premier Ford announces Education Equity Strategy eliminating student suspension for non-serious offences

The Ontario government announced bold new changes to the education system that will help break down barriers for Black, Indigenous and racialized students and provide all students with an equal opportunity to succeed. As part of this action, the province will move forward with ending Grade 9 streaming into applied and academic courses, proposing to eliminate discretionary suspensions for students, strengthening sanctions for teachers who engage in behaviour of a racist nature, and providing teachers with additional anti-racism and anti-discrimination training. Details were provided by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and Jamil Jivani, Ontario’s Advocate for Community Opportunities. “To help our young people reach their full potential, we have to start earlier to create equal opportunity for them, whether that’s reforming suspensions for primary grades or ending the practice of streaming for Grade 9 students,” said Premier Ford. “Above all, our government will not tolerate racism, anti-Semitism, homophobia, Islamophobia or hate in any form in our schools. Through these initiatives to promote equality in education, we will ensure students from all walks of life are set up for lifelong success.”

Through Bill 197, COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, the government is proposing to eliminate discretionary suspensions for students from kindergarten up to Grade 3, beginning September 2020. Serious offences will still be subject to mandatory suspensions. The latest suspension data from 2018-19 shows that over 65,000 elementary and secondary students in Ontario were suspended during that school year. Starting in September 2021, the government will begin the process of ending Grade 9 streaming into applied and academic courses. Currently, students enrolled in applied-level courses have multiple negative outcomes and limited opportunities for post-secondary advancement. “Every student ? irrespective of the colour of

their skin, faith, heritage, and orientation ? deserves every opportunity to succeed in the classroom,” said Minister Lecce. “The transformational change we are driving forward will embolden a generation of students and unleash their full potential, absent the systemic barriers that hold them back. To racialized students in Ontario: we see you, and we value you. We will stand with all students on this journey to advance respect, dignity, and opportunity.”

As part of its plan to end early streaming, the government will introduce a new foundational Grade 9 math course for September 2021 and will work with school boards as they transition students into a de-streamed Grade 9 math program. The de-streaming of the Grade 9 math curriculum is the first step towards further de-streaming in other curriculum areas, which will better support all students in having every opportunity to pursue the pathway of their choice after their K-12 education. “We must recognize that today’s changes are the result of our government and community members working together,” said Jamil Jivani, Ontario’s Advocate for Community Opportunities. “In particular, parents in Ontario’s Black communities have been a powerful voice for change, providing their unique insights in how suspensions and streaming have disadvantaged black students. Thank you to every parent and community leader who engaged with us in this process.” To ensure students feel accepted in a discrimination-free classroom, the government will be strengthening sanctions for teachers who engage in behaviour of a racist nature. Over the last 23 years, the Ontario College of Teachers reports that there have been 32 instances of teacher discipline for racist or homophobic behavior or remarks. The Ministry of Education has also proposed additional anti-racism and anti-discrimination training before the end of the calendar year. The government is currently consulting with teachers’ federations, education workers’ unions, and trustees’ associations on the implementation of this critical initiative.

Hateful anti-semitic slogans chanted at anti-Israel rally in Mississauga

In a disgraceful and unexpected event, around 100 protesters gathered at Celebration Square in downtown Mississauga, and chanted hateful antisemitic slogans. A release by the B’nai Brith Canada, a branch of the oldest Jewish service organisation in the world, revealed protesters condemned “Israel’s potential extension of sovereignty to communities east of the Green Line.” The organisation has filed a hate-crimes complaint with Peel Regional Police. (https://www.bnaibrith.ca/high_schoolers_chant_jews_are_dogs)

The news was first exposed by the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs in their ‘The Documentation Project : Anti-Semitic and Anti-Israel Campaigns in Canada’. (<https://canadadocs.org/mississauga-protest-for-palestine-the-jews-are-our-dogs/>) Their article stated that the ‘Mississauga Protest for Palestine’ was organised by ‘Sauga for Palestine’, a group recently created by “a group of students who are passionate about Palestine and want their voices heard”.

A video shared by the organisation featured attendees chanting “Palestine is our country, and the Jews are our dogs!” Protesters were also seen promising to “sacrifice our soul and blood for Palestine”. “B’nai Brith has independently verified the translation. In Islamic culture, dogs are traditionally despised and regarded as impure,” the release said. The video was also shared by the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA)

The release quoted B’nai Brith Canada’s CEO Michael Mostyn as saying, “The display of antisemitism in Canada’s public squares is totally unacceptable. Opposition to Israeli policy can never be used as an excuse to demean Jews as ‘dogs’ or to threaten violence against them.” He added, “We have reached out to the high school attended by one of the rally’s organizers, and hope to visit at an appropriate time in order to educate students about the dark places to which rhetoric of this sort can lead.”

GTA real estate prices heat up despite pandemic disruption during the second quarter

According to the Royal LePage House Price Survey released today, the aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) increased 10.0 per cent year-over-year to \$899,001 in the second quarter of 2020.

When broken down by housing type, the median price of a standard two-storey home increased 10.7 per cent year-over-year to \$1,050,323 in the second quarter, and the price of a bungalow rose 6.4 per cent year-over-year to \$852,260. During the same period, condominiums in the region continued to see strong price appreciation, with the median price rising 9.3 per cent year-over-year to \$599,235. “Prior to the market disruption caused by the pandemic, the GTA was on track for double-digit price growth in 2020. While the first half of the second quarter saw market activity severely curtained, as soon as the market woke up in late May, sales quickly accelerated,” said Kevin Somers, Chief Operating Officer, Royal LePage Real Estate Services Limited. “However, with listings not keeping pace and buyer competition high, we are again seeing double digit-price appreciation in the region.”

CHARGE SHEET FILED BY NIA AGAINST DAVINDER SINGH FOR ASSOCIATION WITH TERRORISTS GROUPS

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The charge sheet also names five other names including Hizbul Mujahideen terrorists Syed Naveed Mushtaq alias Naveed Babu and Rafi Ahmad Rather, Irfan Shafi Mir, Tanveer Ahmad Wani, a former trader on the LoC and Syed Irfan Ahmad. A statement by the NIA said, “The investigation has revealed that accused were part of a deep-rooted conspiracy hatched by the Pakistan-based terrorist organisation Hizb-ul-Mujahideen and Pakistani State Agencies to commit violent acts and to wage war against the Union of India.”

It added, “Accused Devender Singh was also in touch with certain officials of Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi through secure social media platforms. Investigation revealed that he was being groomed by Pakistani officials for obtaining sensitive information.” According to the statement, Singh along with Irfan Shafi Mir and Syed Irfan Ahmad arranged safe shelter for Hizbul Mujahideen Syed Naveed Mushtaq and his associate in February 2019. As per the NIA, Singh used his own vehicle to move the terrorists and “also assured them help in procuring weapons.” Singh was arrested under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act or UAPA on allegations of turning rogue. The J&K police seized an AK-47 assault rifle, three pistols, five hand grenades, 174 rounds of AK-47 and 36 rounds of pistol ammunition and other incriminating material from his car

ONTARIO MAYORS CALL FOR FEDERAL, PROVINCIAL FUNDING TO COPE WITH PANDEMIC EXPENSES

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In a press release, they wrote, “Our residents cannot wait any longer To protect municipal services, we need immediate provincial and federal support to cover lost revenue and additional costs caused by the COVID-19 crisis.” The call for action by Ontario municipalities is part of a national effort, led by the federation of Canadian Municipalities, to secure at least \$10 billion dollars in emergency relief for Canadian municipalities to be funded 100 per cent by the federal and provincial governments. The mayors said time for a commitment is running out. “Now, halfway through the budget year, municipalities have no choice but to consider plans to balance the budget by raising property taxes, user fees and charges or cutting services. Difficult conversations about cost-saving service reductions are taking place at Council meetings across the province.”

These include :

- supports to children, families and seniors,
- reducing or cancelling transit services,
- staffing adjustments including layoffs and delaying or cancelling hiring,
- reducing essential services including public health, fire, paramedic and police services,
- closing parks and cultural sites and cancelling recreation programs,
- slower land use planning reviews and development approvals, and
- cancelling or deferring critical infrastructure and affordable housing projects, costing construction jobs.

Municipalities across Ontario have been on the frontlines of keeping people safe during COVID-19. This has meant hundreds of millions of dollars in additional costs and lost revenues. The FCM proposal would provide approximately \$4 billion to Ontario municipalities to offset lost transit revenues and added service costs, but so far, there has been no clear signal on the timing and level of a joint federal-provincial financial assistance program.

The release added, “By acting now to confirm relief for municipalities, senior governments can avoid these unforeseen property tax increases and destructive cuts to frontline municipal services. Cuts or property tax increases will unfairly hurt the very same people that the federal and provincial governments have spent billions helping during the pandemic.”

“Our residents need support now. The time is up for federal-provincial wrangling about how to share the costs. We strongly encourage the federal government to address this in their fiscal update this week.”

SIKH AMERICAN NAUREEN SINGH APPOINTED A SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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Lieutenant Singh is now a second-generation Sikh American to serve as an officer in the Armed Forces. Her father, Colonel (Ret.) G.B Singh joined the U.S. Army in 1979, one of a small number of Sikhs allowed to retain articles of faith, grandfathered in after a change in policy in the early 1980s forbidding soldiers from exhibiting their religion with “conspicuous” clothing or style of hair or beard. While the Pentagon does not track religious affiliations within families serving, Singh believes they are among the very first to have two generations of Sikh Americans, serving as officers in the United States Armed Forces.

Colonel (Ret.) G.B. Singh furthers, “I am proud of Naureen and am certain she will be a positive asset to the U.S. Air Force as she embarks on this journey.” The U.S. Officer Training School is located at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, and it is one of three commissioning sources for the U.S. Air Force, the other two being ROTC, and the U.S. Air Force Academy. The program’s mission is to educate and train officers of character, equipped to lead and ready to win. Lieutenant Singh was a part of the first class to go through the entirety of the training during the COVID-19 pandemic. Trainees in the program had to go through numerous challenges and obstacles including assault courses, rigorous academics, drill and ceremony, and physical training. Lieutenant Singh was commissioned virtually on 22 May 2020 in Alabama, USA, by Colonel (Ret.) G.B. Singh, through FaceTime at 5 AM MST Colonel (Ret.) G.B Singh also gave her initial oath of enlistment before she went through this training. “Even though I had a completely different set of struggles than my dad, I recognize that because of him and his sacrifices, I was able to move and push forwards. I hope that as a leader, I can continue to do the same for others about the opportunities that exist in public service, even if they never considered it in their realm of possibility,” she explains.

Lieutenant Singh is joining the Air Force Reserve and plans to continue to pursue her Master’s degree in Criminal Justice at the University of Colorado at Denver. She hopes to continue a career in public service and continue to educate communities of their rights and empower them to organize around issues they care about.

Outcome would have been different if Rideau Hall intruder was a person of color : Jagmeet Singh

NDP leader Jagmeet Singh commented on last week's Rideau Hall incident in which a Canadian Armed Forces member reportedly breached the grounds while carrying several firearms. 46 year old Corey Hurren was charged with 22 criminal charges, including several firearms-related offences.

Hurren is also accused of uttering a threat to "cause death or bodily harm" to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Speaking on the incident on Wednesday, Singh called it an example of "domestic terrorism", adding that it was a reminder of "how systemic racism is real".

He said, "This person showed up with weapons, publicly, at the residence of the Prime Minister of Canada and was arrested without being killed." He compared the incident to the Malton fatal shooting of 62 year old Ejaz Choudhry during a mental health crisis. Singh said the contrast between both incidents is "what systemic racism in policing is all about."

Stating that he was glad the PM and his family were not harmed during the incident, he said compared Trudeau with US President Donald Trump. Trudeau, he said, "has done less to address police brutality and violence than even Trump has done. That is shameful."



Federal govt gives fiscal snapshot ; National deficit projected to hit \$343.2 billion

Finance Minister Bill Morneau tabled a fiscal snapshot at the parliament today, revealing that the Justin Trudeau-led government's deficit is expected to hit a whopping \$343 billion this year. The 168-page snapshot offers economic analysis of what the government has spent to deal with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Morneau said, "The reality is we've witnessed an unprecedented shock to our system. The government has taken a position that we need to support Canadians... and the federal government taking on the debt meaning challenged Canadians didn't have to take on nearly as much debt in their households. We think it was the appropriate thing to do."

The Trudeau administration has rolled out major economic packages in recent months including the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), and the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) to help individuals and businesses. Morneau's fiscal snapshot revealed a deficit for 2020-21 of \$343.2 billion ; a considerable rise from the \$34.4 billion projected before the pandemic. Net federal debt to touch \$1.2 trillion, and the federal debt-to-GDP ratio expected to rise to 49 per cent in 2020-21.

Morneau also revealed that the direct federal support for Canadians and businesses cost \$212 billion, with the COVID-19 slowdown costing the federal treasury an additional \$81.3 billion.



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Ford govt introduces the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act to help create jobs, build stronger communities

The Ontario government is taking the first step in a made-in-Ontario plan for growth, renewal and economic recovery. Today, the province introduced the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, proposed legislation that lays the foundation to restart jobs and development, strengthen communities, and create opportunity for people in every region of the province.

Details of the legislation were provided by Premier Doug Ford, Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has touched all Ontarians and created significant hardship for individuals, families and businesses," said Premier Ford. "People are relying on our government to help rebuild the province and get people back to work ? and that's exactly what we're doing, starting with this new legislation."

If passed, the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act will:

- Restart jobs and development to get Ontario's economic engine roaring again by getting key infrastructure projects built faster, attracting more jobs and investment, and cutting red tape to help businesses adapt to the new environment.
- Strengthen communities by ensuring municipalities are equipped with the tools they need to continue to provide the critical services people rely on every day, including allowing municipalities and their local boards to continue to choose to hold meetings electronically at any time and putting in place a new community benefits charge to help municipalities pay for the infrastructure and services needed for growing communities.
- Create opportunity for people as they recover their lives and livelihoods by protecting consumers, modernizing services, improving the education system and removing the social and economic barriers that stand in the way of success for young people.

"We are working hand in hand with our municipal partners so they can emerge stronger and better able to meet the needs of local residents," said Minister Clark. "Ontario will continue to be a champion for communities and work closely with the federal government to help every community chart a path to a strong economic recovery."

"Making Ontario a modern regulator — one that communicates clearly and operates effectively — will free up our people and businesses to focus on what's important: recovering and re-emerging stronger than before," said Minister Sarkaria. "By improving digital access to government and incorporating best practices, we're empowering businesses to rebuild, rehire, and return to a period where their success fuels our economic growth. A modern Ontario is better for people and smarter for business."

The government is committed to working in partnership with people, businesses and municipalities to respond to the challenges they face and support the long-term health and prosperity of Ontario's economy.

Truck drivers get easy access to COVID 19 testing : Ontario Govt



The Ontario government is piloting a new system that will make it easier for truck drivers to access COVID-19 testing through a partnership with DriverCheck. This is part of the government's efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health across the province. "Expanding access to testing will help keep our truck drivers safe as they move essential goods throughout Ontario and across the border," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "We thank Ontario's truck drivers for everything they do to keep goods moving so that families have access to the goods they rely on every day."

The pilot program will allow truck drivers to access voluntary testing on a first-come, first-served basis at locations where there is high volume truck traffic, including Kitchener and Ayr, as well as a mobile option. DriverCheck will roll out the project in phases beginning July 8 until September 8, 2020. DriverCheck is private sector company that currently administers drug and alcohol testing for the trucking industry. "With this pilot project for truck drivers, we will be able to find cases faster, intervene earlier, reduce the spread and save lives," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "As the province carefully reopens, it is critical that we all continue to follow public health advice such as practicing physical distancing, wearing a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge, and washing your hands thoroughly and frequently."

TORONTO’S SPEEDING CAMERAS BEGIN ISSUING SPEEDING TICKETS



Speed limits are not suggestions They are the law

Automated Speed Enforcement tickets will be issued to owners of speeding vehicles starting **July 6** to protect children and keep our communities safe.

The City of Toronto’s 50 Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras will begin issuing tickets to speeding vehicles today. If a vehicle is detected travelling in excess of the posted speed limit in an ASE-enforced area, the registered owner of the vehicle will receive a ticket regardless of who was driving.

Automated speed enforcement aims to increase road safety, reduce speeding and raise public awareness about the need to slow down and obey posted speed limits.

The 50 cameras are installed city-wide on local, collector and arterial roads in Community Safety Zones near schools. Each ward has two ASE cameras that will capture and record images of vehicles travelling in excess of the posted speed limit. Signage is installed in advance of all ASE locations to make motorists aware of their presence.

The total payable fine amount includes a set fine, determined by Schedule D under the Provincial Offences Act, a victim fine surcharge and applicable court costs. Offenders are only fined – demerit points will not be applied.

ASE camera locations are selected based on data that indicate where speed and collisions have been a problem in Community Safety Zones near schools. Additional selection considerations included planned road work, speed limits changes, obstructions or impediments to the equipment, boulevard space and the nature of the road (e.g. sharp curves or

steep hills).

A three-month, multilingual public education campaign to raise awareness about automated speed enforcement in Toronto and remind residents of the dangers of speeding was also launched today. The campaign will be featured across multiple platforms and media until September. City Council has endorsed using speed cameras to help enforce the rules of the road and keep residents safe. The Government of Ontario approved regulations to allow municipalities to operate automated speed enforcement programs in December 2019. Cameras were installed at 50 locations shortly after the approval was granted and the City began issuing warning letters to drivers during the 90-day pre-ticketing period. Ticketing was scheduled to start in April but was delayed due to the COVID-19 shutdown.

In February and March before the temporary suspension of the program, Transportation Services staff issued more than 25,000 warning letters to drivers.

Mayor John Tory said, “Today is the culmination of a years-long fight to bring automated speed enforcement to Toronto to deter speeding, increase road safety and protect our most vulnerable road users. The message is clear: speed limits are not suggestions – they are the law. Those exceeding the speed limit and putting lives at risk will almost certainly receive a ticket, as they should.”

Toronto house prices hit record high ; 11.9 per cent year-over-year increase in June

Toronto Regional Real Estate Board President Lisa Patel announced that Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 8,701 sales through TRREB’s MLS® System in June 2020. This result represented a very substantial increase over the May 2020 sales result, both on an actual (+89 per cent) and seasonally adjusted basis (+84 per cent), and was only down by 1.4 per cent compared to June 2019.

Year-over-year growth in sales was reported in some areas and market segments. Especially notable were the detached and townhouse market segments in the GTA regions surrounding the City of Toronto. The MLS® Home Price Index Composite Benchmark was up by 8.2 per cent year-over-year in June. The average selling price for all home types combined was \$930,869 – up by 11.9 per cent compared to June 2019. The actual and seasonally-adjusted average selling price was also up substantially compared to May 2020, by 7.8 per cent and 9.8 per cent respectively.

Average and benchmark selling prices were up year-over-year for all major home types. The strongest average annual rates of price growth were experienced in the detached and semi-detached market segments in the City of Toronto at 14.3 per cent and 22 per cent respectively. This, coupled with the fact that average selling price growth outstripped growth in the MLS® HPI benchmarks, points to a resurgence in the higher-end market segments.

“Following the broader movement to reopen the economy in June, we experienced a very positive result in terms of home sales and selling prices. Before the onset of COVID-19, there was a great deal of pent-up demand in the market. This pent-up demand arguably increased further over the past three months. We are still in the early days of recovery, but barring any setbacks, we should continue to see stronger market conditions in the second half of 2020 as households look to satisfy their ownership housing needs,” said Ms. Patel.

New listings were up slightly on a year-over-year basis by 2.1 per cent. However, active listings on TRREB’s MLS® System at the end of June 2020 were down by 28.8 per cent compared to June 2019. Growth in new listings will need to outstrip growth in sales for a number of months before active listings approach last year’s levels.

“It will be important to closely monitor housing market conditions as economic recovery continues in the second half of 2020 and into 2021. Policy makers should proceed cautiously with any demand-side stimulus. The persistent lack of listing inventory in the GTA understandably took a back seat to COVID-related issues in the short term, but supply should once again be top-of-mind once the recovery takes hold, in order to ensure long-term affordability in the GTA,” said TRREB CEO John DiMichele.

Ontario Passes Legislation to Deliver Subways Faster

Ontario is building a modern, reliable and sustainable transit system for the 21st century that will get people moving, reduce congestion, and drive economic growth and job creation. Today, Bill 171, the Building Transit Faster Act, 2020, was passed into law.

The legislation enables the province to expedite the process of building Ontario’s four priority transit projects, which will get people to where they want to go, reduce congestion, and drive economic growth and job creation. The projects include the all-new Ontario Line, the Yonge North Subway Extension to Markham and Richmond Hill, the improved three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, and the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension to Pearson airport.

“Getting more transit built faster will help reduce gridlock, deliver a modern rapid transit system for the province and become a major contributor to our economic recovery,” said Premier Doug Ford. “These four priority transit projects will create thousands of jobs, provide more housing options for people, and open up countless opportunities for businesses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.”

“During consultations and throughout debate, we heard a common theme from a wide range of people who reinforced how important it is to not only build transit quickly, but to also get it right,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “That is why we’ve focused solely on eliminating the roadblocks that cause unnecessary delays, so we can deliver these major transit projects as quickly and cost effectively as possible.”

This legislation supports Premier Ford’s “New Subway Transit Plan for the GTA” – representing the largest subway expansion in Canadian history. The Act will expedite the planning, design and construction process for the four priority subway projects by:

- Enabling relocation of utilities more efficiently, while treating businesses fairly, and ensuring costs are not passed on to consumers;
- Better enabling the assembly of land required to construct stations, conduct tunneling and prepare sites, while treating property owners fairly;
- Ensuring timely access to municipal services and rights-of-way;
- Allowing the province to conduct due diligence work and remove physical barriers with appropriate notification to property owners; and,
- Ensuring nearby developments or construction projects are coordinated so they do not cause delays.

“Now that legislation has passed, we continue to call on the federal government to come to the table and fund at least 40 per cent of these nationally-significant subway projects that will provide a modern, efficient rapid transit system, benefiting all transit riders and taxpayers,” said Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA). “With the passage of this bill, we can get shovels in the ground sooner and get skilled people back to work as we restart the economy and recover from COVID-19.”

“The passage of this legislation gets us closer to building much-needed transit infrastructure to reduce congestion and contribute to the economic recovery and renewal of our province,” said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. “We are committed to fulfilling our promise to get people where they want to go when they want to get there.”

Working together with its municipal and federal partners on priority transit projects, the government is building a world-class rapid transit system and developing transit-oriented communities with a greater variety of affordable housing options.

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Eligible seniors to finally receive one-time federal COVID-19 payment this week

in pandemic support



✓ Seniors eligible for OAS will receive **\$300**, and seniors eligible for GIS are receiving a further **\$200**, for a total of **\$500**

Seniors across Canada continue to face health, economic, and social challenges due to COVID-19. Many seniors are facing higher costs for food and services due to physical distancing restrictions, while others are paying more in dispensing fees to get the same medication or paying a premium for deliveries. The Minister of Seniors Deb Schulte, highlighted on Monday, that seniors eligible for the Old Age Security (OAS) pension, the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), or Allowances will receive their one-time, tax-free payment this week without needing to apply. Seniors who reside in Canada can expect to receive the payment by direct deposit or cheque this week, whereas seniors who reside outside Canada can expect this one-time payment in July for those on direct deposit, or by cheque with delays given international postal disruptions. Through several measures, the Government is providing about \$900 for low-income single seniors and more than \$1,500 for low-

income senior couples, in addition to their existing benefits, to help with extra costs during the pandemic. Seniors eligible for the OAS pension will receive a payment of \$300, and those seniors also eligible for the GIS will receive an additional \$200, for a total of \$500. Allowance recipients will also receive \$500. This \$2.5 billion investment in financial support will help Canadian seniors cover increased costs caused by COVID-19. As we carefully and gradually re-open the economy, the Government of Canada will continue to support seniors and respond to COVID-19 health, social, and economic impacts. Schulte said, "It is important that we help seniors in Canada through this difficult time. With this one-time tax-free payment, we are continuing to support seniors to ensure they are able to get the essentials they need. As we go through this unprecedented challenge, we are providing a variety of measures that support seniors and ensure they know that we are with them and they are not left behind."

Ford govt Proposes Made-in-Ontario Plan for Growth, Renewal and Economic Recovery

The Government of Ontario has developed a made-in-Ontario plan for growth, renewal and economic recovery. This plan includes measures that would make it easier and faster to build provincial highways, major transit infrastructure projects and quality, affordable housing, while ensuring there are meaningful opportunities for community consultation and input. Details were provided Monday by Premier Doug Ford, Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, and Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA). "The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant hardship for individuals, families, and businesses throughout the province. We're going to need everyone's help to rebuild the province and get people back to work," said Premier Ford. "Through these proposed initiatives, we will start Ontario down the road to recovery by getting critical infrastructure projects built faster, creating jobs in communities across the province." As part of the government's plan, the province is proposing to accelerate key provincial highway construction and priority transit projects by establishing an exemption from the Hearing of Necessity process. Provincial Hearings of Necessity occur approximately 5-10 times per year on average for provincial highway projects. Each hearing adds months of red tape and construction delays for critical provincial infrastructure, costing up to five months for transit projects and up to 12 months for provincial highway projects. "Communities need reliable transit, transportation and housing as a strong foundation for future economic growth," said Minister Mulroney. "These initiatives would create tens of thousands of new well-paying jobs, make our roads safer, reduce gridlock, and put home ownership within reach of many people across the province." As part of this plan, the government would also enter into new commercial agreements with partners to build transit-oriented communities. This would allow for the development of more housing around transit in an integrated manner and put more job opportunities within the reach of more people. The measures would also save taxpayers money by having the development industry make direct, significant contributions to the cost of building transit for the benefit of communities, all transit riders, and Ontario taxpayers. "Instead of building stations in isolation, we will build fully integrated communities," said Associate Minister Surma.



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THE NEED FOR THE TENTS IS BEING FELT AS THE DEPLOYMENT ON THE LAC IS EXPECTED TO BE PROLONGED.

With over 30,000 troops in Ladakh, Indian Army to place emergency orders for extreme cold weather tents

With over 30,000 additional troops being deployed in the Ladakh sector to counter the Chinese aggression, the Indian Army is going to place emergency orders for extreme cold weather tents for the soldiers on the borders. The need for the tents is being felt as the deployment on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) is expected to be prolonged as the senior armed forces officers feel that the stand-off is likely to continue at least till September-October timeframe. "Even if the Chinese withdraw from the locations, we cannot take chances for the future as well. The guard will always have to be up and that is why, we are going to place orders for thousands of tents for

extreme cold weather survival in Eastern Ladakh sector," top Army sources told ANI. "All along the border, apart from weaponry and ammunition, the major focus of our emergency procurement would be on providing for habitat for soldiers," they said. The Chinese have already started pitching in their special winter tents and the Indian side, which has similar tents and structures in Siachen glacier, has used some of these in the Eastern Ladakh sector but the need is for a large number of these tents, the sources said. The force is looking at both Indian and European markets for such

tents as the focus is on to procure them before the extreme cold weather sets in, they said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government has given financial powers of Rs 500 crore per procurement to the defence forces to address any type of shortages of weapons, ammunition and habitat. The Army is going to buy Excalibur ammunition for its M-777 ultra-light howitzers and several other types of ammunition and weaponry from Russia and other global suppliers. The current crisis on China border had started in Ladakh after the Chinese moved in more than 20,000 troops along with heavy weaponry to the Indian front in Eastern Ladakh.

NSA Ajit Doval discusses border tensions with Chinese Foreign Minister, both agree to ensure de-escalation



National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Monday spoke with Wang Yi, State Councillor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, to discuss de-escalation along the India-China border in eastern Ladakh. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement that the two "Special Representatives" had a frank and in-depth exchange of views on the recent developments in the Western Sector of the India-China border areas during their telephonic conversation. Doval and Yi agreed that it was necessary to ensure complete disengagement of troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) for restoration of peace and tranquillity. "The two Special Representatives agreed that both sides should take guidance from the consensus of the leaders that maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas was essential for the further development of our bilateral relations and that two sides should not allow differences to become disputes," the MEA said. They agreed that it was necessary to ensure at the earliest complete disengagement of the troops along the LAC and de-escalation from India-China border areas for full restoration of peace and tranquillity, the ministry said. "In this regard they further agreed that both sides should complete the ongoing disengagement process along the LAC expeditiously. The two sides should also ensure a phased and stepwise de-escalation in the India-China border areas," the ministry said. The readout of the call said that Doval and Yi re-affirmed that both

sides should strictly respect and observe the LAC and should not take any unilateral action to alter the status quo and work together to avoid any incident in the future that could disturb peace and tranquillity in border areas. They further agreed that the diplomatic and military officials of the two sides should continue their discussions, including under the framework of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China border affairs (WMCC), and implement the understandings reached in a timely manner to achieve the above outcomes. It was also agreed between Doval and Chinese FM that they will continue their conversations to ensure full and enduring restoration of peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas in accordance with the bilateral agreements and protocols. This comes as China has retracted its troops and vehicles from the LAC by around 1.5 kilometres at three locations - Galwan, Hot springs and Gogra, sources said. Indian Army sources quoted by Zee News informed that the disengagement that was agreed upon at Corps Commander-level talks had started and rearward movement of personnel and vehicles of the Chinese Army has been seen in the regions. At Galwan, Chinese troops have been seen moving away 1-2 km away with tents being removed by them, they said. The tensions between India and China reached a new height in June after 20 Indians soldiers were killed in clashes with Chinese troops at Galwan in eastern Ladakh.

Future Harvard case studies on failure to be on COVID-19, Demonetisation, GST: Rahul Gandhi

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday said that future studies would be done by the Harvard Business School on "failures" to tackle COVID-19 pandemic, demonetisation and GST implementation. "Future HBS (Harvard Business School) case studies on failure: 1. COVID-19. 2. Demonetisation. 3. GST implementation," tweeted the Congress leader on Monday. Along with the tweet, Gandhi also shared a video with a visual of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the background and a graph depicting the number of COVID-19 cases increasing on a daily basis and India's changing position with respect to the increase in cases. Gandhi has been attacking the Narendra Modi ruled government over the COVID-19 situation in the country. India has reported its highest-ever single-day spike of 24,850 COVID-19 cases in 24 hours, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said on Sunday.

VIKAS DUBEY SHOULDN'T BECOME 'DAWOOD IBRAHIM OF NEPAL' FOR INDIA: SHIV SENA

Continuing its attack on the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh, Shiv Sena on Monday said that gangster Vikas Dubey shouldn't become 'Dawood Ibrahim of Nepal' for India. In an editorial in party's mouthpiece 'Saamna', the party asked the Yogi Adityanath government why Dubey's name was not on the encounter list despite having over 40 cases against him. The attack comes days after eight police personnel were killed in Kanpur during a raid carried out to arrest Dubey and his gang members. "It has been more than three years since the Yogi government came to power in Uttar Pradesh. During this period, the police had 'encounters' of more than 113 goons, but how did the name Vikas Dubey get dropped in it? He has more than 40 serious crimes like murder, robbery and robbery. But how did he survive due to lack of evidence? How did the police become witnesses on his behalf? Is the list of encounters being prepared according to the convenience of Uttar Pradesh Police and Government? If someone makes such an allegation, what does the Yogi government have to say on this?" the editorial in Saamna read. Sena further claimed that Dubey fled to Nepal. "India's border with Nepal, however, has always been a concern in such cases. At the moment, our relations with Nepal are also not good. In this perspective, Vikas Dubey shouldn't prove to be 'Dawood of Nepal' for us tomorrow!" wrote the mouthpiece. Referring to the Nathuapour police massacre in the 1990s, the editorial asked Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Aadiyanath on what changes have been brought to the state if such incidents are repeated after 40 years.



CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: INDIA'S COVID-19 CASE TALLY CROSSES 7 LAKH-MARK; DEATH TOLL TOPS 20,100

RAHUL GANDHI RAISES TOUGH QUESTIONS, ASKS WHY CHINA IS ALLOWED TO 'JUSTIFY MURDER OF 20 UNARMED JAWANS IN OUR TERRITORY'

The Chinese Army has moved back tents, vehicles, and troops by 1-2 kilometers from locations where disengagement was agreed upon at Corps Commander-level talks, Indian Army sources said on Monday. India has also moved 1-2 Km from the location. Chinese heavy armoured vehicles are still present in the depth areas in the Galwan river area. The situation at the India-China border became tense after 20 Indian soldiers lost their lives in a violent face-off in the Galwan valley on June 15-16 when Chinese troops attempted to unilaterally change the status quo during the de-escalation.

J&K: Terrorist gunned down after encounter breaks out in Pulwama; two jawans, cop wounded

However, the official clarified that terrorists were asked to surrender first but they instead fired upon the party, which was then retaliated.

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IT IS NOW INCREASINGLY BECOMING LIKELY THAT THE US WILL FOLLOW IN INDIA'S FOOTSTEPS AND BAN CHINESE SOCIAL MEDIA APPS IN THE COUNTRY.

AFTER INDIA, NOW US LIKELY TO BAN TIKTOK AND OTHER CHINESE SOCIAL MEDIA APPS

After India banned popular video-sharing platform TikTok and 58 other Chinese mobile apps in the country citing security reasons last week, it is now increasingly becoming likely that the United States of America (USA) will follow in India's footsteps and ban Chinese social media apps in the country. According to a report by news agency Reuters, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said late on Monday that the United States is "certainly looking" at banning Chinese social media apps, including TikTok. Although Pompeo said that he did not want to get out in front of President Donald Trump just yet, but it is something that the ad-

ministration is "looking at". "I don't want to get out in front of the President (Donald Trump), but it's something we're looking at," Pompeo said in an interview with Fox News. On June 30, the Indian government banned TikTok, a popular short video-sharing platform, and 58 other Chinese mobile apps in the country citing security reasons. A day after, the applications were removed from the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store in India. All 59 apps with Chinese links that were listed by the Centre in its ban order were removed from the online app stores, including TikTok, Helo, Likee, CamScanner, Mi Video Call - Xiaomi, Vigo Video as well

as e-commerce platforms like Club Factory and Shein and games like Clash of Kings. **Here is the full list of banned 59 apps** In an order issued under section 69A of the Information Technology Act read with the relevant provisions of the Information Technology (Procedure and Safeguards for Blocking of Access of Information by Public) Rules 2009, the Ministry of Information Technology said it has decided to block 59 apps in view of the emergent nature of threats. These apps are "prejudicial to sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, the security of the state and public order," the government said in its order.

US won't allow foreign students whose classes move online to stay in country, will withdraw visas



The United States of America (USA) on Monday said that it would not allow foreign students, whose classes have moved online in the fall semester for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic outbreak, to remain in the country and might initiate removal proceedings in case the instructions are not adhered to. "Nonimmigrant F-1 and M-1 students attending schools operating entirely online may not take a full online course load and remain in the United States," the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office said in a statement on this day. The US ICE office, in its statement, added that the active students in the United States enrolled in such programs "must depart the country or take other measures, such as transferring to a school with in-person instruction to remain in lawful status". "If not, they may face immigration consequences including, but not limited to, the initiation of removal proceedings." ICE said the State Department "will not issue visas to students enrolled in schools and/or programs that are fully online for the fall semester nor will US Customs and Border Protection permit these students to enter the United States." F-1 students pursue academic coursework and M-1 students pursue

"vocational coursework," according to ICE. Notably, most of the colleges and universities in the US have not yet made clear their plans going ahead in the fall semester amid the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak. A number of schools, reports news agency AFP, are looking at a hybrid model of in-person and online instruction but some, including Harvard University, have said all classes will be conducted online. Harvard has allowed 40% of its undergraduate pool to return to the university campus the instructions for the classes would be delivered online. There were more than one million international students in the United States for the 2018-19 academic year, according to the Institute of International Education (IIE). That accounted for 5.5% of the total US higher education population, the IIE said, and international students contributed \$44.7 billion to the US economy in 2018. The largest number of international students came from China, followed by India, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, and Canada. This comes amid a series of measures taken by the US administration, whereby critics have accused the country's president, Donald Trump, of implementing such steps in the garb of pandemic response that are allegedly aimed at realising the president's longstanding goal of limiting immigration to the United States. Earlier, Trump had suspended temporary work visas, including H-1B, for foreigners till the end of the year. It marked the latest effort to bar the entry of immigrants to the country. As a precursor, Trump had earlier in April put a temporary block on some foreigners from attaining permanent residence in the United States. He had also revised border policies, allowing rapid deportation of immigrants caught at the border and cutting off access to the US Asylum system. The US government had also closed non-essential travel across the international borders with Mexico and Canada, a step that has been extended several times over. It is to be noted that Donald Trump's strict stance on immigration, including travel bans and migrant detentions, is central to his pitch for re-election at the 2020 United States presidential election.

China: Uyghur activist recounts how Chinese Communist Party seized her sister, forced transformation at 'education camp'



Rushan Abbas, an Uyghur American activist, whose sister went missing in China almost two years ago and is believed to be locked in a detention camp, said that the Chinese regime must be held accountable for its crime against humanity which it manifests in many forms including mass rape, organ harvesting, and sterilisation. Gulshan Abbas, a retired Uyghur medical doctor, went missing two years ago and her family began a search to find her. Nearly two years later, they got to know that she was apprehended and sent to one of the facilities that the Chinese Communist Party calls "vocational schools," the dreaded transformation through education camps. Rushan, who is the founder and Executive Director of the non-profit Campaign for Uyghurs, believes that her sister was detained for "a clear retaliatory action for my public activism". The activist called for the immediate release of her sister as she has committed no crime. Rushan, who was born in the capital of Xinjiang in Urumqi, moved to the United States and attended Washington State University in 1989 where she pursued studies in Plant Pathology. She became a vocal activist and advocate for the human rights of Uyghurs. On September 5, 2018, Rushan Abbas participated in a panel discussion named "China's 'War on Terrorism' and the Xinjiang Emergency". She talked about the fate of her in-laws and conditions of China's camps. Six days later, Rushan's sister and aunt were detained by the Chinese government as retaliation for her speech at Hudson Institute. In a video, Rushan said, "My sister Dr. Abbas was abducted by the Chinese regime, a clear retaliatory action for my public activism. We have had no contact from her since and the Chinese government has issued no statement regarding her current state or her whereabouts, the only news I have had about her came from an inquiry by Radio Free Asia who published an article on June 3."

DONALD TRUMP AGAIN BLAMES CHINA'S SECRECY, DECEPTION, COVER-UP FOR COVID-19 WORLDWIDE SPREAD

President of the United States, Donald Trump, on Saturday (local time) once again publicly bashed China of spreading the novel coronavirus across the globe, calling for it to be held 'fully accountable'.

During his media address from the White House lawns on the occasion of 244th Independence Day, Trump claimed, "We're producing gowns, masks and surgical equipment...It was almost exclusively made in foreign lands, in particular, China, where ironically this virus and others came from".

"China's secrecy, deception and cover-up allowed it to spread all over the world and China must be held fully accountable", he added. Trump's remarks were made as World Health Organisation (WHO) is planning to send over a team to China next week to further investigate if SARS-CoV-2, the main virus responsible for the coronavirus pandemic, actually emerged from the country.

Trump has been accusing China of letting lose the novel COVID-19 virus for a long time now, however, China has rejected all the allegations to this effect.

The US is the worst-hit nation in the world from the coronavirus. So far, the country has recorded 2,789,678 positive COVID-19 cases with 129,305 deaths.

A composite image featuring a 3D model of a coronavirus particle on the left, showing its characteristic spherical shape with red surface proteins and a grey core. On the right is a photograph of Donald Trump, the President of the United States, sitting at a desk and looking towards the camera.