## Take vaccine or forget about salary Pakistan province to block payment

to employees who refuse Covid jab AFP, Karachi

The head of a Pakistani province yesterday ordered that government employees who refuse to be vaccinated against Covid-19 would not be paid from next month.

Sindh chief minister Murad Ali Shah announced the move after meeting with health officials to discuss the first cases of the delta variant detected in the province, which includes the megacity of Karachi.

"Any government employee who is not vaccinated should have their salary stopped from July," he tweeted,

adding that orders had been given to the finance ministry.

A third wave of infections has begun to stabilise in the country after weeks of restrictions on public gatherings, but Sindh province has reported the highest number of cases since the pandemic began.

Pakistan's initially sluggish vaccination rollout has been ramped up in recent weeks with more than 200,000 doses administered most days. But the impoverished country has fully vaccinated only around 2.2 million people -- a fraction of its 220 million population.

Misinformation and conspiracy theories about the side effects of the jab have sparked hesitancy in Pakistan.

Those in rural areas have also struggled to get access to vaccine centres, the majority of which are in major cities.

Pakistan has recorded more than 850,000 infections and 21,022 deaths, but with limited testing and a ramshackle healthcare sector, many fear the true extent of the disease is much worse. This week it opened up jabs -- the majority of which have come from its neighbour China -- to all adults above the age of 18.



People listen to speakers after the remains of 215 children, some as young as three years old, were found at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, during a vigil in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, yesterday. Between 1831 and 1996, Canada's residential school system forcibly separated about 150,000 children from their homes and subjected them to abuse, rape and malnutrition at schools across the country in what the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015 called "cultural genocide." Run by the government and church groups, the schools' stated aim was to assimilate indigenous children.

#### **SURVEY ON COVID-19 PANDEMIC'S IMPACT**

## Globally, children face 'generational catastrophe'

The coronavirus pandemic has severely affected children's rights worldwide, with young people risking a "generational catastrophe" if governments do not act, a rights group said in an annual survey yesterday.

Millions of children have missed out on education because of Covid-19 restrictions while there will be a long term impact in terms of their physical and mental health, Dutch NGO KidsRights said.

The survey ranks Iceland, Switzerland and Finland as best for children's rights and Chad, Afghanistan and Sierra Leone as the worst, out of a total

Marc Dulleart, founder and chairman of KidsRights, said that the effects of the pandemic on children had "unfortunately exceeded our predictions at the outset last year".

"Educational recovery is the key to avoiding generational catastrophe,"

The group said schools for more than 168 million children have been closed for almost a full year, with one in three children worldwide unable to access remote learning while their schools were shut. An additional 142 million kids fell into material poverty as the global economy was hit by the pandemic, while 370 million kids missed out on school meals.

Meanwhile 80 million children under the age of one could miss out on routine vaccination for other diseases because of disruption to healthcare systems, it said. The report said there was also an "astonishing increase" in domestic violence during lockdowns, with children often the victims.

# 'Journalists are entitled to protection against sedition' Indian SC quashes case against journalist Vinod Dua

THE HINDU ONLINE

The Supreme Court of India yesterday quashed a sedition case registered against senior journalist and Padma Shri awardee Vinod Dua for his critical remarks about Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Government in a YouTube telecast, while underscoring its 59-year-old verdict that "strong words" of disapproval about the ruling regime does not amount to sedition.

A Bench led by Justice UU Lalit upheld the right of every journalist to criticise, even brutally, the measures of the government with a view to improve or alter them through legal means. The free speech of a journalist should be protected from charges of sedition.

The apex court judgment by Justice Lalit upheld the spirit and intent of its 1962 Kedar Nath Singh judgment, which said that "commenting in strong terms upon the measures or



as to ameliorate the condition of the people or to secure the cancellation or alteration of those acts or measures by lawful means, that is to say, without exciting those feelings of enmity and disloyalty which imply excitement to public disorder or the use of violence is not sedition".

"Every journalist is entitled to protection under the Kedar Nath Singh judgment," Justice Lalit declared. The court acknowledged the

music at the hands of the police". The verdict may spell a pushback from the court against the indiscriminate number of sedition cases being filed against critical journalists,

citizens, lawyers and activists in India. The complaint against Dua was filed by a BJP leader. He was accused of spreading fake news. Besides sedition, the other charges include causing public nuisance, printing of defamatory matter and making statements conducive to

public mischief.

submission made by Dua, who is

currently recovering from Covid, that

there is a recent trend against the

media where State governments who

do not find a particular telecast to be

in sync with their political ideologies

register FIRs against persons of the

media primarily to harass them and to

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#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### **US military killed '23 civilians'** around the world in 2020

The US military on Wednesday took responsibility for unintentionally killing 23 civilians in foreign war zones in 2020, a death toll far below figures compiled by NGOs. The tally included civilian fatalities in operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen and Nigeria, according to the Pentagon report. The document says that although Congress allocated \$3 million to the Pentagon in 2020 for financial compensation to the families of civilian victims, no such compensation has been paid. The NGO Airwars said that their most conservative estimates shows that 102 civilians were killed in US operations around the world.

#### 30-year sentence sought in **George Floyd murder case**

Prosecutors on Wednesday asked a US judge to sentence the white former police officer convicted of murdering George Floyd, an unarmed Black man whose death last year sparked nationwide protests, to 30 years in prison. Attorneys for the Minneapolis officer, Derek Chauvin, countered with a far different request -- a sentence of time served and probation, claiming that their client was guilty of "an error made in good faith." The court documents were sent ahead of the June 25 sentencing hearing. Chauvin was captured on video kneeling on the neck of the 46-year-old Floyd for more than nine minutes until he passed out and died on May 25, 2020, while ignoring the victim's pleas for air and help.

#### Mueller to teach course on his Trump investigation



Former Special Counsel Robert Mueller will be his own subject when he teaches a course on his eponymous investigation of president Donald Trump, the University of Virginia Law School announced Wednesday. The school said the notably reticent former FBI chief and federal prosecutor, 76, will teach a class on special counsel investigations alongside three other members of his nearly two-year probe into connections between Russia and Trump's 2016 election campaign. The Russia probe suggested repeated instances of collusion or attempted collusion between the campaign

and Russian to interfere with the 2016 election. It also made a strong case that Trump had illegally obstructed the investigation on multiple occasions. It issued indictments for more than two dozen Russians and several Trump advisors. But he did not charge Trump and said that it was up to Congress to decide whether to impeach the president.

# Israel eyes end of an era Netanyahu faces legal woes as his foes strike deal to form govt

Israelis eyed the end of an era yesterday after a motley alliance of parties from across the political spectrum agreed to form a government to unseat veteran Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Opposition leader Yair Lapid announced the deal just minutes before a midnight Wednesday deadline, prompting celebrations into the early hours by the premier's opponents and a defiant show of support by his fans.

On paper, the prospective coalition commands a slender majority in parliament but a confidence vote is not expected for several days, giving Netanyahu time to woo potential defectors among the unlikely bedfellows ranged against him.

hanging over him in his ongoing trial



on corruption charges, the 71-yearold is unlikely to allow his record 12 straight years to end without a messy fight, analysts warned.

The new coalition would see the religious nationalist Naftali Bennett serve as prime minister for two years before Lapid, a secular centrist and a former TV presenter who heads the With the threat of possible jail time centrist Yesh Atid party, would take the helm.

Should last-minute defections would likely have to hold yet another election, the fifth in just over two years.

The announcement capped four frenzied weeks of negotiations since President Reuven Rivlin tasked Lapid with trying to form a government after Netanyahu failed.

On the right, the new coalition includes the hawkish New Hope party of Netanyahu's former ally Gideon Saar, and secular nationalist Avigdor Lieberman's Yisrael Beitenu party.

Also part of the alliance are the Labor party, the dovish Meretz party, and the centrist Blue and White party of Defence Minister Benny Gantz.

For the first time in Israeli's history, the embryonic coalition also includes an Arab Israeli party, the Islamic conservative party Raam.



### গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ সরকার

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#### উন্মুক্ত দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি (OTM)

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(১) প্রতিটি কাজের আলাদা আলাদা শর্তাবলী সম্বলিত সিডিউল বিক্রয় করা হবে। (২) ব্যক্তি বা প্রতিষ্ঠানের স্বত্তাধিকারীর স্বাক্ষরযুক্ত প্যাডে আবেদনপূর্বক বিজ্ঞপ্তির ১৮নং ক্রমিক এর (ক)-তে বর্ণিত সকল কাগজপত্রের মূলকপি প্রদর্শনপূর্বক বর্ণিত স্থান হতে অফিস চলাকালীন সময় দরপত্র সিডিউল সংগ্রহ করা যাবে। (৩) ঠিকাদার ব্যতিত বা ঠিকাদার কর্তৃক প্রদন্ত ক্ষমতাপত্রসহ প্রেরিত প্রতিনিধি ছাড়া অন্য ব্যক্তিকে সিডিউল প্রদান করা হবে না। (৪) সিডিউল বিক্রয়ের শেষ ও দাখিলের এবং খোলার নির্ধারিত তারিখে অনিবার্য কারণে অফিস বন্ধ থাকলে পরবর্তী কার্যদিবসে একই সময়ে ও নিয়মে দরপত্র বিক্রয়, দাখিল ও খোলা হবে। এ সংক্রান্ত কোন বিজ্ঞপ্তি বা নোটিশ দেয়া হবে না। (৫) অভিজ্ঞ সরবরাহকারী প্রতিষ্ঠানকে অগ্রাধিকার প্রদান করা হবে। (৬) পুলিশ হেডকোয়ার্টার্স, ঢাকা হতে অর্থ বরাদ্দ প্রাপ্তি সাপেক্ষে কার্যাদেশ দেয়া হবে। (৭) কর্তৃপক্ষ কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যে কোন বা সকল দরপত্র গ্রহণ/বাতিলের ক্ষমতা সংরক্ষণ করেন। (৮) কোন কারণবশতঃ দরপত্র কার্যক্রমের তারিখ পরিবর্তন হলে তা পত্রিকায় প্রকাশ করা হবে। (৯) অকৃতকার্য দরদাতার দরপত্র জামানত যথাসময়ে ফেরত দেয়া হবে।

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### Two journos iailed for spreading

'false news'

REUTERS

A court in military-ruled Myanmar on Wednesday jailed two journalists for incitement and spreading false news, their organisations said, part of an ongoing crackdown that a top US official called an attack on freedom of expression.

A military court in southern Myeik sentenced Aung Kyaw of the Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB) and Zaw Zaw, a freelance reporter for Mizzima, to two years in prison over their reporting of anti-junta protests, Mizzima and DVB said.

Aung Kyaw is the third DVB journalist imprisoned since the military's Feb. 1 coup. Mizzima said Zaw Zaw was one of six of its staff arrested since the coup.

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DVB and Mizzima are among several news outlets that have had licences revoked by the junta, which has restricted internet access and banned outside satellite