

Taliban girls' education ban won't last

Says Malala

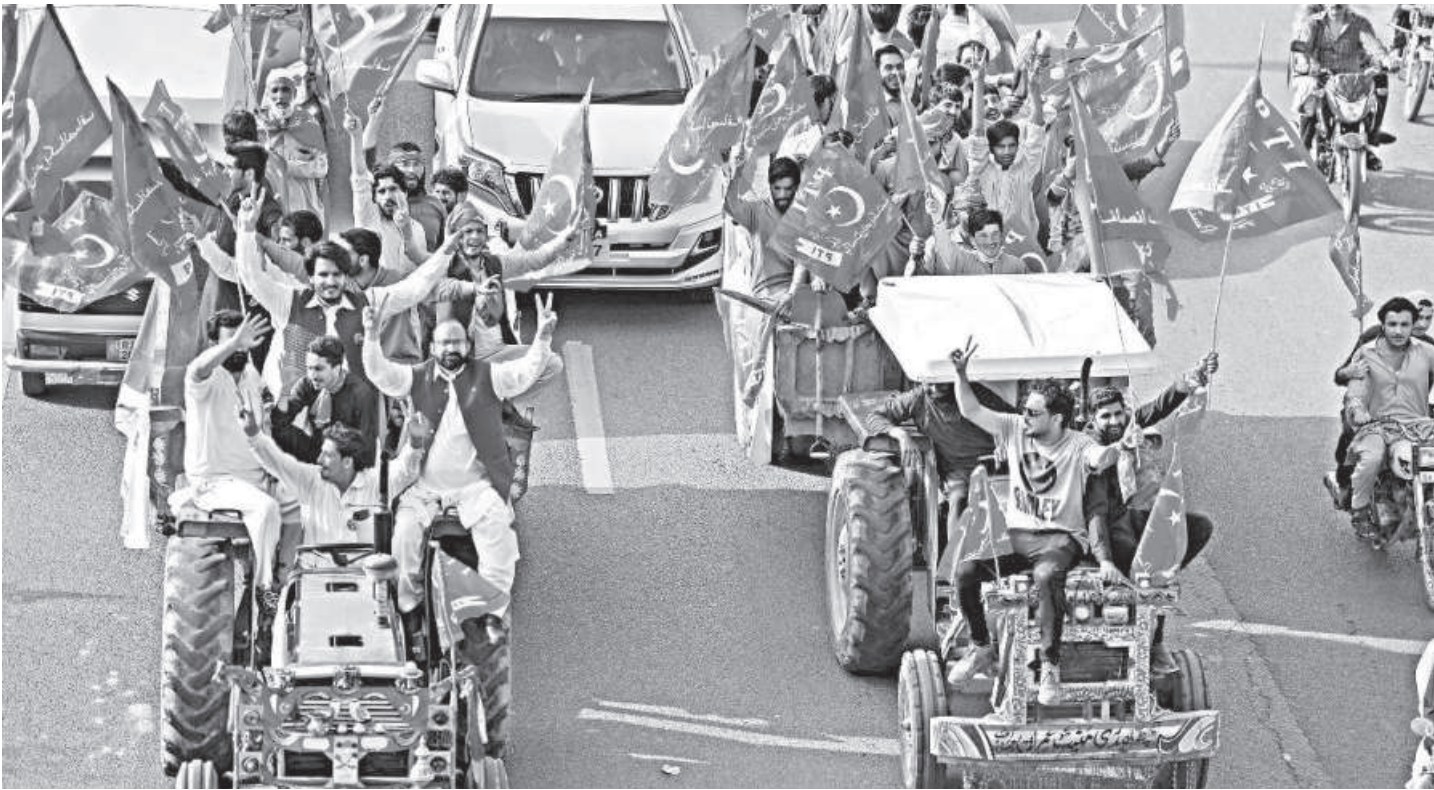
AFP, Doha

The Taliban's ban on girls' education won't last forever, Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai said on Saturday, emphasising that Afghan women now know what it is to be "empowered".

The hard-line Afghan regime closed girls' secondary schools just hours after reopening them this week, prompting a small protest by women and girls in the capital Kabul. "I think it was much easier for the Taliban (to enforce) a ban on girls' education back in 1996," Yousafzai told the Doha Forum.

"It is much harder this time -- that is because women have seen what it means to be educated, what it means to be empowered. This time is going to be much harder for the Taliban to maintain the ban on girls' education. This ban will not last forever," she said.

The fundamentalist Taliban stopped girls from attending school during its rule of Afghanistan from 1996 to 2001, when it was ousted by the US led invasion.



Activists and supporters of ruling Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party arrive to attend a rally in Islamabad, Pakistan yesterday. Prime Minister Imran Khan has dubbed this rally of PTI as a "battle for the future" ahead of the opposition's no-trust motion in the National Assembly.

PHOTO: AFP

Will 'annihilate' coup opponents

Says Myanmar army chief on crackdown anniversary

AFP, Naypyidaw

Myanmar's junta will "annihilate" coup opponents, army chief Min Aung Hlaing said yesterday as the military staged a show of force on the anniversary of its bloodiest crackdown so far on democracy protests.

The Southeast Asian country has been in chaos since a putsch in February 2021, with more than 1,700 people killed in crackdowns on dissent, according to a local monitoring group.

Across Myanmar "People's Defence Force" fighters -- often armed with homemade or rudimentary weapons -- clash regularly with junta troops, with

some analysts suggesting the military has struggled to respond effectively to their hit-and-run tactics.

Fighting has also flared with more established ethnic rebel groups along the Thai and Chinese borders.

Presiding over the annual parade that showcased tanks, truck-mounted missiles, artillery and troops on horseback, Min Aung Hlaing told about 8,000 assembled security personnel that the army would not let up.

The military will "no longer negotiate... and annihilate until the end" groups fighting to overturn its rule, he said ahead of the Armed Forces Day procession in

army-built capital Naypyidaw.

Jets flew overhead trailing the yellow, red and green of the national flag, while state media showed women lining the streets leading to the parade ground to give flowers and place garlands on the marching soldiers. In Yangon around a dozen anti-junta flashmob protesters set off flares and shouted slogans, according to footage posted on social media.

Others on social media called for residents to switch off their lights at home in a national "power strike" yesterday evening.

Armed Forces Day commemorates the start of local resistance to the Japanese occupation during World War II.

WEST BENGAL KILLINGS

22 accused named by India's CBI

NDTV ONLINE

India's Central Bureau of Investigation has named 22 people as accused in the Birbhum massacre, in which eight people were beaten and burnt alive earlier this week, triggering political furor. The list of accused is the same as that of the state police, sources said. The agency, however, has questioned the ruling Trinamool Congress's block president Anarul Hossain, who, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had promised, will be arrested. Around 20 people have been arrested after six women and two children -- mostly of members of a single family -- were locked in their homes and burnt alive by a mob at the Bogtui village near Birbhum's Rampurhat town earlier this week. The attack was allegedly retaliation to the murder of a local Trinamool Congress leader, Bhadu Sheikh, who died in a bomb attack.

India successfully test-fires surface-to-air missile

THE INDIAN EXPRESS ONLINE

India yesterday successfully carried out the test firing of the medium-range surface-to-air missile air defence system off the coast of Odisha's Balasore, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said.

"MRSAM-Army missile system flight tested from ITR Balasore, Odisha at around 10:30 hours intercepting a high-speed aerial target at long range. The target was destroyed by the missile in a direct hit," the DRDO said. The system is part of the Indian Army. In the test, the missile secured a direct hit at the target at a very far-off distance, DRDO officials said. On January 20, the Brahmos Supersonic Cruise Missile was test-fired from ITR off the coast of Odisha validating several new indigenous systems.



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Justice Sinha

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account, said an ACC official preferring to be unnamed.

Later, Sinha visited the bank along with his brother to withdraw about \$157,090.

"He told the bank that he got the money from one of his friends to buy a house. While he was chief justice, he used to transfer his illegal wealth through hundi and kept those in his brother's account," the official said.

They later bought the house for \$280,000 on June 12, 2018 by paying cash upfront.

"He laundered the money while travelling abroad for various purposes as justice," the official said, adding that the findings have already been submitted before the commission for approval to file a case.

To find out about Sinha's wealth, the ACC wrote to Canada, the US, the UAE and Singapore for information. The US responded with information on the house.

Earlier, Gulshan Anowar Prodhan, the deputy director of the ACC, filed a case against SK Sinha for allegedly amassing more than Tk 7 crore illegally.

The former chief justice had spent the sum constructing a nine-storey building in Uttara on a plot registered in his brother's name.

According to the report of an independent architect, about Tk 6.31 crore was spent on the construction of the building, reads the FIR.

About Tk 75 lakh was spent to buy the plot and about Tk 78 lakh remain frozen in banks, according to the case statement.

On November 9, 2021, a court sentenced Sinha to seven years in prison for money laundering and another four years for breach of trust. Both the sentences are to be served concurrently.

The court had also asked the authorities concerned to confiscate Tk 78 lakh frozen in the banks in favour of the state.

Accused 'on the run'

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Fazle Hossain Badsha contacted Rajshahi SP.

"I talked to police. When I learnt police were not believing the claim of victim's family, I decided to visit the spot," he said.

He said he found witnesses who described how Abhinath was denied water for two weeks and how Shakhawat brought Abhinath home, instead of taking him to hospital, after he drank pesticide in front of him.

Abhinath himself told his family members that he drank poison for not getting irrigation water, the witnesses added.

"It's strange why police delayed arresting the accused when he was in the locality and there was evidence against the accused."

Asked about the lawmaker's visit, SP Masud said police still did not want to believe that a farmer could commit suicide only for lack of irrigation water.

"We found water in his [Abhinath] paddy field, there was no evidence that his paddy was damaged for lack of water," he said.

The SP said police gathered some important information in the case which would be clear after getting the autopsy report.

Abhinath, 36, and his cousin Robi Mardi, 27, of Nimghutu village, drank pesticides near the deep tube-well in Issoripur village on Wednesday afternoon. Robi died at a hospital on Friday night.

On Thursday, police said Abhinath's wife Rozina filed an unnatural death case. However, talking to this correspondent, Rozina denied filing the case.

Kamrul Islam, OC of Godagari Police Station, recorded the unnatural death case at Abhinath's house on Thursday and took Rozina's signature on it.

Contacted, senior criminal lawyer Nurul Islam Sarker Aslam said the UD case might weaken the suicide provocation case.

Locals had said Abhinath and Robi badly needed irrigation water and were being ignored by Shakhawat for over two weeks.

On Wednesday, they took pesticides with them and visited Shakhawat to ask him for water for irrigation, locals and Abhinath's family said.

When Shakhawat denied them water, the two drank the pesticide, they said.

Shakhawat denied any involvement in the incident before going into hiding.

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Foreign powers

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Imran said his government received threat in written form and asserted he had all the evidence to prove his claims which he said he will unveil at the "right time".

"Our country received threats due to the acts of previous leaders... the governments in Pakistan had been changed with the help of locals... when Zulfikar Ali Bhutto tried to make independent foreign policy... parties of Fazlur Rehman and 'absconder' Nawaz Sharif launched a movement against him and later Bhutto was executed," said the premier.

He lashed out at PPP leadership, saying that Bilawal Bhutto and Asif Zardari have formed alliance with those elements involved in the execution of their party founder, reports The Express Tribune.

"Today foreign elements are trying to affect our foreign policy again... we know the elements who united the killers and the victims... today the time has changed and there is a saying in English you only cross the river once... this is an age of social media where you cannot hide anything."

PM Imran said his government will maintain friendly ties with other states but will never become "slave to anyone".

Khan also said he will not spare "corrupt leaders" even if he had to step down from his post.

PTI leaders Pervaiz Khattak, Ali Zaidi, Shafqat Mahmood, Murad Saeed, Qasim Khan Suri, and Faisal Javed, among others, also addressed the gathering.

They vowed that PM Imran will not go anywhere and the opposition's efforts against the premier will prove futile.

Meanwhile, opposition supporters are also gathering in Islamabad ahead of planned anti Khan protests today.

Supporters of former PM Nawaz Sharif's party began a "long march" on Saturday to the capital from the eastern city of Lahore, reports Al Jazeera Online.

Thousands of activists from the conservative Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (I) party are also marching on Islamabad to join anti-government protests.

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673915	Construction of Boundary wall with R.C.C frame structure and 5" Brick wall at Basic Centre Jashore.	10/04/2022 03:50 pm
674226	Construction of Boundary wall with R.C.C frame structure and 5" Brick wall at Basic Centre Shaikhupur, Jhenaidah.	10/04/2022 04:00 pm
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