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Undertrial Injured In Jail

Jammu—An undertrial, facing murder charges, was injured after being attacked by a fellow inmate inside district jail in Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir, police said today. Dilshad Hussain was attacked by Saddam with an iron rod inside the jail premises yesterday, a police official said. He said Saddam, who was recently shifted to Kathua district jail from Jammu after a fight with his fellow inmates there, was reportedly holding a grudge against Hussain over some issue. He hit Hussain on his back with an iron rod from behind after calling him out of his barrack, the official said. Hussain was rushed to district hospital, from where he was referred to Government Medical College hospital here for special treatment, he said, adding that his condition was stated to be "stable". A case was registered against the accused and further investigation on, the officer said.

Malik not released after judicial remand expires: JKLF

Srinagar—Chairman of Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) Muhammad Yasin Malik and other leaders have not been released yet from police custody through their judicial remand expired today, party said. A JKLF statement issued here said police have extended the judicial remand of party chairman Muhammad Yasin Malik, vice chairman Showkat Ahmad Bakhshi and zonal organizer Bashir Ahmad Kashmiri who have detained at central jail Srinagar since April 2. JKLF zonal president Noor Muhammad Kalwal who was arrested by police on Friday has also been shifted to central jail Srinagar today on a 10-day remand, the statement said. "Police has booked him in some old case and presented him before a magistrate who shifted him to central jail Srinagar on a 10-day remand," it said. The statement added that Budgam Police raided the residence of JKLF activist Bilal Ahmad Dar of Nasrullahpora Budgam and arrested him along with other JKLF senior activist Molvi Abdul Rashid. "Both arrested activists have been lodged at some unknown police station," it said, adding that Baramulla police also have detained JKLF deputy chief organizer Mir Siraj Ud Din and district president Baramullah Abdul Rashid Magloo during last many days.

- **CM's statement on PM mere cliché: opposition**

Srinagar—A day after Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti praised and pinned hope on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership; the opposition mainstream political parties termed it as mere cliché, saying that such statements are aimed to befool people of Kashmir. National Conference Provincial President for Kashmir, Nasir Aslam Wani said that it has been three years the government is repeating the same things and on the ground nothing is visible. "Situation has gone worse." While talking to KNS he said that nothing so far has changed on the ground. The situation is very alarming and no hope is visible. "There are civilian killings every now and then." "The government has been talking about the development that is invisible. They have failed to establish talks between two neighboring countries," Wani said. Mehbooba Mufti on Friday on micro-blogging website wrote: "Hearty congratulations to @BJP4India on its foundation day. I sincerely hope that India under @narendramodiji can truly exhibit the moral leadership of the region by winning the trust, hearts & minds of the people of J&K".

Thousands Attend Hizb Militant's Funeral In Pulwama

- Srinagar—Even as most of the Valley resumed everyday life on Saturday, thousands of people participated in the funeral of Hizb-ul-Mujahideen militant Musavir Hassan Wani in Pulwama which continued to remain shut down along with Shopian in the south, and Kangan in central Kashmir. Wani, a B Tech student who had joined militancy in July 2017, was killed in a brief shootout with the forces on Friday. Hailing from the Dalipora area of Pulwama, he was laid to rest in the town's Shaheed Park amid a massive gathering that chanted pro-freedom slogans. According to reports quoting eyewitnesses, two to three militants appeared with arms at the funeral and offered gun salutes to their slain colleague. Clashes had broken out early in the morning as authorities tried to use forces personnel in a bid to prevent a massive gathering at the funeral. The violence intensified after the burial, defying strict restrictions, and at least five persons were reported to have been injured as the forces used baton charges, stun shells and tear gas canisters to disperse stone-pelting crowds. The Kangan area of Ganderbal district in Central Kashmir also remained shut down for 22-year-old Gowhar Ahmad Rathar, who had been shot in the head during protests in the area this Monday and breathed his last at the SKIMS the next day. Meanwhile, everyday life resumed elsewhere with shops and businesses opening and public transport reappearing on the roads. Barring Shopian and Pulwama, where all educational institutions had been ordered closed by respective administrations,

authorities had closed only higher secondary schools and colleges elsewhere. The Kashmir University too had suspended class work and postponed examinations. Railway services between Baramulla and Srinagar resumed but remained suspended between Srinagar and south Kashmir.

LeT Denies Beheading Hajin Youth

- Srinagar—Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) chief Mehmood Shah has strongly condemned the brutal killing of Manzoor Ahmad of Hajin Bandipora and the attack on women in his family, terming same as “shameful and inhumane.” “It is such a nefarious act that deserves more than mere a condemnation. Lashkar-e-Taiba has always put up its matters before public. We have never imposed such a punishment on culprits but have exposed them in public. We have no involvement in this murder. We will fully investigate the matter,” said Shah. He was quoted as saying by Lashkar spokesperson Dr Abdullah Ghaznavi in a statement issued to news agency GNS. “The people of Hajin have deep love with Jihad and Mujahideen. However, the truth will come to fore very soon and the culprits will be brought to justice eventually,” Lashkar chief said. Manzoor’s body was found at an orchard near Bonmohalla Hajin on Saturday, a day after he was kidnapped. “(Militants) believed to be affiliated with LeT, barged into the house of Abdul Gaffar Bhat (father of Manzoor) at Hajin in Bandipora and started to beat up people before abducting father-son duo,” the police spokesman had said.

Independence No Option But Kashmiris Not India’s Slaves Either: Farooq

- Jammu—Lok Sabha Member Farooq Abdullah said on Saturday that being landlocked between India, Pakistan and China, independence is no option for the Valley. Addressing a public rally in Mandi area of Poonch district, the former Chief Minister said: "Independence is no option. On one side we have nuclear powers China and Pakistan and on the other side we have India. "We have no atom bombs, no army and no jets. How are we going to survive as an independent nation? But, this does not mean that we are slaves of India." The National Conference chief said that India "must respect and honour the dignity of the people here otherwise the situation in Kashmir won't change". He urged the New Delhi to try to win alienated hearts and minds of people as "nothing else will work even if you build roads of gold". He also reiterated the need for Indo-Pak dialogue and called for converting Line of Control

into Line of Peace and Goodwill to enable unhindered people to people exchange and trade between divided parts of Jammu and Kashmir. “Sooner the two nations appreciate the ground realities better it would be for bringing thaw in the relations and ending hostilities of all sorts” said Farooq. He said wars in the past seven decades have not changed the reality of Line of Control. He said the border hostilities were detrimental for both India and Pakistan and any full-fledged conflict will lead to devastation and destruction in the region. Elaborating on the reality of LoC, he said, areas like Hajipeer and Chamb, captured in 1965 war had to be returned back as per mutual understanding. He said his assertion over the Line of Control may be criticized and contested but reality cannot be changed. He said conversion of LoC into Line of Peace will benefit peoples living along the borders on both sides, who have been braving the brunt of hostilities. He referred to the unimaginable sufferings caused to border dwellers due to dislocation from their homes and hearths in the wake of shelling and cross LoC firing, stating that unfortunately this has become a routine since the past few years. Referring to obtaining situation across the State, the National Conference chief urged the Centre to resolve the issues which are essentially political in nature and try to win over the alienated hearts and minds by shunning the policy of creating divisions. He said the claims that demonetization had put an end to stone pelting in the Valley have fallen flat as the youth were now taking to guns. The situation therefore cannot be allowed to drift any more, he said and called for earnest initiatives to reach out to the people. He cautioned the Centre against taking the people of Jammu and Kashmir for granted and ignoring their legitimate aspirations.

Pak’s Mission Is To Be Voice Of Kashmiris At UN: Maleeha Lodhi

- Islamabad—Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Maleeha Lodhi on Saturday said that her country’s mission is to be the voice of Kashmiri people at the world body, a media report said today. “We are the voice of the Kashmiri people in UN and are fighting their case [at an international level],” she told Geo News. Lodhi said that Indian “atrocities have crossed all limits” in Kashmir. “They [Indian troops] even fire on funerals and have injured countless children,” the report quoted Lodhi as having said. She said the “recent wave of anger and resistance in Kashmir has been unprecedented and will bear fruit”. Lodhi said that the United Nations Secretary-General has also shown concern over the issue. “This concern

should be converted into decisive action. The right of the Kashmiri people to self-determination should be granted to them,” she said.

Geelani Not Allowed To Offer Friday Prayers

Srinagar: Authorities yet again barred Syed Ali Geelani, chairman of Hurriyat Conference (G) from offering Friday prayers. “Hurriyat chairman was stopped after he defied house arrest restrictions and did not allow him to venture out of his Hyderpora house to march towards Masjid Hamza (Lal Chowk),” amalgam said in a statement issued here. It said the large contingents of police and CRPF were deployed on main roads leading to residence of Geelani and no one was allowed to move out of Hurriyat office. Lashing out at authorities, the Hurriyat Conference said that police chief in his statement had stated that Geelani is now, “Azad” but the continuous curbs on his movement proved that they are relying on “false propoganda and their tall claims stand deflated. “Sealing all roads with concertina wires and barricades leading Hyderpora residence and curbs Geelani defied house arrest, however authorities also barred Geelani from venturing out of his Hyderpora house to march towards Masjid Hamza,” he said. Geelani in his address, said by placing curbs and detaining resistance leaders, the government was denying them to stage peaceful protests. “It is tantamount to interference in religious matters,” he said. Geelani said Kashmiris will continue with their struggle till freedom was achieved. He said the sacrifices of youth won’t go waste and nobody will be allowed to play with their sacrifices, saying “we will never surrender or succumb to pressure but will pursue our cherished mission till it is taken to its logical conclusion.” The Hurriyat leader appealed to international community to take cognisance of the “brutal” killings and come forward to resolve the Kashmir dispute. “Since past 70 years people while braving brute forces are laying their precious lives and despite its eight lakh forces and extreme military might, India and its stooges couldn’t dampen our passion for freedom,” he said