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India's message to China: bigger IAF plane to operate on LAC

crew of the 'Veiled Vipers' along with senior officers touched down on the DBO airstrip located at 16614 feet (5065 meters) in the Aksai Chin area," the IAF said in a statement.

The airfield was reactivated by the IAF in 2008 with the landing of an Antonov-32 aircraft there from Chandigarh after it was last used in the 1965 war with Pakistan.

In April, the area saw a 21-day stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops who came and pitched tents in the vicinity of the airfield and returned only after several rounds of flag meetings between both sides.

"Once again this strategic base in the Northern Himalayas gained importance when it was resurrected and reactivated by the IAF along with the Indian Army and made operational when a twin engine AN-32 aircraft from Chandigarh landed there after a gap of 43 years (in 2008)," the IAF said.

The decision to deploy the C-130J, which is capable of lifting up to 20 tonnes of load, was taken by the IAF considering the lower load carrying capability of AN-32s and helicopters.

The IAF has been operating the An-32s in the area for quite some time and they landed at the

Breakthrough on cards in Kishtwar crisis

by the Government suggested after the probe that the CBI inquiry was required into the incidents, it would be ordered. The two communities were told that the Government has recommended names of four Judges (two serving and retired) to the Chief Justice for approving one of them for judicial inquiry.

On the transfer of police officials, it has almost been agreed that the people should wait for the outcome of the judicial inquiry. The Government would take action against police or civil officials and politicians found involved in instigating the riots. In normal course, the Government has no problem in transferring an officer from one place to another in routine manner.

The Government would arrange insurance camp on spot for the people, who had insured their property, which was burnt down by the mob so that the people didn't have to face problems in getting insurance. The Government would also take up the matter with Banks for giving concessions in loans to the riot victims and delay their installments.

On the alleged involvement of BJP leader Sunil Sharma's PSO, police said no case of Section 302 RPC has been registered against him. He has been detained for questioning in connection with rioting.

Sources said there was consensus that the Government would immediately release Rs 2 lakh compensation for the persons, whose shops, business establishments and other property has been burnt, damaged or looted while ceiling for maximum compensation would be Rs 5 lakh.

Remaining compensation would be released after assessment by a Committee, which would be constituted by the Government and relief released in time bound manner in one month.

The delegation, which was scheduled to return today,

Remain vigilant against anti-peace elements: Omar

Public Services Guarantee Act. He said some 69 services of important public utility have been brought under the Act for time bound delivery. He asked the people to take benefit of the Act and get these services in a time bound manner.

"If you feel any delay or failure on the part of officials in delivering the services within the fixed time frame, initiate complaints against the erring officials, they would be handed over for punishment and imposed fine upto Rs. 5000", he said elaborating that the affected consumer would be paid compensation out of the fine imposed upon the erring official.

The Chief Minister said that services like issuance of State Subject, revenue papers, license, ration cards, water and electricity connections, registration of vehicles, issuance of FIR copy, CID verification, CID verification for passports and grant of house building permissions like 69 services have been brought under PSA for public benefit.

The public meeting was addressed by Minister for Higher Education, Mohammad Akbar Loan, Legislator and Provincial President Kashmir, Nasir Aslam Wani, Legislator Avaid Ahmad Dar and local leader Mohammad Ibrahim.

base even after the stand-off with China there.

In the recent past, India has augmented its airlift capabilities along the LAC by reactivating air fields in DBO, Fuk Che in Ladakh and eight Advanced Landing Grounds in Arunachal Pradesh.

"With this enhanced airlift capability, the IAF will now be in a better position to meet the requirements of our land forces who are heavily dependent on the air bridge for sustenance in these higher and inhospitable areas," the Air Force said.

The tactical transport aircraft of the special operations squadron is capable of undertaking quick deployment of forces in all weather conditions, including airdrops, besides landing on unprepared or semi-prepared surfaces. It created history today by landing at this altitude and hostile terrain conditions.

"This achievement qualifies for the world record for the highest landing by an aircraft of this class," it said. Incidentally, this was the same aircraft and crew that operated at Dharasu during 'Op Rahat' for the Uttarakhand flood relief.

Chinese troops had pitched tents in Depsang Valley near

Daulat Beg Oldie in April, remained there for 21 days and left only after several rounds of

extended its visit by a day to resolve the crisis. The delegation was likely to return tomorrow afternoon after resolving the issue.

On the issue of Village Defence Committees (VDCs), sources said it has already been made clear by the Government that they would stay as they had been set up on the directions of the Union Home Ministry.

Earlier in the day, the delegation had five and a half hours long meeting with the representatives of majority community in the town and listened to their demands. The minorities reiterated their demand for action against BJP leader Sunil Sharma for allegedly instigating violence, disbanding of VDCs, retention of DIG Doda-Ramban and the DySP Headquarters, action against those involved in the killing of two persons of majority community and compensation to the majority community, which had suffered losses in 2008 clashes.

The delegation had met representatives of minorities for over four and a half hours last night. Meanwhile, curfew continued in Kishtwar town and outskirts for 12th consecutive day today. No relaxation was given in the curfew today though yesterday it was relaxed for two hours and the relaxation period had passed off peacefully.

People in Kishtwar were facing acute shortage of essential commodities due to prolonged spell of curfew. The all party delegation headed by Medical Education Minister Taj Mohi-ud-Din comprised Devender Singh Rana and Surjit Singh Slatiaha (National Conference), Janak Raj Gupta and Thakur Hari Singh (Congress), Dr Nimal Singh and Ashok Khajuria (BJP), Sheikh Abdul Rehman (Samajwadi Party), Balwant Singh Mankotia (NPP), Tulsi Dass Langeh and Rattan Kumar Bhagat (BSP), HS Raina (Shiromani Akali Dal), R S Bloeria (NCP), Sham Parsad Kesar (CPM) and Tej Ram Dogra (PDF).

The Chief Minister earlier inaugurated Rs. 2.18 crore 1x24 metres span, 5.5 metres wide Carriageway Bridge with 0.75 metre footpaths on either side at Gund Khawaja Qasim on Singhpora-Kanihama road constructed by ERA under ADB funding.

It will act as a major link between Srinagar-Baramulla road and Narbal-Tangmarg-Gulmarg road via Gund Khawaja Qasim. The bridge will benefit a population of over 30,000 in the area. Its construction has provided 8,000 job days directly and 5,500 indirectly to the people.

Omar also laid foundation of Gund Khawaja Qasim Water Supply Scheme to augment and improve water supply facilities in the villages of Gund Khawaja Qasim, Habak Tangoo, Kantherbagh and Amargarh-Shaliboon in Pattan Tehsil. The foundation laying of this scheme is in sequel to the Chief Minister's announcement for a new water supply scheme to Gund Khawaja Qasim at a public meeting at Trikubal, Pattan in the month of May.

The scheme will benefit about 5000 population of in four villages by providing 55 litres of safe drinking water per person per day.

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Meanwhile, India and China today discussed the recent state of incursions and ways to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the border areas.

During the 5th round of India-China Strategic Dialogue, resumed after nearly three years, the two sides discussed key bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest including ways to reduce trade deficit and trans-border rivers, Ministry of External Affairs said here.

The Indian side was led by Foreign Secretary Sujatha Singh and the Chinese side was led by Vice Foreign Minister Liu Zhenmin during the dialogue which discussed ways to maintain peace and tranquility along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the India-China border areas, the MEA said.

This comes in the backdrop of series of Chinese incursion in Ladakh sector, including a major 21-day-long "face-to-face" situation in April.

The two sides also took stock of developments in bilateral ties since the visit of Chinese Premier Li Keqiang here and also prepared the ground for a possible visit of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh to China later this year.

The three-hour-long meeting also focused on ways to expand bilateral trade and investment while addressing problems of the large and growing deficit faced by India.

After Poonch, Pak opens up Rajouri sector; fires mortars

am today, sparking an exchange of fire. The firing stopped around 12 noon but again resumed at 4 pm and continued till late this evening.

The Pakistani Army also fired at Indian forward posts with automatic weapons along the LoC in forward areas of Mendhar sector.

Pakistani troops had yesterday fired in the same area, leading to exchanges between the two sides for three to four hours during the day and almost the entire night.

Pakistani troops fired heavily on Indian posts in Hamipur, Mendhar, parts of Krishna Ghati and Balakote border belts along the LoC and also pounded civilian areas during the night, leading to panic among the people living in the forward areas, who have been spending sleepless nights for past more than 10 days.

This year, there have been 82 ceasefire violations by Pakistan till August while ceasefire violations have gone on continuously for past 14 days now. From August 6, there has been increase in frequency with 24 violations taking place including the tragedy in which five soldiers were killed and another injured in Sarla battalion area in Poonch by Pakistani troops on the intervening night of August 5 and 6.

Sources said the splinters of mortar shells continued to land in various civilian areas in Balakote, Hamipur and Mendhar sectors including village Deri Dabsi, which was

Govt issues fresh directions, spells out procedure for district/divisional officers

of jurisdiction. But this circular too met the fate of circular of 1993 on the subject, sources said, adding on one side there was no strict compliance to the circular from the field officers and on the other side those who had to ensure adherence to the directives were found slack in monitoring the implementation of directions.

This invited sharp reaction from the Chief Minister, who while expressing displeasure over the non-compliance of the earlier directions, asked the General Administration Department to see that officers not adhering to the instructions were taken to task. Accordingly, the GAD vide Circular No.01 dated January 8, 2010, conveyed the concern of the Chief Minister to all the Administrative Secretaries, Divisional Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Heads of the Departments.

Though initially there was strict compliance of the directions in view of Chief Minister's concern yet later the response of the district and divisional officers started fading prompting the General Administration Department to issue another circular No.19 dated July 16, 2012 reiterating the earlier directions besides fixing touring as well as non-touring days for the district and sectoral officers.

As there was no compliance despite numerous circular instructions from the GAD, some Deputy Commissioners in

Setting up of industrial investment parks in the country to get inflow of money by entering into an MoU to this effect and export of cotton fabric to China with a target of USD six billion were among the points discussed in the meet.

In a bid to address the trade deficit in short-term period, the two sides also discussed the possibility of increase in export of buffalo meat to China, a pact for such an export was inked during Li's visit in May here. The Chinese demand for Indian buffalo could be worth USD 1 billion a year, according to officials.

India is currently the world's largest exporter of buffalo meat selling USD 3.2 billion to more than 65 countries.

The two sides also talked about the potential and prospect for Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) economic corridor with India identifying its share of the component and now awaiting Chinese response.

During the Strategic Dialogue, India and China also discussed future cooperation in the BRICS framework and ways of ensuring an open, inclusive and transparent architecture in the Asia-Pacific region.

The two sides also shared the outlook for Afghanistan in 2014 and beyond.

Later, Vice Foreign Minister Liu called on External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid.

The 6th India-China Strategic Dialogue will be held at Beijing at a mutually convenient time, the MEA said. (PTI)

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ISI pumping fake currency: Tunda

and trained people in Bangladesh which were used for the FCN business," said the officials.

Delhi police sources said Iqbal Kana - the fake currency racket kingpin, is active in Pakistan and uses people like Tunda, who have an active network, to push FCN into India.

"In January 2012, FCN of the face value of Rs 2.25 crore was seized in Delhi in which names of Tunda, Kana and one Hasan had cropped up. In that instance too, the deal was

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between Kana and Hasan while Tunda acted as courier," said a senior police official.

Tunda, who was holding a Pakistani passport with the name Abdul Quddus, was arrested on Friday from an area on the Indo-Nepal border after being on the run in several countries for 19 years.

Investigators said the 70-year-old terrorist has told them that in 2012 Kana made extortion calls in the name of ISI to an Indo-Pak trade centre (a private association of merchants) in Lahore. (PTI)

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BJP attacks UP Govt for denying permission to VHP's Yatra

LUCKNOW, Aug 20:

The BJP today alleged that the Samajwadi Party-led regime in Uttar Pradesh stands exposed of its "communal mentality" and "dual character" by denying permission to VHP's proposed Yatra from Ayodhya.

Citing Supreme Court directives to maintain status quo at the disputed site, the Uttar Pradesh Government had yesterday denied permission to VHP's "Chaurasi Kosi Yatra" (pilgrimage), scheduled between August 25 and September 13 and aimed at giving a push to its Ram Temple cause.

"There is no fixed date for the Yatra and it is undertaken throughout the year. Government's decision is wrong and exposes its dual character and communal mentality," BJP State president Laxmi Kant Bajpai said here.

Bajpai said by supporting Government's decision, BSP supreme Mayawati has also proved her mentality of Muslim appeasement.

He also pulled up the State Government over its minister Azam Khan's statement on SP supreme Mulayam Singh Yadav's meeting with VHP leaders, and claimed there was a communication gap among the ministers of the state.

Azam had yesterday said that Mulayam's meeting with VHP leaders will send a wrong signal to the minority commu-

nity.

"The manner in which Azam issued a statement and raised objection, shows that everything is not right with the Government. It confirms that there is a communication gap between the ministers," Bajpai said.

The BJP State president also criticised the UP Government for "making Muslims their first priority for the sake of votes", and criticised its today's decision to allocate 20 per cent funds of all Government welfare schemes for a minority scheme.

He said religion-based reservation has been rejected by the Supreme Court, and no legislation has been introduced in Parliament in this regard.

"Talking about its implementation is like misleading the people," he said.

The Samajwadi Party, in its election manifesto, had promised to give reservation to Muslims.

Bajpai said that the State Government's intention to implement Sachar committee and Rangnath Mishra commission recommendations was nothing but vote bank politics, and it will not be possible to implement them.

"We have no objection over extending facilities to Muslims, but then why the same benefits should not be given to people from Dalit, backward and general categories on economic basis," Bajpai said. (PTI)

Table with 4 columns: S.No, Name of the candidate, Parentage, Date/Time of interview. It lists candidates for various positions in Jammu and Kashmir Public Service Commission, including Lecturer Paediatrics, Lecturer Medicines, Lecturer Ophthalmology, and Lecturer Mathematics.