



June 2021 Newsletter

US Troops hasty withdrawal might lead to the rule of Warlords in Afghanistan



President Biden's April announcement that all U.S. forces would withdraw by September 11, 2021 afforded U.S. military planners had limited time to prepare for contingencies on how to continue the fight against more than 20 Afghan groups still operating in Afghanistan.

Washington is considering options to ensure its intelligence-gathering and counterterrorism capabilities

are maintained. Recent reports suggests that United States is looking to use bases in Pakistan and in the former Soviet Republics in Central Asia — although without success so far.

With the Taliban making rapid advancement in recent months and a host of major attacks perpetrated by other terrorists, ethnic groups across the country are forming militias to protect themselves.

Chinese Uyghur minority's testimony

Members of China's ethnic Uyghur minority have provided moving testimony about their persecution to the Uyghur Tribunal, an unofficial, civil society-led investigation into possible genocide and crimes against humanity committed by Beijing. Although the "people's tribunal" is not backed by any government and its findings will not be binding on any country, the hearings play an important role in providing recognition to victims' suffering and in strengthening the legal argument for a U.N. Commission of Inquiry or other international accountability mechanisms. As such, the tribunal serves as an

important tool for civil society to move atrocity prevention efforts forward when U.N. or international court action is blocked.

KASHMIR NEWS IN BRIEF

Delta Plus variant of Covid scare hits Jammu

As the shops and business establishments reopened in most parts of Jammu district, the biggest grain market in Jammu wore a deserted look as the local traders' body decided to continue the weekend lockdown amid the detection of the first case of COVID-19 Delta Plus variant in the province.

Paddy crops dying in Kashmir

Paddy crop spread over hundreds of Kanals of land in south Kashmir's Pulwama district is on the verge of drying as the pump station that would irrigate the fields remains defunct for more than a month now, leaving farmers worried.

AJK Senior citizen detained by Indian Army

An aged man hailing from Pakistan's Azad Jammu & Kashmir has been nabbed on Line of Control in Poonch district by Indian troops. Indian army intercepted the Pak citizen while he was trying to cross into this side of the LoC. He has been detained pending further investigations.

Indian PM Modi promises elections in Kashmir

Indian PM Narendra Modi has said his government plans to hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir soon. He told regional leaders in Delhi on Thursday that polls could be held after an exercise to redraw the boundaries of assembly seats was carried out.

Jammu drone attack

India plans to keep its antennas up and be prepared for further such attacks which will almost certainly result in mass fatalities unless urgent measures are taken immediately. If this is the first salvo in a new campaign of attacks by Kashmiri Jihad fighters, then it marks a dangerous phase in the Kashmir militancy that can result in heavy casualties, with high costs to personal liberty and significant added burdens on the State.



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