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Afghan girl shot dead Taliban fighters who killed her parents, say officials

An Afghan girl shot dead three Taliban fighters after they killed her parents because they supported the government, local officials have said. The incident happened last week when a group of 40 insurgents stormed the village of Geriveh, in central Ghor province, where 16-year-old Qamar Gul was living with her parents and brother.

Officials said the fighters, who were looking for Gul's father, knocked on the door at 1am on 17 July.

"The insurgents came to their doorstep and her mother went to see who was knocking," said Mohamed Aref Aber, a spokesman for the provincial governor. "When she saw that they were armed, she refused to open the door." ...

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700 Sikhs, Hindus from Afghanistan to be allowed to live in India

Days after an abducted Sikh leader was finally released in Afghanistan, India Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has reportedly approved long-term visas to 700 Sikh and Hindus currently living in Afghanistan. According to Kashmiri journalist Aditya Raj Kaul, such long-term visas are granted only to persecuted minorities in the region. As per the report, the Indian government is fulfilling all necessary formalities to bring the said Afghan nationals to India before Independence Day. The report noted that about 600 Sikhs had applied for such long-term visas to India after the attack on Gurudwara that occurred on March 25 this year and left 27 dead. A government official informed, "To begin with, over 700 such individuals have been identified and the required formalities are underway to bring them to India before 15 August." Reportedly, the Afghan minorities who will arrive in India include those who have received security threats and have relatives in India. It is notable here that there are very few Sikh and Hindu ...

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MPs vote against government's NFP scheme



Wolesi Jirga or lower house of the parliament has rejected National Food Package (NFP) scheme launched by the government due legal shortcomings and not being endorsed by the lower house.

Two days earlier, the president inaugurated the NFP programme worth \$244 million through which essential food items would be distributed among millions of

vulnerable families.

In a special session convened for discussion on government charity scheme attended by Finance Ministry Secretary Abdul Haseeb Zadran, Wolesi Jirga termed the NFP against article 91 of the constitution and rejected the scheme with majority vote.

Zadran said: "The NFP scheme is launched in compliance with article

35 of the budget principles on the bases of which projects financed from development funds has no need for approval from the lower house." He added: "In such a circumstances only the financing sources holds the authority and during seven working days working report of the programme should be provided to the Wolesi Jirga and this being worked out."

He said the project has a total cost of 280 million afs and being funded from the optional development budget. The funding is made by the World Bank and the scheme was being implemented by the Rural Development Ministry, Independent Directorate of Local Governance and Kabul Municipality.

Zadran said the parliament held the authority to monitor the process and concerned authorities of this scheme should hold themselves accountable to the parliament.

But Zadran's arguments did not convince the lawmakers.

Abdul Rauf Enami, member of the Wolesi Jirga Finance Commission said: "The NFP is against article 91 of the constitution and the optional development budget fund and this scheme is implemented through government and should be approved by the lower house."

Article 91 of the constitution says: "The House of People have special authorities such as decide on the development programs as well as the state budget."

Finally Speaker Mir Rahman Rahmani put the NFP for voting and majority of the lawmaker voted against it.

Khyber Pakhtunkhwa backs expansion of trade with Afghanistan

Boosting bilateral and transit trade with Afghanistan is a key component of the government's vision, says the chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Mahmood Khan promised all-out support for facilitating bilateral and Afghan Transit Trade (ATT) to promote economic activities in the war-torn neighbour.

The chief minister held out the assurance while speaking to a delegation of the executive committee of the Pak-Afghan Parliamentary Friendship Group. ...

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Taliban Violence Remains High Amid Peace Efforts

The data shows that clashes between the Afghan government and the Taliban have happened in Kunduz, Balkh, Samangan, Baghlan, Parwan, Maidan Wardak, Ghazni, Zabul, Uruzgan, Kandahar, Ghor, Badghis and Herat in the last two weeks.

The Taliban, according to officials and sources, have carried out attacks in cities, highways and strategic districts. Something that they had agreed not to conduct as part of the peace agreement.

The Taliban attacked a checkpoint of Afghan police in PD2 of Kunduz city on Sunday, killing nine policemen, according to security sources. On the same day, they attacked an outpost of Afghan forces in a northern highway that passes through Ali Abad district of Kunduz province, killing four



security force members, officials and sources said.

The group conducted a suicide car bombing on a convoy of the Afghan National Army in Sayed Abad district, Wardak province, on Monday afternoon, in which eight Army personnel were killed and nine others were wounded. The Taliban said it was in retaliation for airstrikes on non-combat areas by the forces.

There has been a national and international call on the Taliban to reduce violence and open the way for intra-Afghan negotiations that are expected to be held in Doha in the near future. The Afghan government says the attacks and the high level of violence by the Taliban is unacceptable.

Talking to reporters on Tuesday, President Ghani's spokesman Sediq Sediqqi harshly ...

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alliance system," Jaishankar stated.

Denying India's "big brother bully" image, he said the country is located in a complex neighborhood with a long history.

"The sensible thing to do is to make sure that you have strong structural linkages so that the politics of the day plays on...

I would take a lot of care with my neighbors to kind of smooth the frictions as they come along. Sometimes you anticipate problems, sometimes it is important that you do not get provoked," he said.

Recognizing China's growth over recent decades, Jaishankar said that Beijing's rise has affected the entire world profoundly, mainly its neighbors.

700 Sikhs,...

communities left in Afghanistan's Muslim majority regions controlled mostly by Islamic hardliners. India's CAA last year had eased the process for persecuted minorities in neighbouring Islamic countries to gain Indian citizenship.

Trump won't...

leading 55% to 40% among registered voters. Wallace told Trump during the pretaped interview that a new Fox News poll also gave Biden the edge, showing a somewhat tighter, but still significant, lead of 49% to 41%. Polls of major battleground states have shown a similar picture, with Biden leading in states including Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Michigan, Florida and Arizona. "I'm not losing, because those are fake polls," Trump declared, referring to the Washington Post and Fox surveys. At another point, he said: "I'm not a good loser. I don't like to lose."

By Ben Farmer

The women-only bank that could help Afghanistan's economy recover from coronavirus

Visitors climbing the stairs of a Kabul office block are met with an unusual sight for a bank in Afghanistan. The cashiers, advisers, manager and customers are all women. Moreover the Finca branch is buzzing with a hum of chatter more like a social club than a sober financial institution.

The busy women-only branch in a central suburb is part of an experiment giving more women access to loans in a country where many are shut off from work and finance. Tiny loans of just a couple of hundred pounds have allowed women to set up and grow businesses, or pay off emergency costs. Such micro finance loans not only help development, advocates say, but could also be key to helping poor communities bounce back after the economic devastation wrought by Covid-19.

Experts say giving women access to banking and the opportunity to save, send and receive money can lift whole families out of poverty.

The branch only opened in 2018, but has rapidly become a success because staff have found women are more reliable customers, said Ali Rawnaq, chief executive of the bank in Afghanistan.

Where a typical branch might become profitable in 12 to 16 months, the women-only branch broke even in nine months. Staff have found women are 50 per cent less likely to default.

Many women customers had previously found dealing with a normal bank branch difficult, Mr Rawnaq explained. Even in the comparatively cosmopolitan capital city, husbands were sometimes reluctant for their wives to interact with male staff without their faces veiled.

"We have customers who were coming in other branches and they were covering their faces. It was very difficult for us to understand them. In many cases, the counter teller is a man, the guard is male, the branch manager is male, it's very difficult for them," he said.

Fearing they would lose custom unless they made it easier for women to interact, they decided on the all-female branch.

"Now they come here, they are talking to the cashier, they open their faces, they are sitting here, they are talking to each other, they are sharing their experiences," he said.



The other obstacle to women taking out conventional loans was they were unable to provide the necessary guarantees. Few women have property in their name, or can get a guarantee from a businessman such as a shopkeeper.

The solution has been to offer group loans where a syndicate of friends guarantee each other.

"If one member of the group is absent or defaults, the rest of the group either they must convince the customer to pay, or they will pay on behalf of the defaulting customer," Mr Rawnaq said.

"They know each other much better than we do. They introduce people with good character. That's very important for us. Right now we have around 3,000 group loans."

Other little details also had to be smoothed out. The previous loan process had required a photograph, meaning women customers would have to go a photography shop to get a passport picture taken. That too was unacceptable for some families. Female loan officers can now take a digital photograph on a tablet.

If a woman is married, she still needs her husband's signature. A widow or unmarried woman needs a father or brother's signature.

The branch manager, Shakila Shewa, says the money has transformed the prospects of several

of her customers. Her favourite example is a woman who borrowed 10,000 Afghani to buy raw materials for her home-woven carpet business. The woman now has 12 workers.

"Women know the problems of women," said Ms Shewa. "They are more honest mostly than men. They pay their loans on time. This special branch is very beneficial for them."

"When they go to other branches, they can't uncover their faces, or speak freely to other men, because of the limitations put on them by their families. But here there is not limitation, they can tell their stories to the women, not to men," she said.

Loans for small home businesses, such as catering and tailoring are common, along with loans for home improvement, or emergency medical costs. Zar Wardak, vice president at Finca, said giving women access to economic power could have a "tremendous" effect. Women could not only stabilise their own finances, but were also increasingly given a say in household decision-making.

Such lending could also help the world's poorest recover from the damage inflicted by the coronavirus pandemic, said a director of a UK charity providing similar loans in Pakistan.

The British Asian Trust, founded ...

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By REESE ERLICH

Russian bounty story falls flat

On June 26, in a major front page story, The New York Times wrote that Russia paid a bounty to the Taliban to kill U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan last year. The story quickly unraveled.

While the military is investigating the allegations, Mark Miley, chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff says there's no proof that Russian payments led to any U.S. deaths. The National Security Agency says it found no communications intelligence supporting the bounty claim.

Marine Gen. Kenneth F. McKenzie Jr., head of the U.S. Central Command, says he's not convinced that American troops died as a result of Russian bounties.

"I just didn't find that there was a causative link there," he tells The Washington Post.

Sina Toossi, senior research analyst at the National Iranian American Council, tells me the controversy reveals an

internecine battle within the foreign policy establishment. "Many in the national security establishment in Washington are searching for reasons to keep U.S. troops in Afghanistan," Toossi says. "This story plays into those broader debates."

Troop withdrawal? Faced with no end to its unpopular war in Afghanistan, the Trump Administration negotiated an agreement with the Taliban in February. Washington agreed to gradually pull out troops, and the Taliban promised not to attack U.S. personnel.

The Taliban and Afghan government are supposed to hold peace talks and release prisoners of war. The U.S. troop withdrawal won't be completed until May 2021, giving the administration in power the ability to renege on the deal.

Nevertheless, powerful members of the Afghan intelligence elite

and some in the U.S. national security establishment strongly object to the agreement and want to keep U.S. troops in the country permanently.

Matthew Hoh, who worked for the State Department in Afghanistan and is now a senior fellow with the Center For International Policy, tells me that the reports of Russian bounties likely originated with the Afghanistan intelligence agency.

"The mention of Russia was a key word," says Hoh. CIA officials fast-tracked the Afghan reports. They argued that Russia's interference, and Trump's failure to respond, only emboldens the Russians.

Originally, the Times claimed \$500,000 in Russian bounty money was seized at the home of a Taliban operative named Rahmatullah Azizi. He turned out to be an Afghan drug smuggler who had previously worked ... P3

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Aber said Gul's mother was immediately shot dead by the attackers, who then entered the house and shot at her father.

According to Aber, Qamar Gul witnessed the death of her parents, picked up her father's rifle and shot and killed three insurgents. She then started a one-hour battle with the Taliban alongside her 12-year-old brother, Habibullah, he added. Several other Taliban fighters reportedly joined the attack, but some villagers and pro-government militia men expelled them after a gunfight. Afghan officials have taken Qamar Gul and her younger brother to a safe place in the provincial capital.

"They were in shock in the first two days and could not talk

too much, but are in a good condition now," Aber said. "They are saying: 'This was our right, because we did not need to live without our parents.' They don't have many relatives other than a half-brother who lives in the same village."

The Afghan government praised Qamar's bravery at a cabinet meeting, and the president, Ashraf Ghani, has invited the children to the presidential palace. "When I saw them that night, they were shocked but were feeling honoured," said Mohammad Rafiq Alam, the district governor. Since the incident, a photograph of Qamar Gul wearing a headscarf and holding a machine gun across her lap has gone viral on social media.

"We know parents are irreplaceable, but your revenge will give you relative peace," one user wrote in a Facebook post. "They received two titles at one night: heroes and orphans," another posted. "She is a symbol of bravery and resistance," said another.

At least 100,000 Afghans are estimated to have died in conflict since 2001 when the US ousted the Taliban from power.

The Taliban regularly kill villagers whom they suspect of being informers for the government or security forces. In recent months the militants have also stepped up their attacks against security forces, despite having agreed to peace talks with Kabul.

Afghan Exports to India Doubled Since 2016: ACCI

Afghanistan's exports to Indian markets have doubled since 2016, officials of the Afghan Chamber of Commerce and Investment (ACCI) said on Tuesday. Afghan exports to Pakistani markets slightly increased during this period.

Meanwhile, a number of businessmen have said that Afghanistan's exports have faced serious problems during the current year because of the closure of crossings with Pakistan following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the ACCI, statistics show that last year Afghanistan exported \$460 million worth of products to the Indian markets and India remained one of the largest markets for Afghanistan during this time. Afghan exports to the Pakistani markets during last year was around \$298 million.

The business community called on the Afghan government to outline an effective strategy to help Afghan businessmen increase their exports to regional markets.

"Trade balance deduction has been a major issue and this trends still prevails, there is a need for practical



programs to overcome this challenge," said Sayed Zaman Hashemi, head of the ACCI.

The Afghan Ministry of Commerce and Industries calculated the overall volume of Afghanistan's exports to world markets to be around \$1 billion during 2019, but the Afghan business community insists that Afghan traders are still facing problems.

"All government institutions are playing the role of a source for achieving our targets, the main job in this sector is carried out by the private

sector," said Abdul Karim Malikyar, the acting Minister of Commerce and Industries.

"There are serious problems in the area of processing and packing, we are not able to undertake the processing based on the world demands," said Sher Ali Khan Zadara, an Afghan businessman.

Afghan Minister of Economy Mustafa Mastoor says that the coronavirus has left a significant impact on the business in the country, but said that the Afghan government was working

hard to settle down the problems facing the country's business.

"We need to gather all views when it comes to achieving our economic growth targets, fighting poverty and reducing the implications that originated from the coronavirus," said Mastoor.

After the outbreak of the COVID-19, the Afghan exports significantly decreased.

Experts say that Afghanistan's exports abroad could be less than the figure it was last year.

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The delegation, headed by Special Assistant to Prime Minister Arbab Shehzad, included Special Representative for Afghanistan Sadiq Khan, KP Finance Minister Taimur Saleem Jhagra and other senior officials.

Efficient management at the Torkham terminal, customs' capacity building and issues related to clearance of ATT backlog due to the Covid-19 situation came under discussion.

The meeting agreed to expand parking capacity for containers carrying ATT items at suitable places near the Torkham border, according to a government statement. The meeting decided Pakistan would hold talks with the Afghan government to improve arrangements and enhance capacities on both sides to ensure 24/7 operation of ATT.

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reacted to recent Taliban attacks and said the group should realize that it will not win militarily and that the Afghan government's silence does not show it is weak, but it shows its strength for the peace efforts.

He said the government "still recognizes the Taliban as a terror network" and that the group "must accept" the developments and changes in Afghanistan. He said they see the Taliban responsible for the hurdles in the peace process.

"The increase of violence by the Taliban is not acceptable to the Afghan government and the international community and it is a clear violation of the peace agreement that the Taliban signed with the United States on Feb. 29," he said.

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as a contractor for Washington. The Times later admitted that investigators "could not say for sure that it was bounty money."

Hoh says the alleged bounties make no sense politically or militarily. Last year, he says, "The Taliban didn't need any incentives to kill Americans." And this year, it has stopped all attacks on U.S. forces as part of the February agreement.

But leading Democrats ignore the unraveling of the story in a rush to attack the White House from the right. Joe Biden reached deep into his Cold War tool box to blast Trump.

"Not only has he failed to sanction or impose any kind of consequences on Russia for this egregious violation of international law, Donald Trump has continued his embarrassing campaign of deference and debasing himself before Vladimir Putin," Biden told a town hall meeting. Demonizing Russia

While cozying up to Putin on a personal level, Trump has actually taken a harder line against Russia than his predecessors, to the detriment of people in both countries. The President canceled two arms treaties, imposed sanctions on Moscow, and sent Javelin missiles to Ukraine.

Both high-ranking Republicans and Democrats benefit politically by creating an evil Russian enemy, according to Vladimir Pozner, Putin critic and host of a popular Russian

TV interview program.

The bounty accusation "keeps the myth alive of Putin and Russia being a vicious, cold-blooded enemy of the U.S.," Pozner tells me.

Some call it the foreign policy establishment; others say simply the Deep State. A group of officials in the Pentagon, State Department, intelligence agencies and war industries have played an outsized role in foreign policy for decades. And it's not out of the goodness of their hearts.

Defense industries make billions from government contracts. Former military officers and State Department officials rake in six-figure incomes sitting on corporate boards. Aspiring secretaries of state and defense strut their stuff at think tank conferences and, until the pandemic, at alcohol-fueled, black tie events in Washington.

"There's an entire infrastructure influencing policy," says Hoh, who had an inside seat during his years with the government. The Deep State is not monolithic, he cautions. "You won't find a backroom with guys smoking cigars. But there is a notion of U.S. primacy and a bent towards military intervention."

And that's what the current Russia-Taliban scandal is all about: An unreliable Afghan report is blown into a national controversy in hopes of forcing the White House to cancel the

Afghan troop withdrawal.

Demonizing Russia (along with China and Iran) also justifies revamping the U.S. nuclear arsenal and building advanced fighter jets that can't fly.

Afghans suffer While the Washington elite wage internal trench warfare, the people of Afghanistan suffer. More than 100,000 Afghans have died because of the war, with 10,000 casualties each year, according to the United Nations. The Pentagon reports 2,219 U.S. soldiers died and 20,093 were wounded in the Afghan war.

A lesser imperialist power, Russia has its own interests in Afghanistan. It has taken advantage of the U.S. decline in the region to expand influence in Syria and Libya.

According to Pozner, Russia doesn't favor a Taliban government in Afghanistan. The Kremlin considers the Taliban a dangerous terrorist organization. But if the Taliban comes to power, Pozner says, "Russia would like to have stable relations with them. You have to take things as they are and build as good a relationship as possible."

Neither Russia nor any other outside power has the means or desire to control Afghanistan. At best, they hope for a stable neighbor, not one trying to spread extremism in the region. That's been the stated U.S. goal for years. Ironically, it can't be achieved until U.S. troops withdraw.

The women-only...

by the Prince of Wales, gives interest free loans to small businesswomen in Sindh and Punjab.

"Coronavirus is a health crisis

and an economic crisis," said Sarah Dunn, director of programmes.

"In Pakistan entrepreneurs and small business are the driving force of the economy and it's

vital that women are supported to be part of this 'engine.'

"Helping women to help themselves through developing an income is going to be crucial to building things back again".

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Trump won't commit to accepting result if he loses election

President Trump refused again to promise he would accept the results of November's presidential election and brushed aside public opinion polls that showed his standing with voters plummeting over his handling of the worsening coronavirus outbreak.

In an interview aired Sunday on Fox News, the president also boasted, inaccurately, that the United States had the "best" coronavirus mortality rate, asserted that the economy was rapidly bouncing back and denigrated the government's top infectious-disease specialist, Dr. Anthony Fauci, as the president's surrogates have done in recent days.

And as he did in 2016, Trump declined to guarantee that he would accept the election outcome, saying it was too soon.

"I have to see," he told interviewer Chris Wallace. "I'm not going to just say 'yes.' I'm not going to say 'no,' and I didn't last time either."

Repeating a contention, he has often made in recent weeks, the president said he believed that mail-in voting would "rig the election." Critics have said Trump is trying to delegitimize the vote in advance, fearing a loss, especially if the pandemic means that balloting by mail is more widely used than usual. Trump's presumptive opponent, Joe Biden, often shrugs off the president's broadsides, but Biden aides offered an acerbic response to Trump's suggestion he might not leave office willingly if voters reject him. "The American people will decide this election," the Biden campaign said in a statement. "And the United States government is perfectly capable of escorting trespassers out of the White House." Trump brushed aside the many national polls that show a big lead for Biden.

A Washington Post-ABC News poll released Sunday indicates the former vice president has a double-digit advantage over Trump, ... **P2**



A look at the world

Libya: Germany criticizes Egypt's military intervention plan

Germany on Tuesday criticized Egypt over its plans to militarily intervene in neighboring Libya.

Foreign Minister Heiko Maas voiced Berlin's concern during a joint press conference with his Greek counterpart Nikos Dendias after their meeting in Athens.

"Decisions on military deployments cannot be welcomed, as they always bring the danger of further escalation," Maas said, adding that German government has long been trying to de-escalate tensions in Libya, through talks with Libyan parties and regional actors.

Maas recalled that the conflict parties were seeking to control provinces of Sirte and Al-



Jufra, and argued for creating "demilitarized zones" around these provinces to prevent further escalation of the conflict.

He also called on the Libyan parties to return to 5+5 format talks for a sustainable cease-fire which can pave the way for a political settlement.

Egypt's parliament on Monday approved a proposal authorizing military intervention in neighboring Libya, a month after Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi threatened military intervention over Sirte and Al-Jufra. Libya has been torn by civil war since the ouster of late ruler Muammar Gaddafi in 2011. The country's new government was founded in 2015 under a UN-led agreement, but efforts for a long-term political settlement failed due to a military offensive by warlord Khalifa Haftar's forces, backed by Egypt and the UAE.

The UN recognizes the Libyan government headed by Fayeze al-Sarraj as the country's legitimate authority as Tripoli battles Haftar's militias.

The government launched Operation Peace Storm against Haftar in March to counter attacks on the capital Tripoli, and liberated strategic locations, including the Al-Watiya airbase and city of Tarhuna.

Iran: ready to extend 20-year cooperation deal with Russia



Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif on Tuesday announced Iran's readiness to extend a 20-year cooperation agreement with Russia, its official IRNA news agency reported.

The extension of a 20-year agreement between Iran and Russia is on the agenda of talks between the Iranian delegation and the Russian officials, Zarif told IRNA upon arriving in Moscow on Tuesday for talks on mutual ties as well as the latest regional and international developments.

Iran and Russia have sealed a 20-year comprehensive cooperation agreement which will expire in March 2021.

The Iranian foreign minister described Iran's relations with Russia as "strategic," saying the need for regular consultations between Tehran and Moscow is necessary given the speed of regional and international developments.

During his one-day visit to Moscow, Zarif is scheduled to meet his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov as well as other senior officials of the northern neighbor to exchange views on the issues of mutual interest.

Iranian Ambassador to Russia Kazem Jalali said his country is interested in buying new weapons from Russia to enhance its defense capabilities, Tasnim news agency reported on Tuesday.

"We will hold consultations with Russia on what we need to enhance our defense capabilities ... Russia is our priority partner in this sense," Jalali was quoted as saying.

Free trade deals never served India well: Top diplomat

Free trade agreements (FTAs) have never helped India improve its economy, the country's foreign minister has said.

In an online interaction on Monday, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar questioned the merits of several arrangements that India had entered "in the name of globalization."

He said free trade deals are mostly hailed as a panacea for all economic woes, but a closer look at the actual numbers proves otherwise. The top diplomat said that the trade deficit of countries part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership – a free trade agreement in the Indo-Pacific region that India quit last November – has nearly doubled over the past 15 years, while their manufacturing levels also remain abysmally low.



"There are ways of engaging the world, which do not necessarily have to be FTA-centric. We can engage with the world differently, there are more opportunities today in global value change," said Jaishankar.

However, he conceded that emerging trends in the global economy were not solely based on India's perceptions.

"We are entering the protectionist state of the global economy and the COVID-19 pandemic is going to accelerate those trends. All the players are now thinking about how they should approach the global economy, thus, it depends on all the other major players," he said.

Time for risks

According to the minister, India should focus on improving trade facilitation measures to consolidate its position as a part of the global value chain.

He said the country had been found lacking in this area in the past, and would do well to leverage the current international situation and explore all available opportunities.

Speaking about non-alignment, he stressed that the era of caution and dependence on multilateralism has ended, and countries are now required to take more risks.

"We need to take risks because without taking risks like in business or in banking, you cannot get ahead ... Non-alignment was a term of a bygone era and is an old concept today, but India will never be a part of an ... **P2**



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