

LAGOS: Nigeria's president is expressing sadness over a "gruesome vehicle accident" in which 21 people, most of them young school children, were killed. The accident occurred Wednesday in Awgu, Enugu state, when a truck lost control and hit a school bus conveying

61 children. A teacher also was among the dead. President Muhammadu Buhari asked vehicle owners to ensure roadworthiness, "as initial reports attributed the accident to brake failure by the truck involved."

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JOE SLAMS TRUMPLAND'S COVID IGNORANCE

Calls President's rallies 'super-spreader events'

LALIT K JHA / Washington

The election rallies of Donald Trump are "super-spreader events", Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden has alleged and questioned the US president's efforts in addressing the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

The raging coronavirus outbreak has become a key issue in the November 3 presidential election between 74-year-old Trump, a Republican, and 77-year-old Biden, a former US vice president. The US has so far recorded 8,945,891 COVID-19 cases and 228,668 deaths — both the numbers highest in the world.

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again. They are spending more than just coronavirus; he is spreading division and discord," Biden, 77, said at a drive-in election rally in Tampa, hours after the president and First Lady Melania Trump addressed a huge crowd in the city in Florida, a battleground state.

Thousands of people, many of them without masks, crowded together at an outdoor event in Tampa on Thursday to hear Trump at the rally.

"Donald Trump has given up (fight against coronavirus)," Biden alleged. "Over the weekend, the White House Chief of Staff said, and I am quoting, 'we are not going to control the pandemic'. It's obvious he's not," he said, referring to a recent interview of White House chief of staff Mark Meadows.

Meadows, in an interview to CNN's "State of the Union", on Sunday said, "We are not going to control the pandemic," arguing that "proper mitigation factors" like therapies and vaccines should be the priority.

Meadows said control of the virus was not a realistic goal because "it is a contagious

virus just like the flu".

Biden alleged that the Trump administration has waived the white flag of defeat against the deadly virus.

"At the (presidential) debate last week with Trump, he said we are rounding the corner; it's going away, we are ready to live with it...He's asking us to learn to die with it; that's what is happening. Donald Trump has waved the white flag, abandoned our families and surrendered to this virus," Biden said.

However, Americans will never give in to the virus, he said, asserting that if voted to power, he will put in plan a place to deal with this pandemic responsibly, bringing the country together on testing, tracing, masking and meeting doctors.

Referring to Dr Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease specialist, Biden underlined that the health expert has said that "if we just wore a mask between now and the end of the year, we would save 100,000 lives." "But still, Donald Trump refuses to listen to science." "We shouldn't be politicising the race for a vac-

cine; we should be planning for its safe use and free and equitable distribution, providing PPE for national standards for schools, businesses to open safely," Biden said.

The former US vice president alleged that President Trump has squandered the "strong economy" which he had inherited from the Obama-Biden administration.

Biden said if elected, he will build back the US better with an economy that rewards work and not wealth.

"We can do it without raising taxes by a single solitary penny on working-class or middle-class families, and I guarantee you...no one making less than USD 40,000 will pay a single penny more in taxes, not a penny," he said.

Biden said his administration will also strengthen Obamacare. "We are going to protect social security and medicare, which they have been trying to cut for years," he said before wrapping up his speech at the Florida State Fairgrounds after a brief shower turned into a torrential downpour.



TAIWAN MILITARY WEDDING: For first time, gay couples tie the knot

AGENCIES Taoyuan

Two lesbian couples tied the knot in a mass wedding held by Taiwan's military on Friday in a historic celebration with their peers.

Taiwan is the only place in Asia to have legalised same-sex marriage, with more than 4,000 such couples marrying since the legislation passed in May 2019.

The mass wedding with 188 couples was the first time same-sex couples have been wed and celebrated at a military ceremony.

Both couples viewed their ceremonies with a sense of responsibility towards representing the LGBT community.

"We are hoping that more LGBT people in the military can bravely stand up, because our military is very open-minded. In matters of love, everyone will be treated equally," said Chen Ying-hsuan, 27, an army lieutenant who married Li Li-chen, 26.

Chen wore a rainbow wristband and said she has always been open about her sexual orientation while serving. The ceremony at an army base in the northern city of Taoyuan was brief.

The couples took part in a parade and then exchanged rings in front of an audience of family members and their senior officers.

France attack: All eyes on new suspect

AGENCIES / Nice

A new suspect is in custody Friday in the investigation into a gruesome attack by a Tunisian man who killed three people in a French church, as France heightened its security alert amid religious and geopolitical tensions around cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad.

The suspect is a 47-year-old man believed to have been in contact with the attacker the night before the attack on the Notre Dame Basilica in the Riviera city of Nice, according to a judicial official. The official was not authorized to be publicly named.

The attacker, Ibrahim Issaoui, was seriously wounded by police and hospitalized in life-threatening condition, authorities said.

Anti-terrorism prosecutors in France and Tunisia are investigating.



Mother of Nice assailant Brahim Aouissouli, who killed three people and wounded several in the French city of Nice, cries at her home.

In an interview broadcast Friday with Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya TV, Issaoui's mother said she was shocked by the events.

From the Tunisian province of Sfax, the mother, her eyes wet with tears, said she was surprised to hear her son was in France when he called upon his arrival and had no idea what

he was planning. "You don't know the French language, you don't know anyone there, you're going to live alone there, why, why did you go there?" she said she told him over the phone at the time.

His brother told Al-Arabiya that Issaoui had informed the family he would sleep in front of the church,

and sent them a photograph showing him at the cathedral where the attack took place.

"He didn't tell me anything," he said. A neighbor said he knew the assailant when he was a mechanic and held various other odd jobs, and had shown no signs of radicalisation.

France's anti-terrorism prosecutor said the suspect is a Tunisian born in 1999 who reached the Italian island of Lampedusa, a key landing point for migrants crossing in boats from North Africa, on Sept. 20 and traveled to Bari, a port city in southern Italy, on Oct 9. It is not clear when he arrived in Nice.

The attack was the third in less than two months that French authorities have attributed to Muslim extremists, including the beheading of a teacher.

Kiwis vote yes for euthanasia

NICK PERRY / Wellington

New Zealanders have voted in favour of legalising euthanasia in a binding referendum. But in preliminary results they were rejecting a measure to legalize marijuana. With about 83% of votes counted, New Zealanders emphatically endorsed the euthanasia measure with 65% voting in favour and 34% voting against.

The "no" vote on marijuana was much closer, with

53% voting against legalising it and 46% voting in favour. That left open a slight chance the measure could still pass once all special votes were counted next week, although it would require a huge swing. In past elections, special votes - which include those cast by overseas voters - have tended to be more liberal than general votes, giving proponents of marijuana legalization some hope the measure could still pass.

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UN-AUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND HALF YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

(Rs. in Lakhs except EPS)

Sr. No.	Particulars	Quarter Ended			Half Year Ended		
		30-Sep-20	30-Jun-20	30-Sep-19	30-Sep-20	30-Sep-19	31-Mar-20
		Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Un-Audited	Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	7022.86	6785.08	15185.30	13807.94	27863.38	68522.16
2	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period (before tax, exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1773.23	1653.01	1685.47	3426.24	3261.55	8651.86
3	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1773.23	1653.01	1685.47	3426.24	3261.55	9155.27
4	Net Profit/(Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary Items)	1330.78	1189.35	1086.91	2520.13	1868.31	7182.35
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [comprising Profit/(Loss) for the period (after Tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after Tax)]	1350.58	1194.57	1124.47	2545.15	1897.61	7182.35
6	Equity Share Capital	10594.06	10594.06	10594.06	10594.06	10594.06	10594.06
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve as shown in the Balance Sheet of previous year)	-	-	-	-	-	253136.44
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹1/- each) for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
	1. Basic:	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.24	0.18	0.67
	2. Diluted :	0.13	0.11	0.11	0.24	0.18	0.67

Notes:

- The above results have been approved, reviewed and recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on Friday, October 30, 2020. The Statutory Auditors of the Company have carried out a Limited Review of the results and issued an unqualified report.
- The Consolidated Financial Statements for the quarter and half year ended on September 30, 2020 are prepared in accordance with the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS) notified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- (a) The Company's standalone turnover is Rs. 4830.46 Lacs, profit before tax is Rs. 1352.09 Lacs and profit after tax is Rs. 1022.29 Lacs for the quarter ended September 30, 2020.
(b) The Company's standalone turnover is Rs. 9278.09 Lacs, profit before tax is Rs. 2642.62 Lacs and profit after tax is Rs. 1942.98 Lacs for the Half Year ended September 30, 2020.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly and half year Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly and half year financial results are available on the websites of the concerned Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and also on the website of the company at www.vakrangee.in.
- Figures for the previous quarter / half year has been regrouped and rearranged wherever necessary.

For and on behalf of the Board
Dinesh Nandwana
Managing Director & Group CEO

Place : Mumbai
Date : October 30, 2020

WESTERN RAILWAY TO RUN ONE MORE SPECIAL TRAIN BETWEEN INDORE JN. AND PUNE JN.

INDORE JN. ⇄ PUNE JN. (TRI - WEEKLY)

Train No.	Departure	Arrival	Dates of Service
02944	INDORE JN. 14:35 hrs. (Sun, Thu, Fri)	PUNE JN. 08:05 hrs. (Next Day)	w.e.f 5.11.2020
02943	PUNE JN. 15:30 hrs. (Mon, Fri, Sat)	INDORE JN. 08:30 hrs. (Next Day)	w.e.f 6.11.2020

Halts: Dewas, Ujjain Jn., Nagda Jn., Ratlam, Meghnagar, Dahod, Godhra Jn., Vadodara Jn., Surat, Vasai Road, Bhiwandi Road, Kalyan Jn., Karjat, Lonavala and Chinchwad, in both directions.

Composition: AC-2Tier, AC-3Tier, Sleeper Class and Second Class Seating Coaches.

For Train No. 02944 the booking will open from 1.11.2020 at nominated PRS Counters and on IRCTC Website. This train will run as fully reserved train.

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TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender No. : WCL-hq-gsd-nm-e04-2020-21. Description of Work : Rate Contract for Non A.C. Vehicle Tata Zest or equivalent on as & when required basis for WCL HQ. Deployment under pool duty for a period of two years (2 x 365 days). **Estimated Value :** Rs. 37,18,445 (Including GST). **Period of completion :** Two years. **Bid Submission End Date and Time :** 17.11.2020 at 17.00 hrs. **Date & time of opening of tender [Cover-I (Technical - Bid) and Cover-II (Price-Bid)] :** 18.11.2020 at 11.00 hrs. **Tendering Authority :** Manager (E&M)/GSD, WCL, Coal Estate, Civil Lines, Nagpur (MS) - 440 001.

e-Tender with e-Price Bid. Tender No. : (1) na3250-min-entender037-2020-21. (2) na3250-min-entender038-2020-21. (3) na3250-min-entender039-2020-21. (4) na3250-min-entender040-2020-21. Description of Work : (1) Drilling of holes in coal face in (UG) Seam V, Sector 1 East, 11LE DEV. District at Patansaongi Mine of Nagpur Area. (2) Drilling of holes in coal face in underground of Seam-II, Panel E-14 & in Seam-V, Panel-B of depillaring districts at Silewara Colliery of Nagpur Area. (3) Manual resin bolting with drilling and grouting in coal roof of depillaring Panel B Seam-V and depillaring Panel E-14 of Seam-II Sector C at Silewara UG Mine of Nagpur Area. (4) Drilling and grouting of roof bolting resin capsules in Seam V, Sector 1 East, 11LE Development District at Patansaongi Mine of Nagpur Area. **Estimated cost of work (Including GST) :** (1) Rs. 46,59,986 (2) Rs. 33,43,604 (3) Rs. 36,42,889 (4) Rs. 49,61,604. **Last Date and Time of Submission of Tender :** upto 5.00 pm (1) 05.11.2020, (2) 06.11.2020, (3) 07.11.2020, (4) 09.11.2020. **Date and Time of Opening of Tender :** at 11.00 am on (1) 07.11.2020, (2) and (3) 09.11.2020, (4) 11.11.2020. **Tendering Authority :** General Manager (Operation), WCL, Nagpur Area, P.O. Janpatka, Nagpur (MS) - 440014.

e-Tender No. : (1) PK3550-E-MIN-0027-2020-21. (2) PK3550-E-MIN-0029-2020-21. (3) PK3550-E-MIN-0030-2020-21. (4) PK3550-E-MIN-0031-2020-21. (5) PK3550-E-MIN-0032-2020-21. (6) PK3550-E-MIN-0033-2020-21. (7) PK3550-E-MIN-0034-2020-21. (8) PK3550-E-MIN-0035-2020-21. Description of Work : (1) A. 7578 Nos. roof bolting (Drilling 43 mm dia holes upto 1.5 M length) and grouting of steel bolts with cement capsules in the roof and B. Drilling of 64128 Nos. holes in face of coal (43 mm dia 1.5 M full rod) at W7 development district of Bagdona Seam at Tawa Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (2) Gate belt extension and electrical shifting in different panels at Chhatarpur I Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (3) Construction of 38 Nos. Ventilation Stoppings in Panel No. 2 and Panel No. 4 for continuous miner in Lower Workable Seam at Tawa II Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (4) Construction of 23 Nos. Ventilation Stoppings in Panel No. 3 and Panel No. 5 for continuous miner in Lower Workable Seam at Tawa II Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (5) Construction of 16 Nos. Isolation Stoppings in Panel No. 4 and Panel No. 5 of depillaring panel for continuous miner in Lower Workable Seam at Tawa II Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (6) Drilling of holes in coal face for preparation of coal in Panel E-2 of Lower Workable Seam at Chhatarpur II Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (7) Roof bolting as face support in E-2 Panel of Lower Workable Seam at Chhatarpur II Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. (8) Drilling of holes in coal face (43 mm diameter 1.5 Meter full rod) of E-7 development district of Bagdona Seam at Tawa Mine, Pathakhera Area, WCL. **Estimated cost of work :** (1) Rs. 47,71,809 (2) Rs. 41,45,411 (3) Rs. 28,72,843 (4) Rs. 16,56,685 (5) Rs. 37,33,994 (6) Rs. 22,00,611 (7) Rs. 19,42,082 (8) Rs. 35,50,082. **Period of Completion :** (1) 180 days (2) 300 days (3) 365 days (4) 270 days (5) 240 days (6) 202 days (7) 540 days (8) 330 days. **Bid submission end date & time :** up to 17.00 hrs. (for 1 to 5) on 03.11.2020 & (for 6 to 8) on 04.11.2020. **Date & time of opening of tender [Cover-I (Technical - Bid) & (Price-Bid)] :** at 11.00 hrs. (for 1 to 5) on 05.11.2020 & (for 6 to 8) on 06.11.2020. **Tendering Authority :** Staff Officer (Mining), WCL, Pathakhera Area, Dist. - Betul (MP) - 460 449.

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