

Where price of peace is ruin

Pakistan waged a scorched-earth fight to root out militants. It left villagers bereft.

By UMAR FAROOQ

HASSU KHEL, Pakistan — For three years, he had lived outside his home province of North Waziristan, one of the most dangerous places in the world. One night in January, 22-year-old Zafarullah came home. Mounds of bricks were strewn where his family's house had been. In the morning, when there was enough light to see, he carefully stepped over the rubble to avoid any improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, that might have been placed there by militants during their fight with the Pakistani military. Nothing of value was left from his home, not even the wires that were once in the walls.

"The entire map of the place had changed; there were no landmarks left to even recognize where you were," said Zafarullah, who had been studying business administration in a nearby region of Pakistan. (He goes by one name.) "I walked around and met old friends — we had not seen each other for years — and hugged them."

During the Vietnam War, an unidentified U.S. Army major was famously quoted as saying, "It became necessary to destroy the town to save it." That, in essence, is what happened to Zafarullah's home village of Hassu Khel and many other places in North Waziristan, where the Pakistani military has waged a scorched-earth campaign to root out Islamist militants.

By most accounts, the campaign was effective — but the price was high.

North Waziristan lies [See Pakistan, A6]



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PRESIDENT TRUMP and wife Melania greet U.S. troops at the U.S. Yokota Air Base on the outskirts of Tokyo, the first stop in Asia on a 10-day trip that includes South Korea, China, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Strife raises stakes on trip to Asia

Trump's war of words with North Korea has nuclear tensions on leaders' minds along with Pacific trade.

By NOAH BIERMAN

WASHINGTON — Nearly three months after threatening to destroy North Korea with "fire and fury like the world has never seen," President Trump is getting a firsthand look at the nations most at risk from the nuclear brinkmanship, and hearing from leaders on their own soil.

During 10 days in Asia, Trump will go within 35 miles of North Korea, the long-isolated nation governed by the mysterious and volatile Kim Jong Un, whose nuclear ambitions have been the most pressing national security concern of Trump's term.

"North Korea is going to be the question that is on everyone's mind," said Michael J. Green, an Asia analyst in the George W. Bush administration, now senior vice president for Asia and Japan at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

That's for good reason, Green continued: "The North Koreans are rushing towards the end zone — towards the goal line of getting nuclear warheads that can be mounted on intercon- [See Asia, A16]

Arrival in Japan

Trump addresses troops near Tokyo as his Asia tour begins. **WORLD, A18**

WHO'S NEXT?

Anxiety is high in Hollywood as sexual abuse scandals strike at the core of power in the industry

By JEFFREY FLEISHMAN

The curtain has been pulled back, and, oh, is it messy. Hollywood has always reveled in scandal. The rumor. The whisper. The unfortunate photograph. The apology and return to grace. But the recent sex abuse stories have turned into a parade of tawdry violations and twisted passions, the stuff of movies acted out in real lives against the unglamorous air of disgrace, endless transgressions that even Ray Donovan, Showtime's half-shaven mercurial fixer, couldn't clean up with all his hush money and muscle.

The rape and sexual abuse allegations surrounding Harvey Weinstein, Brett Ratner, James Toback and others have shattered the awards-season aplomb in a town that imagines itself bold and free-wheeling but prefers the tempered and scripted. The entertainment industry has [See Hollywood, A14]



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IN THE MONTH since sexual assault allegations against film mogul Harvey Weinstein were first made public, the number of his accusers has grown to 50, including many A-list actresses.



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VISOTH TARAK OUK, a former gang member, is executive chef at the Federal Bar in Long Beach. Like others, he's turning the page on his parents' traumas.

After the 'killing fields,' fertile ground for success

Cambodians in Long Beach leave painful past behind

By FRANK SHYONG

Phnom Penh Noodle Shack, one of the better-known restaurants in Long Beach's Cambodia Town, opened in 1985 in a tiny dining room with four tables.

Tan's aunts and uncles worked in sandals, with no air conditioning, on a floor slippery with grease. The

menu was simple: some noodle dishes from a village outside Siem Reap and a few side items.

Cambodians came from all over, squeezing shoulder to shoulder at laminate tables to slurp bowls of noodles and pork soup that cost just a few dollars.

"People would come here and forget all about their grief, and just relax and re-

member the things that made them happy. It was a place for healing," said Tan, whose father worked as a waiter.

His older relatives — refugees from the "killing fields," the five-year campaign of terror and genocide in the 1970s that left nearly 2 million Cambodians dead — thought in terms of survival. [See Cambodians, A12]



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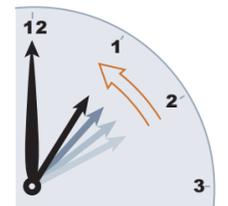
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Saad Hariri's abrupt departure baffles his allies. He claims there had been an attempt to kill him. **WORLD, A3**

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Cruise Australia's Great Barrier Reef

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Delsey's Cruise Lite Softside 25-inch Spinner Suiter Trolley features an overweight indicator in the side handle to alert you if a bag exceeds 50 pounds. \$180. shop.delsey.com

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Thule's 22-inch, 7-pound Subterra carry-on has a unique compression panel that ratchets down to help stow more. \$280. thule.com

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The Everyday bag's FlexFold dividers help the backpack multitask from photo shoots to the office. From cameras to a 15-inch laptop, it has room for almost anything. \$260. peakdesign.com

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Take a hike

Osprey's lightweight 30-liter Tempest (for women) or 33-liter Talon (for men) backpack offers multiple pockets, a comfy hip belt and an AirScape back panel for breathability. \$140. ospreypacks.com

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